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## Events (National)

### Foreign Interference in the US Elections

**Date:** January 8<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 7:00pm-9:00pm

**Organization:** World Affairs

**Location:** Los Altos Youth Center, 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, CA

Not only did Russia interfere in the 2016 presidential election, but it also continues its interference campaign in US elections now. How was Russia able to do so? Is there anything that can be done to prevent or to minimize it in 2020? Mr. Stamos will describe some of the vulnerabilities in the US election infrastructure. He will explain the challenges of regulating online political advertising by foreign governments and nationals. Mr. Stamos will discuss the ways the US might confront efforts of organized disinformation campaigns from foreign state-aligned actors. He will also raise some policy recommendations to address some of these troubling activities.

Register [here](#).

### Examining NASA's Role in U.S. Foreign Policy: A Conversation with NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine

**Date:** January 9<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 9:00am-11:00am

**Organization:** Center for Strategic & International Studies

**Location:** 1616 Rhode Island Ave. NW, Washington DC

Please join the Center for Strategic and International Studies for a conversation with NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine on exploring NASA's historic and future role in U.S. foreign policy. The Administrator's address will be followed by a public Q&A and will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by Aerospace Security Project Director Todd Harrison. Panel to be announced.

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## **Salafism in the Maghreb**

**Date:** January 9<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 2:00pm-3:30pm

**Organization:** Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

**Location:** 1779 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington DC

A dynamic region amidst great change, the Maghreb (Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, and Libya) is also home to the conservative, literalist interpretation of Islam known as Salafism, which has emerged as a major social and political force. Join scholars Frederic Wehrey and Anouar Boukhars for the launch of their new book, *Salafism in the Maghreb: Politics, Piety, and Militancy*. They explore Salafism's relationship to the region's ruling regimes, societies, other Islamist currents, and armed conflicts—and the implications for Western and U.S. policy. Copies of the book will be available for purchase, and a signing will take place after the event.

Register [here](#).

## **Secrets in Global Governance: Disclosure Dilemmas and the Challenge of International Cooperation**

**Date:** January 9<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 3:30pm-5:00pm

**Organization:** Stanford Center for International Security and Cooperation

**Location:** William J. Perry Conference Room, Encina Hall, Second Floor, Central, C231, 616 Jane Stanford Way, Stanford, CA

Scholars and practitioners have long argued that compliance with international rules often requires building institutions or other mechanisms to ease access to information about possible violations. This book introduces a different information problem—disclosure dilemmas—that requires equipping IOs with secrecy. States and firms often possess private information that sheds detailed light on the compliance of others with international rules. Yet fears of revealing intelligence sources or helping commercial rivals can deter them from disclosing it. Building a “confidentiality system” in an international organization can allow the institution to receive and protect such sensitive details, enabling disclosure without wider dissemination. This, in turn, elicits the sharing of unique and sensitive information which fills evidentiary gaps and makes cooperation more effective. For example, targeted intelligence disclosures to the IAEA can fill in gaps about hidden nuclear weapons programs. Similarly, targeted disclosures of internal firm documentation to the WTO can clarify whether trade barriers have caused damage to foreign firms. The book offers a unified, multi-method approach to understanding international cooperation and how institutions work, spanning economic and security domains from nuclear proliferation to trade to human rights.

More information [here](#).



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## **The Army's strategy in the Indo-Pacific**

**Date:** January 10<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 9:00am-10:15am

**Organization:** Brookings Institution

**Location:** Zilkha Room, 1775 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington DC

As the Department of Defense reorients its outlook toward great power competition, the Army must modernize and adapt to deter conflict and, if necessary, defend U.S. interests in the Indo-Pacific. With 36 nations home to more than half the world's population, several of the world's largest militaries, and five nations allied with the United States, the security environment of the Indo-Pacific represents a significant challenge for the Army. Following years of counterinsurgency operations in the Middle East, the Army must overcome this challenge if it is to carry out the vision of the National Defense Strategy.

In fall 2019, Brookings hosted the deputy commanding general of Army Futures Command, Lt. Gen. Eric Wesley, to discuss the new Army Modernization Strategy and how the Army is changing to face near peer competitors. Now, on January 10, Brookings Senior Fellow Michael O'Hanlon will engage Secretary of the Army Ryan D. McCarthy in a wide-ranging conversation on how a modernized Army will operate in the Indo-Pacific.

Register [here](#).

## **Taiwan Elections: Implications for Washington & Beijing**

**Date:** January 13<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 10:00am-11:00am

**Organization:** Wilson Center

**Location:** 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC

Taiwan's strength as a democracy will be evident on January 11 when voters head to the polls to elect their leadership and representatives in the legislature. The election results will not only impact Taiwan's own internal policies, but also relations with Beijing as well as with Washington.

Join us for a discussion on the implications of the Taiwan's latest election results and how they will impact U.S.-Taiwan relations as well as cross-Strait relations on the political, economic, and security fronts.

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## **The Size and Importance of Venezuela's Illegal Economies**

**Date:** January 14<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 9:00am-12:00pm

**Organization:** Wilson Center

**Location:** 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC

The dimensions of Venezuela's illegal economies have been growing for more than two decades. Illicit activities include narcotics trafficking, illegal gold mining, and the long-standing smuggling of gasoline, food, and other basic necessities across porous borders.

U.S.-imposed sanctions in 2019 on the country's all-important but declining oil industry, in addition to earlier financial and individual sanctions, have increased the importance of illegal sources of income for the government of Nicolás Maduro. How can we understand the relationship between the Venezuelan state and the various illegal economies, at least one of which—gold—has the strong presence and involvement of Colombia's ELN and FARC guerrillas? How important are these resources for the survival of Maduro regime? Is it possible to quantify the revenue from these various illicit activities or the ways such revenue is used? How are communities and regions within Venezuela, particularly along the border, adapting to the expansion of criminal activity, which serves as a source of income and employment?

RSVP [here](#).

## **Beyond the Headlines: Redefining Responsibility in the Arms Trade**

**Date:** January 14<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 11:30am-5:30pm

**Organization:** Stimson Center

**Location:** 1211 Connecticut Ave. NW, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington DC

In the wake of continued U.S. arms provision to Saudi Arabia after the murder of Jamal Khashoggi and impeachment investigations of security assistance initially withheld for Ukraine, the arms trade has been at the center of the news in recent months. Often missing, however, is a deeper discussion of what responsibility in the arms trade looks like. Join us on January 14, 2020 for the second annual Forum on the Arms Trade conference to examine these issues and identify opportunities to make the global arms trade more responsible and accountable in the years to come.

