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WIIS Opportunities

Executive Director – Women In International Security (WIIS)

Deadline: March 30th, 2020

Location: Washington, DC

Description:

WIIS is looking for an entrepreneurial individual that can take the organization to the next level. We would like to see candidates who are enthusiastic to promote the WIIS mission and help WIIS consolidate its position as a leader in advancing the gender equality and gender and security agenda forward in the US and globally. We are particularly interested in developing our research agenda and educational engagement agenda. In addition, the WIIS Executive Director will have main responsibilities for fundraising.

The Executive Director (ED) is responsible for the overall management and development of the organization. The ED leads the organization, overseeing day-to-day activities ensuring WIIS accomplishes its mission. In conjunction with the Board of Directors and the President, they/she/he sets, prioritizes, implements, and evaluates policies, goals and objectives in support of the mission. In addition, they/she/he hires, supervises and terminates the staff.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

Strategic Leadership

- Develop a Strategic Plan for the organization for the next two to five years.
- Oversee development, prioritization, implementation and evaluation of annual work plans for WIIS goals and objectives.
- Establish annual communications goals; serve as the spokesperson for WIIS; respond to requests for media input in a timely manner; write articles for publication.
- Oversee and ensure appropriate staffing of projects supporting WIIS strategic goals.
- Establish and cultivate synergistic relationships with affiliates, chapters and partner organizations furthering our shared goals.

Fund Development

- Initiate and oversee all fundraising efforts.
- Initiate and actively engage in donor and grant or cultivation activities.

Fiscal Management

- Serve as the main point of contact for WIIS' financial management services (bookkeeper, accounting firm, audit firm, etc.).
- Create and execute an annual budget plan in coordination with the President and Board of directors.



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- Provide financial oversight; oversee and review financial reports and provide feedback to the board of directors.
- Oversee expenditures in accordance with board-approved annual operating budget.

Board Relationships

- Build and maintain an effective working relationship with the President and the Board.
- Work with the board treasurer to ensure proper financial oversight by the board.
- Attend all board meetings.
- Regularly report to the board on all organizational activities and initiatives.

Operations and Human Resources Management

- Provide oversight of day-to-day operations.
- Work closely with the Program Manager and staff to improve organizational efficiency and develop and document standard operating procedures within each department, to include attending weekly staff meetings.
- Oversee contracts with consultants and vendors.
- Solicit pro bono resources where needed and maintain relationships with pro bono vendors (law firms, law school, partner organizations, etc.).
- Oversee organizational risk management efforts (insurance coverage, minimizing legal liability with assistance of pro bono corporate counsel, etc).

Salary Range

- The position has an annual base salary of \$50,000.00-\$55,000. The salary will be subject to quarterly evaluations and readjustments depending on fundraising efforts.

Requirements

- Master's degree (PhD preferred) in international security or related fields.
- Fundraising experience and strong track record
- Strong research and writing skills
- Strong communication skills
- Strong management skills

How to Apply

To be considered for this position, click [here](#) to submit a complete application. Applications are due by March 30th, 2020 and must include:

- Letter of application
- Resume
- Three references, including email and telephone contact information

Please direct any questions to: wiised@wiisglobal.org

More information [here](#).

1325 and Beyond Essay Competition – WIIS & Heinrich Böll Stiftung

Deadline: April 15, 2020

Description:



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In the run up to the 20th anniversary of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (UNSCR 1325 (2000)) Women In International Security (WIIS) and the Heinrich Böll Foundation Washington, DC are launching an international graduate student essay competition 1325AndBeyond.

The essay contest is intended to highlight innovative and imaginative ideas and strategies to achieve the objectives of 1325 in the 2020s. We hope they will provide important input for the 20th anniversary deliberations of UNSCR 1325.

The 1325AndBeyond competition aims to highlight innovative and imaginative strategies to achieve the objectives of 1325 in the next decade—the 2020s. The top five essays will be recognized and will receive a monetary award.

First place winner \$1,325; Second place winner \$1,000; Third place winner \$750; Fourth and fifth place \$250.

Essay Focus

Essays must focus on the future—the next decade, specifically. The question is how best to move the objectives of UNSCR 1325 and the WPS agenda forward in the 2020s, given the successes and failures of the last two decades.

