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Events (National)

She Persisted: Women, Politics & Power in the New Media World

Date: February 6th 2020

Time: 4:30 pm-6:30 pm

Organization: Vital Voices

Location: NYU Washington, DC, Abramson Family Auditorium, 1307 L Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20005

Please join us for a panel discussion about Lucina Di Meo's groundbreaking report, *She Persisted: Women, Politics and Power in the New Media World*. In this discussion, women in politics, journalism, and tech will explore how traditional and digital media impact women in politics, and call for all relevant actors to do their part to end media bias and online violence against women in politics.

This event is held in partnership with Vital Voices, the Institute for Women's Policy Research, the National Democratic Institute, the International Republican Institute, RepresentWomen, Smash Strategies, and NYU DC Dialogues.

Introduction by Federiga Bindi, Institute of Women's Policy Research Panel Moderator: Alyse Nelson, Vital Voices

Panelists:

- Lucina Di Meo, Global Fellow, Wilson Center
- Farahnaz Ispahani, Author and Former Member of Parliament, Pakistan
- Soraya Chemaly, Director, Women's Media Center Speech Project
- Moira Whelan, Founding Partner, Blue Dot Strategies; Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council's Digital Forensic Research Lab
- Purna Sen, Executive Coordinator and Spokesperson on Sexual Harassment and Discrimination, UN Women

The event will start with a pre-reception from 4:30 - 5:00 PM with light refreshments. The panel discussion will be from 5:00 - 6:30 PM.

Register [here](#). Please contact VVEngage@VitalVoices.org with questions.

Turmoil in the Middle East: The U.S. Role and Future Scenarios

Date: February 7th 2020

Time: 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Organization: Transatlantic Leadership Network



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Location: Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2060, 45 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20515

8:45 a.m. - 9:20 a.m. Registration and Light Breakfast

9:20 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Opening Remarks

Amb. John Craig, Senior Fellow, Transatlantic Leadership Network

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Lebanon's Economic Collapse, its Effect on Hezbollah, and U.S. Priorities in the Region

Dr. Paul Salem, President, Middle East Institute

David Daoud, Research Analyst, United Against a Nuclear Iran

Dr. David Asher, Fmr. Adjunct Senior Fellow, Center for a New American Security

Moderator: Marc Malek, Managing Partner, Conquest Capital Group

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. A View from the Ground in Lebanon

Neemat Frem, Member of Parliament, Lebanese Republic

Habib Malik, Associate Professor, Lebanese American University

Moderator: Dr. Mounzer Fatfat, Fmr. Senior Advisor, U.S. Department of State and United Nations

12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. The Future of Pluralism in Lebanon if the Country Fails

Drew Bowling, ICLN Religious & Conscience Freedom Task Force

Nina Shea, Director, Center for Religious Freedom, Hudson Institute

Bishop A. Elias Zaidan, Eparch of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles

Moderator: Rev. Johnnie Moore, Jr., President, The Congress of Christian Leaders

1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Lunch break

2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. The Impact of Erdogan and Trump Working Together: an Analysis by an Intimate of Both Presidents

A Discussion with Erbil Gunasti, author of GameChanger: Trump Card: Turkey & Erdogan (Post Hill Press, 2019)

Moderator: Jennifer Miel, Executive Director, U.S. - Turkey Business Council, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. An Hour with Dr. Ali Alisawi, Minister of Economy and Industry, Government of National Accord - Libya

Moderator: Dr. Sasha Toperich, Senior Executive Vice President, Transatlantic Leadership Network

4:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Closing Remarks

Dr. Michael Haltzel, Chairman, Transatlantic Leadership Network

Register [here](#).