Keynote Address: Rep. Ted Lieu (California)

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## **What Do Tunisians Expect from Their New Government?**

**Date:** January 14<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 12:00pm-1:30pm

**Organization:** Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

**Location:** 1779 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington DC

As Tunisia marks the ninth anniversary of its revolution, the country faces a new set of challenges. A new president and parliament, elected with the promise to fight corruption and improve the lives of the Tunisian people, must find a way to address the longstanding social and economic grievances that its predecessors have failed to remedy.

The Carnegie Middle East Program is pleased to host a discussion with three young Tunisian activists who will explain what Tunisians are expecting from their new leaders and what will happen if those expectations are not met. Fellow Sarah Yerkes will moderate the discussion. A light lunch will be served.

Register [here](#).

## **The Global Counterterrorism Since 2017**

**Date:** January 14<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 4:00pm-5:00pm

**Organization:** The Institute of World Politics

**Location:** 1521 16th St. NW, Washington DC, DC 20036

### **About the lecture:**

The Trump administration quietly undertook a range of counterterrorism efforts during its first year, allowing President Trump to rightfully claim at the State of the Union address in January 2018 that, under his administration, ISIS suffered substantial territorial loss to its physical caliphate. But, that alone is not enough. This presentation aims to update the terrorism challenge going forward in light of policy choices, a new National Counterterrorism Strategy, and international pressure on terrorist actors. Going forward, the United States must also consider adapting its approach to counter a broader (and sometimes underground) jihadist movement by working with the right foreign partners to institutionalize better governance and support stabilization efforts. Failure to do so will risk yet another jihadist terrorist group rising to threaten the United States and its broader interests. In addition, senior leaders and policymakers must attain a better understanding of the complex “Grey Zone” dynamics ongoing in the Middle East, where the United States and its partners must be willing to invest in a long-term counter-strategy to contest the competing forces — both state and non-state in that vacuous space. This dynamic is now complicated by United States military forces essentially pulling out of Syria, as well as the continuance of a strained relationship with Iran. Lastly, we can’t ignore domestic terrorism or homegrown violent extremism (HVE) – those would-be terrorists that are at risk of radicalizing and mobilizing for violence. Effective measures to counter these threats require a range of



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capabilities — not solely those related to law enforcement, but also with the capabilities of the private sector and civil society.

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### Russia as a Failed Developmental State

**Date:** January 14<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 4:00pm-5:00pm

**Organization:** European Security Initiative

**Location:** William J Perry Conference Room (2nd Floor), 616 Jane Stanford Way, Stanford, CA 94305

For over a decade, Russian officials have championed a model of economic growth that draws inspiration from East Asian developmental states. The state's role in economic decision making has been accentuated, setting in motion ambitious industrial and stimulus policies, import substitution, and as international sanctions have mounted, fierce protectionism. This memo explains how this shift in doctrine has contributed to economic stagnation and falling consumer welfare. Weak institutions have enabled a bureaucratic system that privileges loyalty over merit and consequently unproductive, corruption-riddled spending. Politically motivated concerns about keeping wealth and power concentrated among a small group of elites threaten to generate widespread discontent over economic exclusion.

Register [here](#).

### The Crucible of Citizenship

**Date:** January 14<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 4:30pm-6:00pm

**Organization:** Hoover Institution

**Location:** Hawk Auditorium, Stanford University

America was a multiracial, multilanguage, multireligion mixing bowl even before it was the United States. Debates over immigration and citizenship have been part of the American landscape from the start. Citizenship and its most important component— voting rights—have been the most frequent topic of constitutional amendments over the years. Panelists will discuss what it means to be a citizen and what it means to be an American.

To see the full line up of the speaker series click [here](#).

A livestream will be available during the event.

Register [here](#).





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## **InterNYET Screening: The rise and fall of the Russian Internet and the threat of Putin's 'foreign agent' law**

**Date:** January 14<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 4:30pm

**Organization:** Atlantic Council and RadioFreeEurope RadioLiberty

**Location:** 1030 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC

The story of the Internet in Russia, from the rise of the RuNet to the construction of a Kremlin-administered “sovereign Internet,” is fundamentally a story about Russian society under President Vladimir Putin.

From its beginnings in the 1990s, the Russian Internet (RuNet) was envisioned and engineered by its founders as a platform that would “introduce Russians and Americans so the world would be safer.” However, despite its initial promise, it has become a means of “ideological control,” says Russian journalist Andrei Loshak.

*InterNYET: A History of The Russian Internet (Холливар: История Рунета)*, the award-winning seven-part series directed by Loshak for the Current Time digital and TV network, portrays the rise and fall of RuNet. From the shift of website ownership from idealistic digital pioneers to Kremlin-backed investors, the rise of troll factories and Chinese-style “pre-censorship,” the construction of a Kremlin-administered “sovereign Internet,” and the wild trajectories of Internet personalities in between, it is fundamentally a story about Russian society under President Vladimir Putin.

The Atlantic Council is pleased to host the debut screening in the United States of excerpts from InterNYET, as well as a conversation about Russia’s Internet policy and the outlook for online freedom in Russia. Jamie Fly, president of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL), and Ambassador Daniel Fried, Weiser Family Distinguished Fellow at the Atlantic Council, will join Loshak to also examine the latest amendments to Russia’s “Foreign Agent” law, set to take effect on February 1, and its impact on independent journalism in Russia. The discussion will be moderated by Melinda Haring, deputy director of the Atlantic Council’s Eurasia Center.

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## Joseph S. Nye on Morality in Foreign Policy

**Date:** January 14<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 5:30pm-6:30pm

**Organization:** The Chicago Council on Global Affairs

**Location:** McCormick Foundation Hall, 130 East Randolph Street, Chicago, IL

Presidents and their foreign policies are constantly subjected to moral judgements, but to what extent do ethical considerations actually guide policymaking? To answer this question, renowned international relations scholar Joseph S. Nye assessed the foreign policies of each United States president from FDR to Trump on three ethical dimensions—their intentions, the means they used, and the consequences of their decision—and joins Juliet Sorensen for a conversation on his findings. What ethical quandaries did these presidents face, and could the reemergence of a great power rivalry and a host of complex, transnational threats complicate these questions for whoever wins the 2020 election?

Register [here](#).

