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### WIIS Opportunities and Events

1325 and Beyond Essay Competition – WIIS & Heinrich Böll Stiftung

**Deadline**: May 10, 2020

**Description**:

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.



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#### **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. 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 (Online)**

**COVID-19: Magnifying the World's Inequities** 

**Date:** April 30, 2020 **Time:** 9:00 am – 10:30 am **Organization:** Wilson Center

Please join the Wilson Center and EMD Serono, a business of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany for an event focused on the gender and race implications of COVID-19. Hear from experts on topics around women and work, caregiving, gender-based violence, racism and sexism in healthcare, access to sexual and reproductive health services, pregnancy, the context of humanitarian settings, the female-led workforce of nurses and midwives, and the role and experience of men and boys during the current pandemic.

More information here.



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#### The Future of Idlib and Syrian IDPs

**Date:** April 30, 2020 **Time:** 10:00 am

**Organization:** Atlantic Council

ONLINE EVENT – The situation on the ground in Idlib remains precarious and a ceasefire, negotiated by Turkey and Russia in early March, difficult to maintain. At the same time, an offensive in early 2020 displaced around a million Syrian civilians to the Turkish border. Now more than 2 million IDPs are squeezed into a small borderland next to Turkey, creating an enormous humanitarian challenge. The webinar will take place at 5:00 p.m. Turkey time / 10:00 am EDT.

More information here.

#### Iran, the US, and the COVID-19 Crisis

Date: April 30, 2020

**Time:** 12:00 pm – 12:45 pm (PST) **Organization:** World Affairs

While the world is preoccupied with the pandemic, tensions between the U.S. and Iran continue to escalate as the two countries pursue conflicting interests in Iraq and the region. Moreover, when it comes to COVID-19, Iran has been among the countries hardest hit. What is the current situation in Iran, and how is the country managing this health crisis while also subject to international economic sanctions? What are we missing in terms of the larger strategic questions driving U.S. policy on Iran and in the region? Iran finds itself in a vice between COVID-19 and the United States. What will give?

More information here.

### Youth Speak Out on Beijing+25 and Generation Equality

**Date:** April 30, 2020 **Time:** 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Organization: NGO CSW, NY Young Professionals

Join the NGO CSW/NY Young Professionals and our global partners for a youth discussion on the challenges and solutions on meaningful participation of young people in global advocacy for Beijing+25 and Generation Equality.

Register here.



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What role will the Army play in great power competition after COVID-19?

**Date:** April 30, 2020 **Time:** 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

**Organization:** Brookings Institution

Two years after the National Defense Strategy was published, it's time to take stock of where the Army stands. On an immediate level, the age of COVID-19 presents the Army with an unprecedented set of challenges. From ensuring high levels of readiness to keeping up recruitment, the pandemic has forced the Army to adapt quickly to carry out its mission. But even as the crisis rages on, the Army must think about challenges that will outlast this one, such as readiness on the Korean Peninsula and in Eastern Europe, as well as meeting objectives for modernization and ensuring the health of the all-volunteer force.

Senior Fellow Michael O'Hanlon will host Secretary of the Army Ryan McCarthy and Chief of Staff of the Army General James McConville for a conversation on the Army in the era of COVID-19, the challenges it will face after the pandemic recedes, and how to fight the wars of the future.

More information here.

CSIS Debate Series: Do Human Rights Protections Advance Counter-Terrorism

**Objectives?** 

**Date:** May 4th, 2020

**Time:** 10:00 am – 11:00 am

**Organization:** The Center for Strategic and International Studies: Africa Program

Since the 1990s, there generally has been consensus about U.S. priorities and policies toward the region. While continuity has its merits, it also acts as a brake on creativity, innovation, and new thinking about U.S. interests in sub-Saharan Africa. The CSIS Africa Debate Series offers an opportunity to question and refine policy objectives to meet a changing political landscape.

CSIS will pose the question, "Do human rights protections advance counter-terrorism objectives?". Experts will face off to identify the advantages and disadvantages of human rights protections in sub-Saharan Africa and to open a dialogue on a new framework for U.S. foreign policy toward Africa. Additional speaker information will be added as we get closer to the event date. Save the date, register, and subscribe to the CSIS Africa Program distribution list to receive updates on the Debate Series.

This event is made possible through the generous support of Open Society Foundations.

Register Here.



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#### **Pursuing Effective and Conflict-Aware Stabilization**

**Date:** May 5, 2020

**Time**: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

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

Please join the CSIS Cooperative Defense Project and Project on Prosperity and Development for a discussion on best practices the U.S. government can implement to conduct more effective and conflict-aware stabilization. It has been over a year since the Trump administration published its Stabilization Assistance Review (SAR), providing guiding principles that are relevant now more than ever. This discussiion will feature the launch of a CSIS Policy Brief on the subject and focus on how SAR principles and the newly passed Global Fragility Act can provide frameworks to inform integrated, partnership-driven, whole-of-government approaches in stabilization country contexts.