NALA Immigration Seminar

Date: February 8th 2020

Time: 9:00 am-11:00am

Organization: Nigerian American Lawyer Association



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Location: Silver Spring Civic Center, 1 Veterans Place, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Do you have questions on path to Green card/citizenship in the United States? Violence Against Women's Act? Do you have relatives back home that have been turned down for a visa to the United States? If so, join the Nigerian American Lawyer's Association for our 3rd Annual Immigration Seminar. Attendees who register on eventbrite have an opportunity to consult with an attorney for free!

Register [here](#).

Racial Justice Summit and Congressional Briefing

Date: February 10th 2020

Time: 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Organization: National Organization for Women

Location: Rayburn House Office Building, 45 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20515

The National Organization of Women and the Office of Congresswoman Gwen Moore presents: Racial Justice Summit and Congressional Briefing: Addressing the Intersects of Gender, Health, Economics, Violence, and Race

This event will host speakers and panelists that will foster dialogue between Congressional members, constituents, and stakeholders of all different backgrounds regarding racial justice. The summit will include topics such as intersectional and racially inclusive feminism, immigration rights issues, maternal mortality, voter suppression and economic justice.

Confirmed Speakers and Panelists:

Host: Congresswoman Gwen Moore

Honorary Awardee of NOW's Award of Distinction for Intersectional Feminism:

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton

Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib

Congressman Raul Grijalva

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Gary L. Ford Jr, author of Constance Baker Motley: One Woman's Fight for Civil Rights and Equal Justice under the Law

Ola Ojewumi, PPMW DC Advocates Council

Reyna Taylor, National Council for Behavioral Health

Amy Hinojosa, Mana International

Lecia Brooks, Southern Poverty Law Center

Ashley Allison, Leadership Council for Civil and Human Rights

Virginia Kase, League of Women Voters

Marcia Johnson- Blanco, Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights- Voting Rights Project

Kristen Clarke, Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights

Darley Rodriguez, Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights



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Barbara Arnwine, Transformative Justice
Kenyette Tisha Barnes, Co-Founder- #MuteRKelly movement
Kevin Powell, Author/ Civil Rights Activist

Register [here](#).

Documentary: On Her Shoulders

Date: February 11th 2020

Time: 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

Organization: Embassy of the Czech Republic

Location: Middle East Institute, 1763 N Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20036

ON HER SHOULDERS

Directed by Alexandria Bombach, 2018, 94 min., English subtitles

The Embassy of the Czech Republic, Middle East Institute and the Kurdistan Regional Government Representation in the United States present the documentary "On Her Shoulders" on February 11, 2020, at 5:00 pm. The film follows Nadia Murad, a Yazidi woman who received the Nobel Prize for her battle against sexual violence and other abuses committed by the so-called Islamic State.

Film Background: On August 3, 2014, ISIS began a brutal campaign of genocide against the Yazidi people of northern Iraq, whom they considered to be “devil-worshippers” worthy of extermination. Thousands of people were killed in the weeks that followed. Women and children were captured, forced to become sex slaves and child soldiers. Nadia Murad was captured on the same day that ISIS killed her mother and six brothers. Eighteen members of her family were either killed or enslaved.

Synopsis: Twenty-three-year-old Nadia Murad’s life is a dizzying array of exhausting undertakings – from giving testimony before the U.N. to visiting refugee camps to soul-bearing media interviews and one-on-one meetings with top government officials. Filmmaker Alexandria Bombach follows this strong-willed young woman, who survived the 2014 genocide of the Yazidis in Northern Iraq and escaped the hands of ISIS to become a relentless beacon of hope for her people, even when at times she longs to lay aside this monumental burden and simply have an ordinary life. The director states, “This is a film that explores that space—the distance between the victim and her voice, the fragility of human emotions that both provoke and hinder positive change, and the unbelievable resilience of a woman willing to sacrifice herself to play the media game that is modern advocacy.”