Essays must contain specific and practical (realistic) recommendations for civil society, states, and/or international organizations.

Essays can focus on only one international actor (e.g. civil society, a particular state or group of states, the United Nations, a regional organization) or on a multitude of international actors.

Essay Eligibility

Essay submissions are open to young professionals with an MA or higher academic degree, and students currently enrolled in a MA, PhD, JD or corresponding graduate program at a university or equivalent academic institution in 2020. Recent graduates, as well as individuals who will be enrolled in a graduate program within the next academic year, will also be considered. All genders are encouraged to apply.

Essay Requirements

Essays must be the individuals' own original pieces of work, not previously published; Essays must be written in the English language and be between 1,500 and 2,000 words; Submissions must also include: (1) a 250-word summary; (2) a bibliography; (3) a brief biography; and (4) a copy of school/university enrollment; Optional – a photo.



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The biography should include: a) full name of student; b) name of the school or university and program in which the student is enrolled; c) student contact information (email and phone number)

The summary, bibliography, and biography do not count toward the maximum word count of 2,000 words;

Citations should be included as endnotes and follow the Chicago Manual of Style;

Essays must be typed (single spaced) in 12-point Times New Roman and submitted in both Word and PDF format;

Essays and other submission requirements must be submitted by April 15th 2020 at midnight EST to the online submission form.

Evaluation Criteria

An international jury of scholars and practitioners will evaluate the essays. Essays will be judged on clarity and clear elaboration of arguments as well as the innovative and original nature of policy-recommendations. Winners will be announced on June 30th 2020.

Apply [here](#).

Events (National)

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 multi-national 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](#).

New Voices on Russia - Thieves, Opportunists, and Bureaucrats: Authoritarian Foundations of Russian Regulatory State

Date: February 27th, 2020

Time: 4:00pm-5:30pm

Organization: Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies at the Elliott School of International Affairs

Location: Voesar Conf. Room, Suite 412, Elliott School of International Affairs, 1957 E Street, NW

In the Putin era, the Russian state redefined its role in the economy. In sharp contrast to the 1990s, today, Russia presides over a high-capacity regulatory state that uses formal, albeit often objectionable, administrative mechanisms of economic governance. But what factors promote state regulatory effectiveness in increasingly autocratic Russia? This research investigates formal rules governing bureaucratic institutions as the major source of regulatory quality. Unlike some other components of the regulatory state, statutory controls can lead to better quality regulation



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even when the traditional mechanisms of public accountability are absent. By tracing the evolving nature of Russian regulatory institutions, I am able to identify constraints and opportunities for the building of sound regulatory states by autocratic regimes. I argue that the conflicting incentives of autocrats can affect the extent to which the state relies upon statutory controls as a means of promoting regulatory efficiency. By treating the institutional mechanisms of state regulatory actions as being dependent on political strategies of regime survival, this research advances a more nuanced and compelling theory of how the nature of authoritarianism shapes economic outcomes.

Dr. Dinissa Duvanova is an Associate Professor of International Relations at Lehigh University. Her research focuses on political economy, bureaucratic politics, and technology-enabled forms of political participation in Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia. Duvanova's publications appear in British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Politics, Journal of Comparative Economics, World Development and other outlets. Her book, *Building Business in Post-Communist Russia, Eastern Europe and Eurasia: Collective Goods, Selective Incentives, and Predatory States* (Cambridge University Press, 2013), was awarded the Ed A. Hewett Prize for outstanding publication on the political economy of Russia, Eurasia and/or Eastern Europe. Her second book manuscript, *Thieves, Opportunists, and Bureaucrats: Regulatory Discretion and Discretionary Regulation in Post-Communist States*, addresses business-state relations from the state's perspective and investigates the bureaucratic dimension of state regulatory policy.

