

WIS WIS Events Hotline December 9th, 2020

P a g e | 1

Table of Contents

<i>WIIS Events</i>
Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery: The Roles of Finance and Tech
Events (Online)
Importance of Accountability: Genocide Prevention and Justice for Victims Panel
COVID-19 and the Balkans: Navigating Conspiracy Theories and Geopolitics
Historical Appropriation Among Far-Right Extremists5
Empowering New Voices: Re-Envisioning Mentorship in the COVID Era
NATO 20/2020: 20 bold ideas to reimagine the Alliance after the 2020 US election7
Presidential transition process: Understanding the obligations, obstacles, and urgency
2020 Global Technology Summit
Legalization of Migrant Workers under Covid 19: A Tale of Two Countries
Reducing the Nuclear Threat: A 5-Point Plan11
Vanishing Media Freedoms Across South Asia11
School choice in a time of transition
FP Analytics Report Launch: Investing In Resilience from the Ground Up 13
Latin America-China relations in 2021: Opportunities, risks, and recommendations
Electoral Authoritarianism in Eurasia: Continuities and Transformations
How Did 9/11 Affect Terrorism Research? A Look at Disciplines and Gender
Events (International) 17
Are we on the same wavelength? EU terminology used in Slovak media and its potential to reach out to more citizens



WIIS Events

Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery: The Roles of Finance and Tech

Date: December 15, 2020 Time: 4:00 PM

Join WIIS and the Embassy of the Principality of Liechtenstein, Washington DC on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 4 pm EST for a virtual policy roundtable discussion on efforts to combat human trafficking and modern slavery, with a focus on the roles of the financial and technology sectors.

Human trafficking and slavery are illegal in most states, yet the International Labour Organization (ILO) estimates that there are 40.3 million people enslaved or victim of trafficking. Trafficking is one of the most profitable criminal activities with profits of up to \$150 billion a year. In 2018, Liechtenstein launched the Finance Against Slavery Initiative (FAST) to examine how the financial sector can be mobilized to abolish modern slavery and trafficking. That same year a coalition of technology companies launched a Tech Against Trafficking (TAT) Initiative.

In this roundtable, we will examine what progress has been made on both initiatives. We will also examine how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the illegal trade in humans, and innovative approaches and new policy initiatives to eliminate human trafficking and modern slavery.

Remarks:

• Ambassador Kurt Jaeger, Ambassador of Liechtenstein to the United States

Panelists:

- Prof. James Cockayne, Liechtenstein Initiative for Finance Against Slavery & Trafficking
- Jamille Bigio, Council on Foreign Relations
- Hannah Darnton, Tech Against Trafficking Initiative
- Dr. Layla M. Hashemi, Terrorism, Transatlantic Crime and Corruption Center

Moderator:

• Dr. Chantal de Jonge Oudraat, Women in International Security (WIIS)



WIIS Events Hotline December 9th, 2020

P a g e | 3

Register here.

Events (Online)

Importance of Accountability: Genocide Prevention and Justice for Victims Panel Date: December 9, 2020 Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Organization: Darfur Women's Action Group

For the past 8 years, DWAG has hosted its annual Symposium on Women and Genocide in the 21st Century. While the three-day-long event has been postponed because of the global pandemic, we hope to continue the important conversations and galvanize our supporters through these panels.

Taking place at the end of our 16 Days of Activism campaign and on the International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and the Prevention of this Crime, this panel will reflect on how accountability provides justice to victims and serves to prevent future genocides by proving that perpetrators will be held accountable.

Join Darfur Women Action Group to recognize the International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and Prevention of this Crime. DWAG Founder and President Niemat Ahmadi, Ambassador Stephen Rapp, and Dr. Gregory Stanton will discuss effective accountability and transitional justice measures, with specific focus on Darfur; strategies to empower women and victims of genocide; and recommendations to ensure that prevention efforts and the needs of those impacted by genocide are not compromised by the global pandemic.

Register here.