One World International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival: The film is screening as an extension of the One World International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival, one of the largest human rights film festivals in the world. The festival, organized by the Czech non-profit People in Need, is held annually in Prague, Czech Republic, attracting more than 120,000 viewers. One World presents more than 110 documentary films from around the globe, focusing on social, political, environmental, media and human rights issues. For more information about the festival, please visit <https://www.oneworld.cz/festival/>



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The film garnered director Alexandria Bombach the Directing Award (Documentary) at the 2018 Sundance Film Festival.

Register [here](#).

China and the World: Book Launch with David Shambaugh

Date: February 12th 2020

Time: 4:30 pm-5:30 pm

Organization: The Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University

Location: Lindner Commons, 602, 1957 E Street NW, 602, Washington, DC 20052

China & the World is the most comprehensive and up-to-date scholarly assessment of China's relations and roles in the world. Edited by Professor David Shambaugh and including chapters by fifteen other leading international experts on China, this volume covers China's contemporary relations with all regions of the world, with other major powers, and across multiple arenas of China's international interactions. It also explores the sources of China's grand strategy, how its historical experiences shape present policies, and the impact of various domestic factors on China's external behavior. The event will conclude with audience Q&A and a book signing (cash and credit accepted).

David Shambaugh is an internationally recognized authority and award-winning author on contemporary China and the international relations of Asia. He is the Gaston Sigur Professor of Asian Studies, Political Science & International Affairs and the founding Director of the China Policy Program in the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University. Professor Shambaugh is a member of a number of public policy and scholarly organizations, including the International Institute for Strategic Studies, Council on Foreign Relations, and the Asia Society. He is also a frequent commentator in international media, serves on a number of editorial boards, and has been a consultant to various governments, research institutions, foundations, and private corporations. As an author, he has published more than thirty books, most recently including, *The International Relations of Asia* (2nd ed.), *China Goes Global: The Partial Power and China's Future* (both selected by *The Economist* as "Best Books of the Year"), and *The China Reader: Rising Power*.

Register [here](#).

After Trump: Defining a Progressive U.S. Policy for the Middle East

Date: February 12th 2020

Time: 8:30 am-11:00 am

Organization: The Century Foundation

Location: The U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, First St NE, Room SVC 208/209, Washington, DC 20515

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Approaching the brink of war with Iran in early 2020 has highlighted the risks of not pursuing a progressive U.S. policy approach to the Middle East. This event seeks to set forth a sustainable alternative U.S. foreign policy.

We will examine the animating principles and resulting policies of a more progressive approach for the Middle East. Progressive Middle East policy remains a contested concept among both policymakers and the American public: to some, it means an end to overly militarized policies and reducing U.S. commitments to avoid war; to others, it means greater U.S. investments in solving overseas conflicts, acting to prevent atrocities, and advancing human rights. Still others define it in terms of rethinking U.S. partnerships with authoritarian regimes.

Please join The Century Foundation on **Wednesday, February 12 at 8:30 AM** for a congressional briefing to debate and define progressive policy frameworks for the Middle East. A light breakfast will be served at 8:30 AM followed by keynote remarks beginning at 9:00 AM and an expert panel.

Keynote Speakers:

- **Senator Christopher Murphy** (D-CT)
- **Representative Ro Khanna** (D-CA)

Introductory Remarks:

- **Mark Zuckerman**, president at The Century Foundation

Panelists:

- **Michael Wahid Hanna**, senior fellow at The Century Foundation
- **Dina Esfandiary**, fellow at The Century Foundation
- **Sarah Margon**, director of U.S. foreign policy at the Open Society Foundations

Speaker Bios

Senator Chris Murphy is the junior United States senator for Connecticut. Senator Murphy has been a strong voice in the Senate fighting for job creation, affordable health care, education, sensible gun laws, and a forward-looking foreign policy. Senator Murphy has laid out a forward-thinking foreign policy vision for the United States. As a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, he has been an outspoken proponent of diplomacy, international human rights, and the need for clear-eyed American leadership abroad.