## The Future of the US-Russian Arms Control Process

**Date:** January 14<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 6:30pm-8:00pm

**Organization:** World Affairs

**Location:** Lafayette Library, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, CA

The US and Russia have resumed "great power competition" in the nuclear arena. The Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty between the United States and the Soviet Union (now the Russian Federation) was to limit intermediate-range missiles. The United States Senate approved the treaty on May 27, 1988, and Reagan and Gorbachev ratified it on June 1, 1988.

By May 1991, the nations had eliminated 2,692 missiles, followed by 10 years of on-site verification inspections. Amidst continuing growth of China's missile forces, US President Donald Trump suspended the treaty on February 1, 2019 and Russia did so on the following day in response. Will growing nuclear missile competition between superpowers lead to conflict? How does this play into Russia's moves into Crimea and possibly other states and how would the West respond?.

Registration Social: 6:30 PM

Program 7-8 PM

Member \$10, Non-member \$15, Student free

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## **Foresight Africa: Top priorities for Africa over the next decade**

**Date:** January 15<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 10:00am-12:00pm

**Organization:** Brookings Institution

**Location:** Faulk Auditorium, 1775 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington DC

The new year 2020 marks the beginning of a promising decade for Africa. Through at least the first half of the decade, economic growth across Africa will continue to outperform that of other regions, with the continent continuing to be home to seven of the world's 10 fastest-growing economies. Collective action among African and global policymakers to improve the livelihoods of all under the blueprint of the sustainable development goals and the African Union's Agenda 2063 is creating a shared energy and excitement around Africa's potential. With business environments improving, regional integration centered around the African Continental Free Trade Agreement progressing, and the transformational technologies of the Fourth Industrial Revolution spreading, never before has the region been better primed for trade, investment, and mutually beneficial partnerships. The recent, unprecedented interest of an increasingly diversified group of external partners to engage with Africa highlights this potential.

Despite the continent's promise, though, obstacles to success linger, as job creation still has not caught up with the growing youth labor force, gaps in good and inclusive governance remain, and climate change as well as state fragility threaten to reverse the hard-won gains of past decades.

The Africa Growth Initiative (AGI) at Brookings explores these trends and features diverse expert viewpoints in Foresight Africa, its annual flagship report. Foresight Africa 2020 is a special edition focusing on the top priorities for the continent over the next decade: 2020-2030. On January 15, AGI will host a Foresight Africa launch featuring a high-level panel of leading Africa experts to offer insights on regional trends along with recommendations for national governments, regional organizations, multilateral institutions, the private sector, and civil society actors as they forge ahead in 2020.

After the program, the panelists will take audience questions. This event will be webcast live.

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## Reflections on 25 years of US policy in the Middle East

**Date:** January 15<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 11:30am

**Organization:** Atlantic Council

**Location:** 1030 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington DC

The past three decades have seen massive US military and diplomatic engagements in the Middle East and events that will continue to shape the world for years to come. What are the lessons learned, and how is the United States positioned to meet its goals?

Join us on Wednesday, January 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a conversation with [Nabeel Khoury](#), a nonresident senior fellow at the Atlantic Council and twenty-five-year member of the US Foreign Service, and Thomas L. Friedman, foreign affairs columnist for *The New York Times*.

The past three decades have seen massive US military and diplomatic engagements in the Middle East and events that will continue to shape the world for years to come. Why has the security environment changed so drastically for the United States in the region, and what lessons should be drawn? What does US diplomacy look like on the ground in the region right now, and are we in a position to meet our foreign policy and national security goals?

Nabeel will draw on reflections from his recently published book, *Bunker Diplomacy: An Arab-American in the U.S. Foreign Service: Personal Reflections on 25 Years of US Policy in the Middle East*.

Register [here](#).

## Brothers at Arms: American Independence and the Men of France and Spain

**Date:** January 15<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 4:00pm-5:00pm

**Organization:** The Institute of World Politics

**Location:** 1521 16<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Washington DC, DC 20036

Pulitzer Prize Finalist in History

Winner of the Journal of the American Revolution 2016 Book of the Year Award

The remarkable untold story of how the American Revolution's success depended on substantial military assistance provided by France and Spain, and places the Revolution in the context of the global strategic interests of those nations in their fight against England.

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In this groundbreaking, revisionist history, Larrie Ferreiro shows that at the time the first shots were fired at Lexington and Concord the colonists had little chance, if any, of militarily defeating the British. The nascent American nation had no navy, little in the way of artillery, and a militia bereft even of gunpowder. In his detailed accounts Ferreiro shows that without the extensive military and financial support of the French and Spanish, the American cause would never have succeeded. France and Spain provided close to the equivalent of \$30 billion and 90 percent of all guns used by the Americans, and they sent soldiers and sailors by the thousands to fight and die alongside the Americans, as well as around the world.

Ferreiro adds to the historical records the names of French and Spanish diplomats, merchants, soldiers, and sailors whose contribution is at last given recognition. Instead of viewing the American Revolution in isolation, *Brothers at Arms* reveals the birth of the American nation as the centerpiece of an international coalition fighting against a common enemy.

About the author:

Larrie D. Ferreiro is the 2017 Pulitzer finalist for History, for his book "Brothers at Arms: American Independence and the Men of France and Spain Who Saved It". He received his PhD in the History of Science and Technology from Imperial College London. He teaches history and engineering at George Mason University in Virginia and the Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey. He has served for over thirty-five years in the US Navy, US Coast Guard and Department of Defense, and was an exchange engineer in the French Navy. He lives with his wife and their sons in Virginia.

Register [here](#).

## **Reframing the U.S.-Pakistan Relationship: A Conversation with Ambassador Khan**

**Date:** January 16<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 3:00pm-4:30pm

**Organization:** Center for Strategic and International Studies

**Location:** 1616 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036

For the last 20 years, the relationship between Pakistan and the United States has been refracted through the prism of Afghanistan in Washington.

Now, as Pakistan and the U.S. work together to achieve peace in Afghanistan, the two countries have an opportunity to reframe their relationship by anchoring it in more robust trade and investment ties, and closer strategic cooperation for peace and stability in the region.

The logic for a strong Pakistan-U.S. partnership is inarguable: Pakistan is the fifth most populous country in the world, has the largest percentage of young people globally, and is the native land of over one million affluent and politically engaged Pakistani Americans. There is tremendous

investment potential for U.S. companies in Pakistan's enormous energy, agriculture, and tourism sectors.

Please join us for a highly topical conversation with Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Asad M. Khan, as we look forward towards building a more broad based and enduring partnership between these two countries.

Register [here](#).