More information here.

### Effective Policy Responses to Global Crises: Historical Lessons from Energy Shocks with

Michaël Aklin Date: May 5, 2020

**Time**: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

**Organization**: Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

Countries regularly face difficult and yet unanticipated crises, such as the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. How can governments respond to them effectively? In this webinar, we will explore historical cases of energy shocks, from the 1973 oil crisis to the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster, to understand how governments respond and when they are likely to succeed in mitigating the crisis. Drawing on these lessons, we will discuss the long-term impacts of the coronavirus response and strategies for a more sustainable and resilient future.

Learn more and register here.

### The Splendid and the Vile When It Comes to Leadership

**Date:** May 5, 2020 **Time:** 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Organization:** New America

Join us Tuesday, May 5 for less than an hour at 4:00 pm EDT to discuss the lessons we can learn about inspiring leadership in times of crisis (and a leader's mobilization of technology) from Winston Churchill's handling of Britain's "finest hour."

More information here.



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From Japanese American Incarceration to COVID-19: The Fight for Justice

**Date:** May 5, 2020

**Time**: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm (PST)

Organization: Pacific Council on International Policy

While times of global crisis can bring out the best in this country, they also have a history of surfacing deeply rooted xenophobia and bigotry. At a moment where many are fearful, we are once again seeing efforts to scapegoat a group of Americans based on their identity.

On May 5th, the Pacific Council and Japanese American National Museum (JANM), in partnership with Skylight Books, will host a conversation with John Tateishi about his recent book, *Redress: The Inside Story of the Successful Campaign for Japanese American Reparations*, and his experiences leading the fight to seek reparative justice. Tateishi will join Karen Ishizuka, Chief Curator at JANM, to discuss the parallels between his own experiences, the post-9/11 period, and today.

More information here.

#### Virtual Women in Global Development Leadership Online Series

**Date:** May 5-7, 2020

**Organization**: Women Innovators & Leaders Networks

At WILD we're focussed on keeping the momentum going around advancing women's leadership, equity, diversity and inclusion in the global development sector.

While the date of our in-person annual forum has been pushed out due to the coronavirus, I invite you to mark your calendars with these dates for **virtual opportunities** to connect, learn and grow.

More information here. Register here.

#### **Democracy on the Verge: Leadership in Times of Crisis**

**Date:** May 6, 2020

**Time**: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

**Organization**: Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs

As the United States faces its worst public health emergency in over a century, the need for clear, ethical leadership becomes more urgent every day. At the same time, democracy is being tested in ways that most people alive today could have never conceived of a couple months ago.

In this context, what can we learn from America's past? What was Abraham Lincoln's leadership style during the Civil War? How did FDR keep the country united during the Great



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Depression and World War II? How did the U.S. emerge into the Roaring 20s from the tragedies of World War I and the Spanish Flu?

To share his knowledge on all of these issues, CCEIA is very pleased to have **Ted Widmer**, senior fellow and Carnegie-Uehiro Fellow at the Carnegie Council, as our honored speaker in a virtual Zoom conference on **Wednesday**, **May 6**, **2020** from 12:00 to 1:00 pm to discuss "Democracy on the Verge: Leadership in Times of Crisis" with Carnegie Council President Joel Rosenthal.

Widmer is also distinguished visiting scholar and director of the Humanities Lab at the Macaulay Honors College of the City University of New York. His latest book, *Lincoln on the Verge: Thirteen Days to Washington*, was published on April 7. Previously, Widmer was the director of John W. Kluge Center at the Library of Congress and the director of the John Carter Brown Library at Brown University. He has also served as foreign policy speechwriter and senior adviser to President Bill Clinton and senior adviser to Secretary Hillary Clinton.

More information here.

#### President's Club Conversation on US Foreign Policy in Afghanistan

**Date:** May 7, 2020

**Time**: 12:00 pm – 12:45 pm (CST)

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

On February 29, the United States and the Taliban signed a preliminary peace deal aimed at ending nearly 19 years of war in Afghanistan. But the deal is mired in ambiguity and unanswered questions for Afghans, regional allies, and the United States. Who will enforce the peace deal or fill the vacuum if the United States dramatically diminishes its presence in Afghanistan? How will regional counter-terrorism efforts and foreign policy strategy in Afghanistan and the Middle East change? President's Club members and above are invited to an exclusive off-the-record Zoom discussion with Robert Pape, professor of political science at the University of Chicago, and Cécile Shea, Chicago Council senior fellow on global security and diplomacy, as they discuss the Afghan peace deal's ramifications on the region and the United States' reputation.