Setting Priorities in Health: Cost-Effectiveness, Equity, and More in the Real World

Date: February 27th, 2020

Time: 4:00pm-5:30pm

Organization: Center for Global Development

Location: 2055 L St NW, Washington, DC 20036

Keynote Speakers

- Ezekiel Emanuel, Vice Provost for Global Initiatives and Chair of the Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy, University of Pennsylvania
- Ole Norheim, Professor and Director of the Bergen Center for Ethics and Priority Setting, University of Bergen

Additional Speakers

- Dean Jamison, Professor Emeritus, University of Washington and University of California, San Francisco
- Joseph Millum, Bioethicist, Clinical Center Department of Bioethics & Fogarty International Center, US National Institutes of Health
- Amanda Glassman, Executive Vice President and Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development

More speakers to be announced.

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The global health community strives to ensure that all people, regardless of who they are or where they live, can access quality health services without financial hardship. To meet the health-related SDGs and the commitments laid out in the 2019 United Nations High Level Meeting Declaration on Universal Health Coverage (UHC), many more billions of dollars will need to be spent on health. But as donors drawdown development assistance for many health programs, and as domestic funding for health grows at too slow a rate to close the financing gap in most countries, how should finite financial resources be spent to maximize health impact in a way that is ethically and economically justifiable?

The new book *Global Health Priority Setting: Beyond Cost-Effectiveness*, edited by Ole F. Norheim, Ezekiel J. Emanuel, and Joseph Millum, offers ethical reflections for how to think about priority setting in health in the era of UHC aspirations and provides new actionable frameworks and tools for use in the allocation of health care. Join the Center for Global Development to explore new ethical and economic insights into how money spent on health care can go further and tackle the most important questions that decisionmakers must consider in allocating health resources, centered around new contributions from ethicists, philosophers, economists, policymakers, and clinicians from around the world on setting national and global priorities in health. Please join us for a reception following the event.

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Register [here](#).

Covering the Other Half Billion: China's Rural Sector

Date: February 27th, 2020

Time: 4:30pm-6:00pm

Organization: East Asia National Resource Center

Location: Elliott School of International Affairs, 1957 E Street NW, Room 602 (Linder Family Commons)

For much of post-1949 history, the rural sector has been the poor relation of China's society and economy. Today, however, the rural sector lies at the heart of Xi Jinping's economic agenda for China's comprehensive development. The party's and government's ability to fulfil major economic goals—those relating to employment, food security and rebalancing of the economic system—depend critically on the success of its rural policies. So too does its ability to realize important social and other goals—including poverty reduction, the creation of a more inclusive society, and environmental sustainability. An economically and socially revitalised Chinese countryside will also impact the political stability which China's leaders see as the bedrock of their continuing rule. This lecture will explore all of these dimensions.

Learn more and register [here](#).



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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](#).



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The Pitch: A Competition of New Ideas

Deadline: March 2nd, 2020

Presentation Date: April 7th, 2020

Organization: Center for a New American Security (CNAS)

Location: Washington, DC

The Center for a New American Security (CNAS) is launching a new premier event to elevate emerging and diverse voices in national security. Selected applicants will make their pitch for innovative policy ideas to renew American competitiveness in front of a distinguished panel of judges and live studio audience on April 7, 2020. Competitors will also have their ideas featured in official CNAS products and social media. The Pitch's winners will be invited to present their talks at the CNAS National Security Conference in Washington, D.C. in June 2020.

Applicants should make their pitch for one of the following prompts:

- Alliances and multilateralism: What new approach could the United States pursue to strengthen and better leverage its alliances or international institutions to advance vital U.S. interests and renew American competitiveness?
- Economics and technology: What new idea in U.S. technology or economic policy would bolster American competitiveness in the world and enhance the prosperity of the American people?
- Military and defense: What critical policy change – especially in the areas of strategy, force development, posture and presence, concepts of operation, recruitment and retention, the industrial base, or technology adoption – would have a significant effect in helping maintain America's strategic military advantage over China and Russia?
- National security institutions: What is a key reform to U.S. national security institutions (including structures, processes, and human capital) that would help the United States adapt to evolving challenges in strategic competition?

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be between 25 and 35 years old, as of April 7, 2020.
- Be able to travel to Washington, D.C. for the competition. (Please note that CNAS will not cover travel costs for selected participants.)

Complete applications include:

- A resume
- A 280-character (including spaces) summary of your idea
- A 30-second video pitch of why your idea should be selected.
 - Please note that your application will be judged on the quality of your idea, not the video's production quality. Videos do not need to be high-quality and should



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be shot on a camera phone or comparable recorder. Please see our [example videos](#) for reference.