### **Book Launch: Do Morals Matter? Presidents and Foreign Policy from FDR to Trump**

**Date:** January 16<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 5:00pm-6:30pm

**Organization:** Center for Strategic & International Studies

**Location:** 1616 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036

#### Agenda:

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - *Event*

6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - *Post-Event Reception & Book Singing/Selling  
Bookselling and signing to follow the event.*

In *Do Morals Matter?*, Joseph S. Nye, Jr., one of the world's leading scholars of international relations, provides a concise yet penetrating analysis of the role of ethics in U.S. foreign policy during the post-1945 era.

Working through each presidency from Truman to Trump, Nye scores their foreign policy on three ethical dimensions: their intentions, the means they used, and the consequences of their decisions. Alongside this, he evaluates their leadership qualities, elaborating on which approaches work and which ones do not.

Since we so often apply moral reasoning to foreign policy, Nye suggests how to do it better. Crucially, presidents must factor in both the political context and the availability of resources when deciding how to implement an ethical policy--especially in a future international system that presents not only great power competition from

China and Russia, but transnational threats as borders become porous to everything from drugs to infectious diseases to terrorism to cyber criminals and climate change.

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## **Disengaging from Violent Extremism: Kickoff for USIP Initiative on Violent Extremist Disengagement and Reconciliation**

**Date:** January 21<sup>st</sup> 2020

**Time:** 10:00am-12:00pm

**Organization:** US Institute of Peace

**Location:** 2301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington DC

Governments and communities worldwide are now grappling with what to do when citizens who participated in violent extremist conflicts return home. Though the violent radicalization process is complex, it is inherently social in nature—and disengagement efforts will need to address those social factors too. Many returning persons will face prosecution, while others will reintegrate directly into local communities. But once the justice systems mete out their sentences, returnees need processes that enable them to abandon their violent attitudes and behaviors, and communities need approaches that can create social cohesion to avoid further violence, revenge, and future radicalization.

Join USIP as we kick off our VEDR initiative to progress past conventional notions of deradicalization—which generally focus on transforming a person’s beliefs about ideologies—and instead develop a systemic approach that simultaneously encourages disengagement and builds social cohesion and community resilience to prevent the reoccurrence of violence.

This panel will explore the cognitive, social, and structural factors involved in the disengagement, reintegration, and reconciliation of violent extremists within local communities. The premise of the panel is that sustained, positive, inclusive engagement with local communities is critical for building bonds, generating a sense of belonging, and fostering a cognitive opening to disengage from violent extremism.

Register [here](#).

## **Joshua Yaffa, *Between Two Fires: Truth, Ambition, and Compromise in Putin’s Russia***

**Date:** January 21<sup>st</sup> 2020

**Time:** 5:30pm-7:15pm

**Organization:** New America

**Location:** Core Club, 66 East 55<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY

In this rich and novelistic tour of contemporary Russia, Joshua Yaffa introduces readers to some of the country’s most remarkable figures—from politicians and entrepreneurs to artists and historians—who have built their careers and constructed their identities in the shadow of the Putin system. Torn between their own ambitions and the omnipresent demands of the state, each walks an individual path of compromise. Some muster cunning and cynicism to extract all manner of benefits and privileges from those in power. Others, finding themselves to be less adept, are left broken and demoralized. What binds them together is the tangled web of dilemmas

and contradictions they face.

*Between Two Fires* chronicles the lives of a number of strivers who understand that their dreams are best—or only—realized through varying degrees of cooperation with the Russian government. With sensitivity and depth, Yaffa profiles the director of the country’s main television channel, an Orthodox priest at war with the church hierarchy, a Chechen humanitarian who turns a blind eye to persecutions, and many others. The result is an intimate and probing portrait of a nation that is much discussed yet little understood. By showing how citizens shape their lives around the demands of a capricious and frequently repressive state—as often by choice as under threat of force—Yaffa offers urgent lessons about the true nature of modern authoritarianism.

Registration and brief cocktail reception to begin at 5:30 PM; the discussion will begin promptly at 6 PM.

RSVP [here](#).

### **The New Era of US-China Competition**

**Date:** January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020

**Time:** 5:30pm-6:30pm

**Organization:** The Chicago Council on Global Affairs

**Location:** McCormick Foundation Hall, 130 East Randolph Street, Chicago, IL

The United States now finds itself increasingly in competition over economic, technological, political and military superiority with China, the world’s greatest rising power. China’s growth across sectors and relationships with countries around the world is creating uncertainty over the repercussions of its global influence, while also posing major national security concerns for the United States. How might China’s rising power challenge the United States’ role as a global leader? Join Ambassador Ivo Daalder and Asia-Pacific security expert Oriana Skylar Mastro for a conversation on how the US-China competition might evolve in 2020.

Register [here](#).

### **Breaking the Two-Party Doom Loop: The Case for Multiparty Democracy in America**

**Date:** January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020

**Time:** 6:00pm-7:30pm

**Organization:** New America

**Location:** The Core Club, 66 East 55<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY

American democracy is in deep crisis. After years of zero-sum partisan trench warfare, our political institutions are deteriorating and our norms are collapsing. Democrats and Republicans



no longer see each other as opponents, but as enemies, unable to engage in healthy debate or compromise. As we move into election season the question looms: what can we do about this?

In his new book *Breaking the Two Party Doom Loop: The Case for Multiparty Democracy in America* New America Senior Fellow Lee Drutman charts how American politics became so toxic, and makes a case for escaping the "doom loop of two-party warfare." Weaving together history, democratic theory, and cutting-edge political science, Drutman argues that the way to move past the crippling division and dysfunction is to give America true multiparty representation.

On Wednesday, January 22nd, join New America NYC and the Political Reform Program for a wide-ranging conversation with Lee Drutman and Aisha Moodie-Mills that takes a critical look at the growing disillusionment with our political system, exposing some of the myths and misunderstandings about our democratic institutions and exploring how major electoral reform could produce a more representative, responsive, and stable democracy.

Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors will open to a reception at 6:00 p.m., with the conversation beginning at 6:30 p.m. Copies of *Breaking the Two-Party Doom Loop: The Case for Multiparty Democracy in America* will be available for purchase following the event.

More information [here](#).