Congressman Ro Khanna represents California's 17th Congressional District, located in the heart of Silicon Valley, and is serving in his second term. Representative Khanna sits on the House Armed Services, Budget, and Oversight and Reform Committees and is first vice chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus. He also serves as an assistant whip for the Democratic Caucus.

Mark Zuckerman is president of The Century Foundation. He served in the Obama White House as the deputy director of the Domestic Policy Council, leading teams on key initiatives, including reducing student debt, increasing accountability at for-profit educational institutions, reducing workplace discrimination, increasing wages for home health care workers, and expanding access to job training. Prior to that, as staff director of the House Education and Labor

Committee, he helped win passage of landmark legislation such as the Affordable Care Act; the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act; the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act; and the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act.

Michael Wahid Hanna is a senior fellow at The Century Foundation. He is also a nonresident senior fellow at the Reiss Center on Law and Security at New York University School of Law. Hanna works on issues of international security, international law, and U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East and South Asia.

Dina Esfandiary is a fellow at The Century Foundation and international security program research fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School. She is the co-author of *Triple-Axis: Iran's Relations with Russia and China* (London: I. B. Tauris, 2018), and *Living on the Edge: Iran and the Practice of Nuclear Hedging* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2016).

Sarah Margon is the director of the foreign policy team at Open Society-U.S. Prior to joining the Open Society Foundations, Margon was the Washington director for Human Rights Watch. She previously served as associate director of sustainable security and peacebuilding at the Center for American Progress and as senior foreign policy advisor to Senator Russ Feingold and as staff director to the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on African Affairs. She has been a guest on various national and international media programs and has published in a wide range of media outlets, including *Foreign Affairs*, *USA Today*, and the *Washington Post*. Margon received an MS from Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service and a BA from Wesleyan University.

Register [here](#).

Terrorism and the Telecommunicator

Date: February 20th 2020

Time: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Organization: The Office of Unified Communications

Location: 2720 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE, 2720 Martin Luther King Junior Avenue Southeast, Washington, DC 20032

Terrorism has become a major threat to the cities of America, and the National Capital Region remains an attractive target for extremists and those who wish to do harm. It is essential for the 9-1-1 telecommunicator to understand terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, biological and chemical incidents. Large scale incidents such as these often will require large amounts of resources and have a great potential for mutual aid and interoperability between National Capital Region jurisdictions.

Attacks upon “soft targets” could potentially happen in the National Capital Region, and preparing our front-line employees is a paramount responsibility.

This course has been assembled to provide attendees with the tools and techniques to handle an incident involving such attacks and providing them with case studies to learn from experience. It



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is important to the region that this base knowledge is obtained so that when an incident occurs, telecommunicators from our region have a similar fundamental training.

Register [here](#).

CSA Summit at RSA Conference 2020

Date: February 24th – 27th, 2020

Time: 8:00 am-5:00pm

Organization: Cloud Security Alliance

Location: Moscone West, 800 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94107

Privacy and Security have become the seminal issues of our time. With privacy legislation and regulations developing quickly, businesses and governments across the globe must adapt to the changing landscape or leave themselves vulnerable to public scrutiny and enforced penalties. Security is no longer the sole responsibility of security professionals; it is incumbent upon all members of an organization to be properly educated to mitigate the risks. Now that cloud has become the dominant IT system, with virtually all organizations using it to some degree, the need for community, guidance and education in the cloud security space has never been more relevant. In the 11th Cloud Security Alliance Summit at the RSA Conference, thought leaders from multinational enterprises, government, cloud providers and the information security industry will share best practices in cloud privacy and security. We will also explore new frontiers that are accelerating change in information security, such as artificial intelligence, quantum supremacy, blockchain, and fog computing.

Register [here](#).

To Catch a Spy: The Art of Counterintelligence

Date: February 28th 2020

Time: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Organization: The Institute of World Politics

Location: 1521 16th 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](#).