Applications will be accepted until 5:00 PM EST on March 2, 2020. Decisions will be conveyed to all applicants in mid-March.

If a prospective applicant is unable to submit the required video due to disability, please contact thepitch@cnas.org at CNAS to obtain a reasonable accommodation.

Learn more [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



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(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.

Register [here](#).

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



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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](#).

The Women's Movement in Revolutionary Iran: From 1979 to the Present

Date: March 9th, 2020

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Organization: John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

Location: Nitze Building, 1740 Massachusetts Ave N, Kenney-Herter Auditorium, Washington, DC 20036

Professor Narges Bajoghli cordially invites you to join the Rethinking Iran series

The Women's Movement in Revolutionary Iran: From 1979 to the Present
with

- Dr. Negar Mottahedeh- Professor of Literature, Duke University
- Kateh Vafadari- Civil and political rights advocate
- Sussan Tahmasebi- Co-founder and Executive Director of FEMENA
- Narges Bajoghli- Middle East Studies Professor, Johns Hopkins SAIS (Moderator)

In honor of International Women's Day, SAIS Professor Narges Bajoghli will moderate a conversation between three world-renowned experts on women and politics in Iran regarding the history and current status of the women's movement in the Islamic Republic. The women's movement was a crucial aspect of the revolutionary period. The panel will discuss its impact and how women's issues and collective action movements have evolved between 1979 and today.

Lunch to be provided.

Dr. Negar Mottahedeh is a cultural critic and theorist specializing in interdisciplinary and feminist contributions to the fields of Middle Eastern Studies and Film and Media Studies. She has published five books on Iranian Cinema, the history of reform, revolution, and the uses of various media in protest.

Sussan Tahmesebi is a leading women's rights advocate and expert from Iran. Her work has focused on promoting women's rights and peace in the Middle East and North Africa and Asia. Tahmesebi is the co-founder and Executive Director of FEMENA, an organization which supports female human rights defenders, their organizations, and feminist movements in MENA and Asia. She is a founding member of the One Million Signatures Campaign, a grassroots effort working to end gender-based laws in Iran.



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Kateh Vafadari was one of the central organizers of the March 1979 women's demonstrations which took place immediately after the Iranian revolution. She is a veteran civil and political rights advocate, a defender of women's rights, and a protagonist of independent socialist politics since the early 1970s. The six day women's demonstrations she organized were one of the largest women's collective action movements in the modern history of the Middle East.

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,



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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.)

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.**



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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](#).

2020 Arms Control Association Annual Meeting: Arms Control, Nonproliferation & Disarmament: Into the Next Decade

Date: April 24th, 2020

Time: 9 am - 3:30 pm; followed by a reception at 4 pm

Organization: Arms Control Association

Location: 525 New Jersey Avenue NW, Washington DC

This year as we mark the 75th anniversary of the dawn of the nuclear age and the 50th anniversary of the Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT), we face an ever more serious array of challenge.

We invite you to register and participate in the 2020 Arms Control Association Annual Meeting to learn more about new developments, looming challenges, and how we can get back on the path to a safer future as we enter the new decade.

Topics will include:

- The battle about whether to extend New START;
- The pivotal 2020 NPT Review Conference;
- The precarious condition surrounding the Iran nuclear deal; and
- How key nuclear weapons issues will play in the 2020 election debate.
- Join us at the Washington Court Hotel on Capitol Hill. The conference includes a lunch buffet and post-networking reception featuring special guests.

Register by March 27 to take advantage of early-bird registration rates.

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



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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:



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- 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)

Autonomous Weapons: What role for Canada?

Date: February 20th, 2020

Time: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM EST

Organization: Project Ploughshares

Location: Ottawa Art Gallery, 50 Mackenzie King Bridge
Ottawa, ON K1N 0C5, Canada

The recent mandate letter for Canada's foreign minister indicated that Canada will be supporting efforts to ban fully autonomous weapons. How will this mandate be carried out and what role can Canada play in the international discussions and beyond?