### **A Diplomatic Counterrevolution: The Transformation of the U.S.-Middle East Alliance System in the 1970s**

**Date:** January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020

**Time:** 12:15pm-2:00pm

**Organization:** Harvard Kennedy School

**Location:** One Brattle Square, Room 350, Harvard

Two developments have defined Middle Eastern international politics in the 2010s: first, the Arab spring and its failures, and second, polarization between Iran and a coalition of Arab states allied with the United States. This seminar locates the historical logics behind these developments in the regional transformations of the 1970s. During that decade, the regimes in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and imperial Iran collaboratively forged a diplomatic counterrevolution with U.S. support. Animated by a fear of alliances between the Soviet Union, revolutionary regimes, and the domestic left, these states advanced a new regional order designed to reinforce the security of authoritarian rule. The counterrevolutionary coalitions and strategies developed in the 1970s persisted after the Iranian Revolution, as U.S. allies pivoted to countering Iran and, more recently, the 2011 Arab spring.



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More information [here](#).

## **Main Street Defense Series: Innovative Solutions from New Sources**

**Date:** January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020

**Time:** 3:00pm-4:00pm

**Organization:** Center for Strategic & International Studies

**Location:** 1616 Rhode Island Ave. NW, Washington DC

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) invites you to attend a conversation with SAIC’s Executive Vice President and General Manager of the Defense Systems Customer Group Jim Scanlon. Mr. Scanlon is responsible for leading strategy, business development, and program execution for approximately \$2.9 billion in support to the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, and Defense Logistics Agency.

The discussion will explore the implications of the growing emphasis on technology competition with near peers and how the benefits of big data and artificial intelligence, highlighted in the Army Future Command data strategy, could be brought to the operating force. These overarching issues have important implications for technical services companies, whether they develop algorithms or balance system engineering tradeoffs.

The purpose of the Main Street Defense event series is to highlight the unique opportunities and challenges faced by ‘Main Street’ companies in the defense industry. By broadening the conversation to include entities headquartered in America’s towns and cities beyond the top five defense contractors, and by providing a public platform for discussion, CSIS engage new voices and provides a setting for a dialogue on important factors affecting the entire defense and security sector today, different from those that we usually hear about.

Mr. Andrew Hunter will moderate the discussion with Mr. Scanlon. Please join us on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> for this timely conversation.

Register [here](#).



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## **Diplomat Vicki Huddleston: "Our Woman in Havana"**

**Date:** January 24<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 2:00pm-3:00pm

**Organization:** Bookstore1Sarasota

**Location:** 12 South Palm Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236

In *Our Woman in Havana: A Diplomat's Chronicle of America's Long Struggle with Castro's Cuba*, Huddleston chronicles the past several decades of US-Cuba relations from the bird's-eye view of State Department veteran and longtime Cuba hand.

**Vicki Huddleston** was the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Africa and later held the same position at the Department of Defense. She led American diplomatic missions in Mali, Madagascar, Cuba, and Ethiopia. She was Director of Cuban policy at the Department of State and later Chief of the United States Interests Section in Havana (1999 – 2002) before it became an embassy. In Haiti, she was deputy ambassador and later Chief of Party for a USAID development project. She was a Visiting Fellow at the Brookings Institution, a Fellow at the Institute of Politics at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, and as a Congressional Fellow worked on the staff of former Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM).

*Our Woman in Havana: A Diplomat's Chronicle of America's Long Struggle with Castro's Cuba*, illustrates why it is important to engage with Cuba if we want to promote positive change on the island. Huddleston was our top diplomat in Havana under Presidents Clinton and George W. Bush. In her compelling memoir of a diplomat at work, she tells gripping stories of face-to-face encounters with Fidel Castro and the initiatives she undertook. With inside accounts of many dramatic episodes, like the tumultuous Elián González custody battle, Huddleston also evokes the charm of the island country, and her warm affection for the Cuban people. Huddleston recounts missed opportunities for détente, and the myths, misconceptions, and lies that have long pervaded US-Cuba relations. With Raúl Castro scheduled to step down in 2018, she also peers into the future, when for the first time in more than six decades no one named Castro will be Cuba's leader. *Our Woman in Havana* is essential reading for everyone interested in Cuba, including the thousands of Americans visiting the island every year, observers who study the stormy relationship with our near neighbor, and policymakers navigating the nuances and challenges of the US-Cuba relationship.

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## **The Future of Progressive Foreign Policy: 2020 and Beyond**

**Date:** January 28<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 5:00pm-6:30pm

**Organization:** Cato Institute

**Location:** Hayek Auditorium, 1000 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC

Featuring Kate Kizer, Policy Director, Win without War; Adam Mount, Senior Fellow and Director of the Defense Posture Project, Federation of American Scientists; Dan Nexon, Associate Professor, Georgetown University; Loren DeJonge Schulman, Deputy Director of Studies and the Leon E. Panetta Senior Fellow at the Center for a New American Security; moderated by Trevor Thrall, Senior Fellow, Cato Institute.

Even before Donald Trump's election, foreign policy thinkers were beginning to realize that American grand strategy had to change. After more than 15 years of war in Afghanistan and the Middle East, Americans' enthusiasm for foreign adventures had expired and many believed that public support for traditional American leadership of the liberal international order had expired along with it. The big question was: What would come next?

During the third year of the Trump administration, the 2020 Democratic candidates have offered a range of arguments about what's wrong with U.S. foreign policy today and where it should be headed. Some of these hew fairly close to the traditional, pre-Trump approach, while others represent more significant departures from the status quo.

Come hear a panel of distinguished experts discuss the state of the foreign policy debate within the Democratic Party and the future of progressive foreign policy.

Register [here](#).

## **The US and China: On a brink of a new cold war?**

**Date:** January 29<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 6:30pm-9:00pm

**Organization:** World Affairs

**Location:** Dominican University, Creekside Room, Magnolia at Palm Avenue, San Rafael, CA

For five decades the United States pursued a policy to engage with China. Presidents from Nixon to Obama embraced the concept that a stronger China was in the best interests of the United States. Today China is indeed strong, but many in Washington argue that America's policy of engagement has failed, that China's trade practices are unscrupulous, and that China's leaders have used their formidable technical capabilities to create a "surveillance state" that is the antithesis of America values. Other China specialists, however, argue that a decoupling of the Chinese and American economies will usher in a new cold war and that we cannot afford to turn China into an enemy.

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John Pomfret was one of the first young Americans to study in China. He was a foreign correspondent for 20 years, seven of them covering China, briefly in the late 1980's during the Tienanmen Square protests, and from 1997 through 2003 as Washington Post bureau chief in Beijing. He has received numerous awards for his coverage of critical foreign events and his histories of China.

Reception: 6:30 PM  
Dinner: 7:00 PM  
Dessert: 7:30 PM  
Program: 7:50 PM

Pre-paid reservations required for guaranteed seating. Dinner reservations required by Friday, January 24.

More information and registration [here](#).