State-Owned Enterprises: No Climate Success Without Them

Date: March 3rd 2020

Time: 12:00pm-1:30pm

Organization: The Initiative For Sustainable Energy Policy (ISEP)

Location: Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies 1619 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest Room 812, Washington, DC 20036

The role of SOEs in driving GHG emissions and the effectiveness of market-oriented solutions such as carbon taxes in changing SOE behavior.

About this Event

Policy makers, academics, and others have devoted significant effort over the past three decades to considering how best to incentivize private businesses and households to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. There has been much less discussion about how best to incentivize state-owned enterprises (SOEs) to do so. Yet when it comes to energy sector GHGs, these state companies are among the world’s leading emitters. In the aggregate, they emit more energy

sector GHGs than any country except China, and in China, they are responsible for more than half of all energy emissions. They are also major providers of low-carbon alternatives, notably in the electricity sector.

While much of the discussion surrounding SOEs is often about how to reform and even replace them, in practice, they are and will remain major actors driving emissions, particularly in many of the larger emerging economies. Many SOEs, however, often face incentives and market conditions that differ from private businesses, differences that point to the need for a tailored set of climate tools to engage them in climate action.

Philippe Benoit will discuss the role of SOEs in driving GHG emissions, examine the effectiveness of market-oriented solutions such as carbon taxes in changing SOE behavior, and explore other options to engage these companies that build off their distinctive features.

About the Speaker

Philippe Benoit is an Adjunct Senior Research Scholar at the Center on Global Energy Policy of Columbia University - School of International and Public Affairs. He is also a Senior Associate (non-resident) with the Energy and National Security Program at the Center for International and Strategic Studies. He previously worked as the Division Head for Energy Environment at the International Energy Agency, as the LAC Energy Sector Manager at the World Bank, and as a Director in the Energy Project Finance Department of SG Investment Bank. He holds a JD from Harvard Law School and a BA in Economics and Political Science from Yale University. His research interests are in the fields of international energy, development and sustainability.

Register [here](#).

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

Date: March 3rd 2020

Time: 12:30pm-2:00pm

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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FINCA Impact Finance Fifth Annual International Women's Day Panel

Date: March 4th, 2020

Time: 6:00 pm – 9:00pm

Organization: FINCA Impact Finance

Location: 1201 15th St Washington, DC 20005

Does Access to Finance Lead to Women's Political Empowerment? About this Event Despite the great strides being made globally towards gender equality, the full economic and political empowerment of women remains elusive. Men still outnumber women in decision-making roles and vastly outnumber women in legislatures around the world. To address this problem, some believe that empowering women politically should start with providing women access to finance and eliminating the underlying economic barriers that keep women on the sidelines in the first place. Yet even as access to financial services has increased around the world, it has not yielded the transformative impact on women's lives many hoped for. How can we disrupt this status quo? Does providing women access to finance play an effective enough role in empowering women politically or is there another way forward? This session will explore the rich and complicated relationship between women's access to finance and the impact it has on women's political empowerment. Register here. This event is open to the public and free to attend.

Register [here](#).

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

Date: March 29th 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.



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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.)

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 (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

Register [here](#).

Women In Global Development Leadership Forum

Date: May 6th, 2020

Time: 7:45 am-7:00pm

Organization: Women Innovators & Leaders Networks

Location: 1825 Connecticut Avenue NW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20009

Attending the Women in Global Development Leadership Forum is a life-changing experience. On May 6, 2020, 400 women and men will converge in Washington DC for the third edition of this unique global event.

When you attend, you can expect a full day of inspiring, interactive sessions with one singular focus: to increase the power and influence of women and diverse leaders in the global development sector.

Join us for a collaborative experience and participate in conversations that address some of the most significant challenges of our time.