More information here.

**China: The World's Next Premier Superpower?** 

**Date:** May 7, 2020

**Time**: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm (PST) **Organization**: World Affairs

China's rise and the United State's relative decline on the world stage has led to a tense and complicated relationship between the two. China is determined to restore the power and prestige



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it held before the 19th century, while the US is desperate to maintain its superpower status and image as the ideal society. The US and China have worked together in the past with mutual gain and respect, but a major geopolitical contest that was launched by the Trump administration could derail either county's plans for primacy. Join Ambassador Kishore Mahbubani for a discussion on why this geopolitical contest is a lose-lose situation for China and the US, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and global warming.

More information here.

Global China – Assessing China's technological reach in the world

**Date:** May 8, 2020

**Time**: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

**Organization**: Brookings Institution

China's ambition to "catch up with and surpass" the West in advanced technologies, as well as concerns about how Beijing may deploy or exploit such technologies, have become significant drivers of geopolitical competition. While the United States has maintained a technological edge for decades, China has made major investments and implemented policies that have bolstered its economic growth, military capability, and global influence. Nevertheless, there is significant debate about the gap between China's technological ambitions and achievements, and the long-term prospects for its development of key technologies.

On Friday, May 8, Foreign Policy at Brookings will host a virtual event to explore these and other questions. This virtual event will consist of two panels that address issues surrounding the global technology infrastructure and U.S.-China technology competition. This event complements the next installment of papers as part of the Brookings series on "Global China: Assessing China's Growing Role in the World."

Analysis in this release focuses on technology competition between the United States and China, as well as China's ambitions and development of 5G wireless technology, artificial intelligence, financial technology, biotechnology, surveillance technologies, technology alliance management, space technology, and regulation of leading U.S. technology companies.

More information here.



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### **Events (International)**

**COVID-19 and Deglobalisation** 

**Date:** April 30, 2020

**Time:** 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm (BST)

Organization: London School of Economics & Political Science

COVID-19 was a significant supply shock for the global economy, among other things. With nations protecting their borders and even limiting some trade, will this accelerate a

move toward deglobalisation?

How should countries position themselves in a world where the US and China are also de-coupling? What does it mean for UK foreign and economic policies?

More information here.

Endell Street: the trailblazing women who ran World War I's most remarkable military hospital

**Date:** May 21, 2020

**Time**: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm (BST)

Organization: London School of Economics & Political Science

Wendy Moore speaks on her new book *Endell Street: The trailblazing women who ran World War One's most remarkable military hospital.* 

Endell Street tells the story of the suffragette doctors, Louisa Garrett Anderson and Flora Murray, who set up and ran the Endell Street Military Hospital in the heart of London in World War One.

More information here.

#### Behavioural Analysis 2020

**Date:** June 10th - 11th, 2020

Time: TBA

**Organization**: Green Light

Location: Royal Air Force Museum, London



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\*\*A two-day conference exploring how hostile or criminal intent can be identified through the observation of behavioural indicators and the use of tactical risk analysis and non-racial profiling techniques\*\*

Green Light is delighted to announce the 3rd edition of the Behavioural Analysis conference. Following its launch in Cardiff in 2018, and an exciting 2nd edition in 2019 at Mall of America, Minneapolis, the conference will be landing in London in June 2020 and will take place at the Royal Air Force Museum.

The threat to sporting, music and other large-scale entertainment venues, transportation networks, retail parks, hotels, museums, tourist attractions and crowded spaces is becoming increasingly complex and diverse. Accordingly, the security industry needs to evolve to protect itself from terrorist, criminal and other forms of attack and those working in the industry must acquire the necessary skill sets to detect the subtle signs of negative intent and learn how to deal with the threat accordingly.

In line with previous events, the third edition of the conference will deliver practical insights into the behavioural analysis techniques used to identify individuals with negative intent. The conference will allow delegates to develop their knowledge of behavioural analysis by hearing presentations from the leading experts in the security industry.

After taking place at the Welsh national rugby stadium (the Principality Stadium) in 2018 and the largest retail and entertainment complex in the United States (Mall of America®) in 2019, Behavioural Analysis 2020 will take place in London at the Royal Air Force Museum. This venue offers an exciting backdrop for diverse and engaging presentations, extensive networking opportunities, and exhibition space for innovative and forward-thinking companies to display their solutions and products in a unique setting.

More information here.

#### Counter Terror Expo (CTX) 2020

**Date:** September 8-10, 2020 (New date) **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,



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