## **The Dilemma of Nuclear Insecurity and Limits of Law**

**Date:** January 30<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 3:30pm-5:00pm

**Organization:** Stanford Center for International Security and Cooperation

**Location:** William J. Perry Conference Room, Encina Hall, Second Floor, Central, C231, 616 Jane Stanford Way, Stanford, CA

How have national practices of nuclear security produced local conditions of insecurity? After World War II, the United States' nuclear testing program transformed the Marshall Islands into an experimental site for testing both new weapons and forms of territorial governance. During the same period, the Hunters Point Shipyard in southeast San Francisco became the launching point and return site for ships, scientists, and military personnel circulating between the mainland and the Pacific tests. These activities not only incorporated the Marshall Islands and Hunters Point into networks of militarization and scientific knowledge production, but also resulted in widespread radiological contamination. Professors Mary Mitchell and Helen Kang will discuss the entangled legal, environmental, and social legacies of radiological contamination at these two sites, shedding light on the consequential damages of the Cold War and ongoing efforts to demand accountability from the United States government.

More information [here](#).



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## **A Woman's Place: US Counterterrorism since 9/11**

**Date:** January 31<sup>st</sup> 2020

**Time:** 12:15pm-2:00pm

**Organization:** Harvard Kennedy School

**Location:** Belfer Building, Bell Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Harvard

Speaker: Joana Cook, Senior Research Fellow, International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation, Department of War Studies, King's College London; Author, *A Woman's Place: US Counterterrorism Since 9/11*

The 9/11 attacks fundamentally transformed how the United States approached terrorism and led to the unprecedented expansion of counterterrorism strategies, policies, and practices. While the analysis of these developments is rich and vast, there remains a significant void. The diverse actors contributing to counterterrorism increasingly consider, engage, and impact women as agents, partners, and targets of their work. Yet, flawed assumptions and stereotypes remain prevalent, and it remains undocumented and unclear how and why counterterrorism efforts have evolved as they did in relation to women.

Please join us! Coffee, tea, and light refreshments provided. Everyone is welcome, but admittance will be on a first come–first served basis.

More information [here](#).

## **To Catch a Spy: The Art of Counterintelligence**

**Date:** February 28<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 5:00pm-7:00pm

**Organization:** The Institute of World Politics

**Location:** 1521 16<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Washington DC, DC 20036

About the book:

When the Soviet Union dissolved in December of 1991, many academics, media commentators, and even senior government officials declared that the Cold War was over and that we were in a new era of Pax Americana. Jim Olson was not one of those who was deluded by the changing currents of international affairs. From his post as Chief of Counterintelligence for the CIA to his professorship at the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University, Jim has studied, analyzed, and tracked the intelligence activities of hostile intelligence services as the international community evolved. He has warned of the continuing focus of the intelligence services of Russia, China, Iran, North Korea, and Cuba on the United States. These hostile services are not only penetrating our government and its military and intelligence services, but are also focusing on economic and cyber attacks.

Professor Olson in his new book, “To Catch a Spy: The Art of Counterintelligence,” demonstrates the devastating success of hostile Intelligence services against all elements of the U.S. government. He has also shown the evolution of U.S. counterintelligence activities and the positive nature of these changes while acknowledging the difficulties of effective counterintelligence in democratic societies.

About the speaker: Professor Jim Olson received a B.A. in mathematics and economics from the University of Iowa and his J.D. in international law from University of Iowa. He served in the U.S. Navy, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Professor Olson was a Career officer in the Directorate of Operations of the Central Intelligence Agency, serving mostly overseas in clandestine operations. He served as Chief of Counterintelligence at CIA Headquarters in Langley, Virginia. He was the recipient of the Intelligence Medal of Merit, the Distinguished Career Intelligence Medal, the Counterintelligence Excellence Medal, the Donovan Award, and several distinguished achievement awards. In addition to, he was awarded the Silver Star Award at the Bush School for excellence in teaching.

This event is strictly off the record. We ask that you do not record or take photographs during this event.

Register [here](#).

### **Russian Media: 30 Years After the Fall of the Berlin Wall**

**Date:** March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020

**Time:** 12:00pm-1:30pm

**Organization:** CISAC

**Location:** William J Perry Conference Room (2nd Floor), 616 Jane Stanford Way, Stanford, CA 94305

#### Abstract:

Yevgenia Albats, a renowned independent journalist with 44 years of experience in Soviet, Russian, and international media, will tell the story of the Russia media through the frame of her own experience and analysis. The current media landscape emerged out of Soviet censorship and tight communist party control, lived through the 10 years of freedom in 1990s, and has ended up facing a new-old style of censorship under Putin's autocracy. This is a story of courage and complicity, honest journalism, and big money used to subvert the former. It is a story that should serve as a warning to others.

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## **Ambassadors & Spies: How U. S. Ambassadors Deal with Intelligence Agencies**

**Date:** March 29<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 2:00pm-5:00pm

**Organization:** The Cold War Museum

**Location:** 1616 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036

The Cold War Museum, in cooperation with Old Bust Head Brewing Company, invites you to attend a presentation by Charles Ray, former U.S. Ambassador to two countries, on Ambassadors and Spies: How American Ambassadors Deal with Intelligence Agencies

Outside the United States, and in some places even within the country, American diplomats are viewed by many as spies, and our embassies are considered nests of spies. As with many myths, there is a tiny kernel of truth here, but not what one might think. Diplomats do gather information about the countries to which they're assigned, and there are intelligence officials assigned to our diplomatic missions.

The truth, however, is less dramatic, as a career diplomat with a military intelligence background will relate. Ambassadors, as representatives of the President, accredited to the host country head of state, are the senior American government officials in a country, responsible for and presiding over all US Government programs and personnel—with the exception of military personnel under the command of a Geographic military command. With a few exceptions, all intelligence operations in the country must receive the ambassador's concurrence, and some really sensitive operations are shared only on a need-to-know basis.

A savvy ambassador finds ways to mitigate the negative impact of operations if they're exposed, and will establish working relationships with intelligence agencies and personnel—as he or she must with the military—to ensure that everything that's done supports U.S. national interests, and contributes to U.S. national security.

A series of anecdotes from more than 30 years serving as a diplomat, including two assignments as ambassador, will show how diplomacy and intelligence can coexist.