2020 Forum theme: “Power, and Empowering Others”

- Track 1: Skills to Lead at Every Level: Learn frameworks, expand your skills to achieve your goals. Learn to transform common business challenges into career-building opportunities for yourself, and others.
- Track 2: Organizational Development for Greater Inclusion and Performance: Gain knowledge about the research, theory, and practice of developing leaders, and promoting diverse leadership across your organization for greater performance.
- Track 3: Sector-wide initiatives: What they are accomplishing and how you can be part of them.

Register [here](#).

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 10th, 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](#).

Events (International)

International Offensive Security Conference

Date: February 6th 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.

Register [here](#).

Audrey Kurth Cronin Book Launch

Date: February 10th 2020

Time: 7:00 pm- 9:00 pm

Organization: King's College London

Location: Strand, London WC2R 2LS, United Kingdom

We are delighted to launch Audrey Kurth Cronin's new book, *Power to the People: How Open Technological Innovation is Arming Tomorrow's Terrorists*.

Never have so many possessed the means to be so lethal. The diffusion of modern technology (robotics, cyber weapons, 3-D printing, autonomous systems, and artificial intelligence) to ordinary people has given them access to weapons of mass violence previously monopolized by the state. In recent years, states have attempted to stem the flow of such weapons to individuals and non-state groups, but their efforts are failing.



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As Audrey Kurth Cronin explains in *Power to the People*, what we are seeing now is an exacerbation of an age-old trend. Over the centuries, the most surprising developments in warfare have occurred because of advances in technologies combined with changes in who can use them. Indeed, accessible innovations in destructive force have long driven new patterns of political violence. When Nobel invented dynamite and Kalashnikov designed the AK-47, each inadvertently spurred terrorist and insurgent movements that killed millions and upended the international system.

That history illuminates our own situation, in which emerging technologies are altering society and redistributing power. The twenty-first century "sharing economy" has already disrupted every institution, including the armed forces. New "open" technologies are transforming access to the means of violence. Just as importantly, higher-order functions that previously had been exclusively under state military control - mass mobilization, force projection, and systems integration - are being harnessed by non-state actors. Cronin closes by focusing on how to respond so that we both preserve the benefits of emerging technologies yet reduce the risks. Power, in the form of lethal technology, is flowing to the people, but the same technologies that empower can imperil global security - unless we act strategically.

If you would like to RSVP for this event please register [here](#). Refreshments will be available.

International Offensive Security Conference

Date: February 14th – 15th 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](#).

Racism, Migration and the “Hostile Environment”

Date: February 20th 2020



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Time: 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

Organization: Social Scientists Against the “Hostile Environment”

Location: Birkbeck, University of London, Malet Street, London, WC1E 7HX, United Kingdom

Conference organized by SSAHE (Social Scientists Against the ‘Hostile Environment’)

Birkbeck College 20-21 February 2021 AcSS (Academy of Social Sciences) special interest group on Migration, Refugees and Settlement is pleased to announce the launch conference of its report:

The conference will take place in Birkbeck on the 20th (5-7pm, Room MAL B35) and 21st (9am-7pm,) February 2020.

Among the speakers (in alphabetical order) are:

Floya Anthias; Madeleine Arnot; Stephen Ashe; Paige Ballmi; Penny Bernstock; Alice Bloch; Avtar Brah; Zrinka Bralo; Giorgia Dona; Umut Erel; Liz Fekete; Don Flynn; Ben Gidley; Rachel Humphris; Omar Khan; Eleonore Kofman; Sue Lukes; Kim MacIntosh; Laurie Mompelat; Aurlien Mondon; Karim Murji; Nando Sigona; Corinne Squire; Wilf Sullivan; Tashi Tahir; Georgie Wemyss; Aaron Winter; Nira Yuval-Davis.

Entrance is free but space is limited so please register to be sure of a place!