Panel discussion:

- Dr. Jason Millar, University of Ottawa, Canada Research Chair in the Ethical Engineering of Robotics and Artificial Intelligence
- Dr. Branka Marijan, Project Ploughshares
- Paul Hannon, Executive Director, Mines Action Canada

Program:

5:30 PM Arrival & Welcome

Complimentary Refreshments

Networking

6:00 PM Panel Start

What are autonomous weapons (or killer robots)?

In a fully autonomous weapons system, there is no meaningful human control over critical decisions, such as the decision to target and kill people.

Fully autonomous weapons systems do not yet exist. However, advances in machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI) are raising concerns about growing autonomy of weapons systems. Countries with high-tech militaries, particularly the United States, China, Israel, South Korea, Russia, and the United Kingdom are developing autonomous systems for military applications. Currently, some 130 military systems can autonomously track targets.



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Canadian and international AI and robotics experts believe that the development of autonomous weapons comes with significant risks, and have called for strict oversight of these systems by the international community.

Countries have been meeting at the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) in Geneva and discussing AWS since 2014. The next meeting on the topic will be in June and August of 2020.

Join us to examine further the topic of autonomous weapons and what role Canada can play in addressing the humanitarian concerns these weapons raise!

Event supported by the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots.

Register [here](#).

Peace, Security and Crisis Response in Libya: An EU Practitioner's Perspective

Date: February 24th, 2020

Time: 2:30 pm

Organization: The International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation and Political Violence

Location: King's College London

We are delighted to host Edouard Belloncle for a talk on 'Peace, Security and Crisis Response in Libya: An EU Practitioner's Perspective'.

For the last ten years, he has been working within the European Commission at political, policy and programming level on issues related to peace and security in regions including MENA, Africa, and Asia. He is currently based in Tunis where he directs EU-supported interventions funded under the Instrument Contributing to Stability and Peace (ICSP) in the Maghreb countries (Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia).

If you would like to RSVP for this event please 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



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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 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



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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](#).

Homeland Security (HLS) Indonesia 2020

Date: March 4th-6th, 2020

Organization: Homeland Security (HLS) Indonesia

Location: Jakarta Convention Center (JCC), Jalan Jend. Gatot Subroto, RT.1/RW.3, Gelora, Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota, Jakarta, 10270, Indonesia

Homeland Security (HLS) Indonesia 2020 Conference and Exhibition, is a biennial event dedicated to bringing the latest expertise, products and solutions to address Indonesia's burgeoning requirements in counter-terrorism, cyber security, public safety and law enforcement. HLS Indonesia receives the official endorsement of the Indonesian Ministry of Law and Human Rights, the National Narcotics Board, the National Counter Terrorism Agency, etc.

Learn more and register [here](#).

Women In Development Conference

Date: March 5th, 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 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.

Register [Here](#).



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The Lenses of Conflict

Date: March 7th, 2020

Time: 9AM- 5PM

Organization: WIIS-Queen's and the Royal Military College of Canada

Location: Grant Hall (43 University Ave, Kingston, ON K7L 3N5)

WIIS-Queen's and the Royal Military College of Canada are proud to present our third annual conference: The Lenses of Conflict.

This year we will have a variety of panels and speakers addressing topics surrounding humanitarian intervention, the role of the military and government, as well as journalism and media. The aim of this conference is to provide a range of perspectives on different issues relating to gender and security.

The conference will be held March 7th, 2020, 9:00am-5:00pm, at Grant Hall (43 University Ave, Kingston, ON K7L 3N5). Being a full day event, complimentary lunch and refreshments will be provided, as well as a social following the closing remarks at 5:00.

Tickets will be \$5.00, and all of the proceeds will be donated to the Kingston Interval House. Find out more about the Interval House [here](#).

Register [here](#).

Racism, Migration and the “Hostile Environment”

Date: April 2nd, 2020

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 2-3 April 2020 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 College, Malet St, Bloomsbury, London WC1E 7HX, on the 2nd (5pm-7pm) and 3rd (9am-7pm,) April 2020.

Among the speakers (in alphabetical order) are:



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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; Citizenship and Governance Strategic Research Area, the Open University and ROTA (Race on the Agenda)

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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