Charles Ray joined the U.S. Foreign Service, America's diplomatic corps, in 1982, after retiring from a 20-year career in the U.S. Army. He served overseas as a diplomat in China, Thailand, Vietnam, Sierra Leone, Cambodia, and Zimbabwe, and from 2006 to 2009 was deputy assistant secretary of defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs. Hailing from a small town in East Texas, Ray was born with the travel bug, and joined the army right out of high school, and was assigned to overseas to Germany, Panama, Vietnam, and Korea, and served at military bases in Oklahoma, Louisiana, Georgia, Maryland, Virginia, and California. Three years after enlisting, Ray received a commission as a second lieutenant in 1965, and continued his education, eventually receiving a B.S. in business administration from Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, and an M.S. in systems management from the University of Southern California. His



military assignments included Psychological Operations, Unconventional Warfare Operations, Public Affairs, Counterintelligence, and Intelligence Collection.

In addition to the education received during his military service, which included the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the Defense Intelligence University, as a diplomat he attended the National War College and the Joint Ground Force Commanders Course. Since retiring from government service in 2012, after 50 years of total service, he began writing full-time, and has published over 150 works of fiction and nonfiction. He also works with a number of organizations on foreign affairs, including the American Academy of Diplomacy, the Association of Black American Ambassadors, the American College of National Security Leaders, the Potomac Institute for Public Policy, and the Una Chapman Cos Foundation. Each summer, he conducts a workshop on professional writing for scholars of the Rangel International Affairs Program at Howard University, and does lecturing and public speaking at many educational and community institutions around the country.

This is the 35th in a series of presentations sponsored by the Museum, in cooperation with Old Bust Head Brewing Company, featuring eyewitnesses to, and other experts on, significant Cold War events and activities. Presentations occur at the Brewery, followed by special access to the Museum (next door) with a tour for event participants.

**Date and Time:**

Sunday, March 29th 2020, 2:00 PM. (Arrival at the brewery: 1:30-2:00 PM)

(Note: For those who would like to see this presentation but cannot attend because they are at a distance, have a conflict, etc., they may buy a ticket via Eventbrite like attendees, then access the event video online after the event via a link that CWM Executive Director Jason Hall will send them. To arrange, email Jason at [jason@coldwar.org](mailto:jason@coldwar.org).)

Cost: \$35, including the presentation; a \$7 coupon toward a craft beer draft, Kombucha, or other drink; a \$20 contribution to the Cold War Museum; and special access to the Museum (next door) for event participants following the presentation. **TICKETS AT THE DOOR, IF AVAILABLE, WILL COST \$45.**

Location: Old Bust Head Brewing Company, 7134 Farm Station Road, Vint Hill, VA 20187, <https://www.oldbusthead.com/>, and the Cold War Museum, 7142 Lineweaver Road, Vint Hill, VA 20187, [www.coldwar.org](http://www.coldwar.org) (VINT HILL IS IN THE METROPOLITAN DC AREA).

Event seating at the brewery is limited, and prior presentations have sold out, so we suggest that you secure your tickets promptly at Eventbrite. Questions? Call or email Jason Hall, 703-283-4124 (cell), [jason@coldwar.org](mailto:jason@coldwar.org)

Register [here](#).



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## **International Policy Summer Institute**

**Date:** Sunday, June 7 – Thursday, June 11, 2020

**Organization:** School of International Service at American University

**Location:** 4400 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016

**Deadline:** Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 8 PM

[The International Policy Summer Institute](#) (IPSI) is a five-day professional development program for professors (all ranks) and post-docs in the field of international affairs who want to build the tools and networks to produce and disseminate policy-relevant academic research.

The Institute delivers an intensive curriculum designed to teach participants how to develop and articulate their research for a policy audience, what policy-makers are looking for when they look to scholarship on international issues, whom to target when sharing research, and which tools and avenues of dissemination are appropriate. IPSI also provides a forum for scholars to develop professional networks with their colleagues and with the broader policy community. Sessions are facilitated by senior faculty and are held in various formats, including:

- Panels with academics who have served in government, government officials, think tank researchers, and other members of the policy community, focusing on policy processes and the roles that academic research can play within them, and the value of policy experience for scholars
- Discussions with editors of policy journals, newspaper op-ed pages, and major blogs about how to pitch pieces and write for different kinds of outlets
- Interactive communications and media training, including practice sessions and personalized feedback on policy writing and media interviews
- Network-building opportunities with policy-makers and fellow scholars

Interested applicants are encouraged to apply [online](#).



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## Events (International)

### **Emerging Technologies, Evolving Nuclear Postures, and Deteriorating Norms: Is the Global Nuclear Order Eroding?**

**Date:** January 8-15, 2020

**Time:** TBA

**Organization:** International School on Disarmament and Research on Conflicts

**Location:** Andalo (Trento)-Italy

The global nuclear order is undergoing major transformations. Policy makers around the world are facing complex decisions and – more importantly - costly trade-offs if strategic stability is to exist and be sustainable among nuclear-armed states. A combination of dramatic and wide-ranging technological change, vigorous nuclear modernization, and the substantial waning of arms control is producing a more challenging and worrisome nuclear order. What nuclear order will arise as emerging technologies are folded into comprehensive modernization programs in an environment largely or wholly unregulated by arms control? What constitutes stable nuclear deterrence under such circumstances?

What emerging technologies are most destabilizing for nuclear strategic stability? Which ones might lead to escalation across the nuclear threshold? The 59th ISODARCO course will explore the technological, military, and arms control developments that are changing and challenging the global nuclear order.

Additional information [here](#).

### **A Cultural Turn in the Study of Populism: Legacies and Mobilizing Discourses**

**Date:** January 16<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 7:00pm-9:00pm

**Organization:** DSMNTL

**Location:** The Devereux, 20 Devereux Court, London, WC2R 3JJ

Most explanations of the populist “explosion” and the right-wing turn in politics of many countries concentrate on the role of economic insecurity, changes in the political party system, and patterns of mobilization in civil society. We propose an explanation of the rise of populism (particularly its right-wing variety) that considers complex interactions



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between specific cultural legacies and deliberate actions of cultural and political entrepreneurs.

Jan Kubik (M.A. - Jagiellonian University, Kraków; Ph.D. - Columbia University) is Professor in the Department of Political Science at Rutgers University and Professor of Slavonic and East European Studies at University College London (UCL). Works on the rise of right-wing populism in Europe (<https://populism-europe.com/poprebel/>), protest politics, and the relationship between politics and culture. The incoming President of the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES).

Marta Kotwas is a doctoral student at UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies (Philosophy MA - University of Lodz) and a pro-choice activist. She works on socio-cultural interpretations of the rise of right-wing populism and nationalism in CEE, and on the relationship between popular culture and politics in Poland.