The report has been sponsored by the British Sociological Association; BSA Race and Ethnicity Study Group; BSA Migration and Diaspora Group; BSA Sociology of Rights Group; CMRB (Centre for research on Migration, Refugees and Belonging, UEL); IRIS (Institute for Research on Superdiversity, UoB; Migrants Organize; Migrants’ Rights Network; People’s Permanent Tribunal; and ROTA (Race on the Agenda)Provisional programme

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Thursday, 20 February 2020 - Introductory Plenary panel 5-7pm :Chair: Corinne Squire; speakers: Nira Yuval-Davis, Don Flynn, Floya Anthias.

Friday, 21 February 2020 –Morning plenary 9-10.30: Global context: Chair:

Nando Sigona; Speakers: Giorgia Dona, Alice Bloch, Liz Fekete

Morning parallel panels 11-12.30:

The family: Chair: Rachel Humphries; Speakers: Eleonore Kofman, Umut Erel, Paige Ballmi

Employment: Chair: Floya Anthias; Speakers: Georgie Wemyss, Stephen Ashe, Wilf Sullivan

Lunch Break 12.30-1.30

Afternoon parallel sessions I 1.30-3.00:



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Education: Chair: Giorgia Dona; Speakers: Corinne Squire, Dami Makinde, Madelaine Arnot

Housing: Chair: Ben Gidley; Speakers: Sue Lukes, Penny Bernstock, Laurie Mompelat

Afternoon parallel panels II 3.30-5.00:

Extreme Right movements: Chair: Liz Fekete; Speakers: Aaron Winter, Aurlien Mondon, Jasbinder Nijjar

Anti-racist movements: Chair: Stephen Ashe; Speakers: Rachel Humphries, Ben Gidley, Pragna Patel

Concluding plenary 5.30-7.00: Chair: Nira Yuval-Davis; Speakers: Avtar Brah, Zrinka Bralo, Nando Sigona

Register [here](#).

Difficult Women: The Defining Fights of Feminism

Date: February 25th, 2020

Time: 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

Organization: Intelligence Squared

Location: Church House, Great Smith Street, Westminster, London, SW1P 3NZ

No woman ever changed the world by being nice. When we look back at history, it's the women who were outspoken, disobedient and downright difficult whom we have to thank for the feminist victories that have been won.

But according to **Helen Lewis**, too many pioneers of women's rights have been whitewashed or forgotten because society likes its heroines to be cuddly and safe. Lewis believes it's time to reclaim the history of feminism as a history of difficult women, and on Tuesday February 25th she comes to the Intelligence Squared stage to set out the arguments of her new book, *Difficult Women: A History of Feminism in 11 Fights*. Many of these fights, she will explain, were won by complex figures such as the working-class suffragette Annie Kenney, who was written out of the suffragette story by its louder, more privileged members; or Erin Pizzey, the pioneer of the women's refuge movement, who fell out with the feminist movement and ended up an activist for men's rights; or Princess Marie Bonaparte, who conducted pioneering research into the female anatomy in order to understand why so many women were having bad sex.

These veterans of the struggle achieved so much but there is still much more to be done. That's why Lewis will be joined on stage by **Caroline Criado Perez**, whose



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bestselling book *Invisible Women: Exposing Data Bias in a World Designed for Men* shows how we are living in a world largely built by and for men. From government policy to technology, workplaces, urban planning and the media, Criado Perez argues that there is perpetual, systemic discrimination against women, which has a profound effect on their lives. Because of this gender data bias, women are far more likely than men to be seriously injured in a car accident, prescribed a drug by that is wrong for their bodies, and to be doing countless hours of work that are not recognised or valued. Chairing the conversation will be BBC broadcaster **Samira Ahmed**, who has recently taken the BBC to court in a high-profile case over equal pay. Join us for a celebration of difficult women – how they have progressed the feminist cause and why we still need them to continue the struggle.

Register [here](#).

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

Date: February 26th, 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).

Register [here](#).

Women In Development Conference

Date: March 5th, 2020



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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 5th, 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 30th).

Register [Here](#).

Counter Terror Expo (CTX) 2020

Date: May 19th – 21st, 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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