Register [here](#).

## **Cyber war fighting: Matching US capabilities to ambitions in offence and defence**

**Date:** January 29<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 4:00pm-5:30pm

**Organization:** International Institute for Strategic Studies

**Location:** Bloomsbury House, 2-3 Bloomsbury Square, London, UK WC1A 2RL

The United States has expressed ambitions to conduct cyber operations in all phases of operations and at all levels of command. It has been developing strategy and plans for cyber space over almost three decades. US Cyber Command has already accumulated thousands of person years in attack planning since it was established in 2009.

But do the United States' capabilities match its ambitions? And does the rapid evolution of cyber military and coercive capabilities undermine a settled view on the relationship between means and ends?

There is only low predictability for knowing which parts of declared cyber strategy and doctrine might be implemented under particular circumstances by the US and we know very little about its full cyber military capabilities. However, the United States remains the pre-eminent cyber power in the world.



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This seminar will profile the US country study that has been undertaken, along with twelve others, as part of an IISS project on Measuring Coercive Cyber Power over the past two years.

Dr Greg Austin will present the findings on the US country study. Mr Marcus Willett will provide additional reflections on the US study and the larger project, which includes country studies on China, Iran, North Korea and Russia.

Register [here](#).

## **Nationalism: Dismantled**

**Date:** January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 7:00pm-9:00pm

**Organization:** DSMNTL

**Location:** The Devereux, 20 Devereux Court, London, WC2R 3JJ

Dismantling Nationalism: What do the 'new right' want from the world? What is the underlying vision from those in charge? Is leadership or class a birth right? With 31st January looming large - Join Dr Pablo De Orellana for a no holds barred look at Nationalism in the 21st Century and it's key players; Dismantling what we already know and reconstructing ideas.

As we roll into yet another defining week in the soap opera we call Brexit, it is common to simplify some of the figureheads as “fascists” and “isolationists” when it comes to issues such as this. However, this appeal to old right-wing extremist labels hides their history, underlying ideas and the extent to which they too are internationalists.

The so-called *New Right* (which is how many new nationalists self-define) seeks to reframe international politics by energetically promoting inequality. Why? As one of their founding manifestos explains: ‘humanity as such does not exist’.

This talk discusses what the likes of Steve Bannon, Rees-Mogg & Matteo Salvini want from international relations, why they talk about it so much –particularly evident in the case of Brexit– and how they are currently working to entirely reframe international relations. It will explore policies that seek to redefine identity, citizenship, international relations norms, gender, migration, asylum, war, poverty and development on the basis of what they claim are “natural” or "birth-right" differences and rights.

*Dr Pablo de Orellana is a Lecturer in International Relations at King's College London.*



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*His research examines the theories animating contemporary nationalist movements and how they inspire nationalist diplomacy, domestic policy and terrorism.*

\*Doors at 6.30pm - with the talk starting at 7.00pm sharp.

\*\*There will be time to network & meet the speaker at a reserved space in the downstairs bar after the talk finishes.

Register [here](#).

## **International Offensive Security Conference**

**Date:** February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 12:30am-2:00pm

**Organization:** Brussels School of International Studies, University of Kent

**Location:** 2A Boulevard Louis Schmidt, 1040 Etterbeek, Belgium

We see increasing polarisation in various parts of the world. The climate emergency is escalating. Political discourse seems to become increasingly uncivilised. What role can mediation, mediators and what we call interest-based negotiation play in political negotiations and policy-making? Can mediators offer a different way of doing things?

John Sturrock QC, founder and senior mediator at Core Solutions, and mediator with Brick Court Chambers, is a pioneer of mediation throughout the UK, with an international reputation. He mediates and trains in the commercial, professional, sports, public sector, policy and political fields. A Distinguished Fellow of the IAM and Visiting Professor at Edinburgh University, he has facilitated talks on climate change and constitutional relations in the UK and is founder of Collaborative Scotland.

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## **International Offensive Security Conference**

**Date:** February 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 9:00am- 6:00pm

**Organization:** OffensiveCon Berlin

**Location:** Hilton Hotel, Berlin, Germany

Offensive Con Berlin is a highly technical international security conference focused on offensive security only. The aim of the offensivecon is to bring the community of hackers together for high quality and deep technical talks, engaging and renowned technical training. The talks at offensivecon are focused on offensive IT security topics such as vulnerability discovery, advanced exploitation techniques, and reverse engineering.

Register [here](#).

## **UN 75th Anniversary talk with Tatiana Valovaya, UNOG Director-General**

**Date:** February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 6:00pm-9:00pm

**Organization:** SOAS University of London

**Location:** Brunei Gallery Theatre SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, London, WC1H 0XG, United Kingdom

The talk will highlight achievements made by the UN towards Sustainable Development Goals, and the important Climate work undertaken by the UN. The Director-General will also reflect on the role of multilateralism on the 75th anniversary of the United Nations, and the 100th anniversary of the League of Nations.

Tatiana Valovaya is Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva. She began her career with the Government of the Russian Federation in 1989 and served in various capacities, including as the Third and Second Secretary at her country's Permanent Mission to the European Union in Brussels (1989-1994) and Deputy Director and subsequently Director of the Department of International Cooperation (1999-2012). Before joining her country's Government, she worked as a reporter for The Economic Gazette in Moscow (1983-1989).

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## **Women In Development Conference**

**Date:** March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

**Organization:** Global Series

**Location:** County Hall, London

Women in Dev is a women-led, women-focused international development conference which will be held at etc. venues County Hall, London, on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

In the run up to International Women's Day, we will bring together women from across the development arena and provide a platform for women-led conversations around some of the most significant challenges of our time, fostering an inclusive atmosphere in which to learn, grow, inspire and be inspired.

Early Registration – SPECIAL for WIIS MEMBERS WID-WIISMINUS20 (Good until November 30<sup>th</sup>).

**Register Here:** <https://womenindex.com/>

## **Counter Terror Expo (CTX) 2020**

**Date:** May 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**Time:** TBA

**Organization:** Counter Terror Expo (CTX)

**Location:** ExCeL London, Royal Victoria Dock, 1 Western Gateway, London, E16 1XL, UK

The Counter Terror Expo (CTX) is the UK's leading networking event for security professionals from industry, infrastructure, government and policing. It's where they come to discover new ideas and technology to improve security and aid in the fight against terrorism. In partnership with its sister events the World Counter Terror Congress, Forensics Europe Expo and Ambition, CTX brings together the world of security, preparedness, resilience and response under one roof.

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