COVID-19 and the Balkans: Navigating Conspiracy Theories and Geopolitics Date: December 10, 2020 Time: 11:30 AM Organization: The Atlantic Council

Please join the Atlantic Council's <u>Future Europe Initiative</u> and the Balkans in Europe Policy Advisory Group (BiEPAG) on Thursday, December 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EST / 17:30 hrs – 18:30 hrs CET for the launch of a new report, "The suspicious Virus: Conspiracies and COVID-19 in the Balkans." The event features leading regional experts who conducted research in the Western Balkans six to discuss how the COVID-19 pandemic



reinforced geopolitical competition in the region, the disruptive role of conspiracy theories, and the implications for Euro-Atlantic integration.

As the Western Balkans six confront the COVID-19 crisis, the virus has given rise to new conspiracy theories that erode trust in public health initiatives and democratic institutions. Despite breakthroughs in vaccine development around the world, conspiracies threaten to undermine government efforts to curb the virus and complicate the dissemination of important information. Such conspiracies also reinforce existing geopolitical preferences and heighten anti-Western narratives, leading to an uncertain future for the Balkans and its role in the transatlantic community at a critical time.

Join us for a timely discussion as experts explain the basis for COVID-19 conspiracy theories in the Balkans and outline recommendations for policymakers and stakeholders to restore public trust in order to navigate the current crisis.

Featuring

Dr. Dimitar Bechev Nonresident Senior Fellow, Eurasia Center, Atlantic Council; Director, European Policy Institute, Sofia

Dr. Florian Bieber Director, Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz; Coordinator, Balkans in Europe Policy Advisory Group (BiEPAG)

Dr. Dejan Jović Professor of International Relations, Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb; Member, Balkans in Europe Policy Advisory Group (BiEPAG)

Dr. Tena Prelec Research Fellow, Department of Politics and International Relations (DPIR), University of Oxford; Member, Balkans in Europe Policy Advisory Group (BiEPAG)

Moderated by

Mr. Tim Judah Balkans Correspondent The Economist

Register here.



WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

P a g e | 5

Historical Appropriation Among Far-Right Extremists

Date: December 10, 2020 Time: 2:00 – 3:00 PM Organization: National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism at the University of Maryland

On Thursday, December 10 at 2:00 p.m. ET, START will host a virtual panel event on "Historical Appropriation Among Far-Right Extremists." This event is free and open to the public, but <u>RSVPs</u> are required. If you have any questions, please email the START events team at <u>start-events@umd.edu</u>.

In this discussion, Brandeis University Assistant Professor of English Dr. Dorothy Kim will discuss the use of Viking culture and symbols among white supremacists, *Eidolon* Editor-in-Chief Dr. Donna Zuckerberg will explore the use of ancient Greek and Latin texts among online male supremacists and START Senior Researcher Dr. Elizabeth Yates will offer examples of known violent extremists and how these historical claims are made clear in their writing.

Dr. Dorothy Kim teaches Medieval Literature at Brandeis University. Her research focuses on race, gender, digital humanities, medieval women's literary cultures, medievalism, Jewish/Christian difference, book history, digital media, and the alt-right. She was a 2013-2014 Fellow at the University of Michigan's Frankel Institute of Advanced Judaic Studies where she drafted a monograph entitled *Jewish/Christian Entanglements: Ancrene Wisse and its Material Worlds* (under submission, University of Penn Press). She also has another book, *The Alt-Medieval: Digital Whiteness and Medieval Studies* forthcoming with the University of Minnesota Press. She has a forthcoming book with Lynn Ramey entitled *Global Medieval Digital Humanities* (Cambridge UP). She spent the 2018-2019 AAUW fellowship working on her next book, *Race, the Crusades, and the Katherine Group*.

Dr. Donna Zuckerberg is the author of <u>Not All Dead White Men: Classics and Misogyny in</u> <u>the Digital Age</u> (Harvard University Press, 2018). She received her Ph.D. from Princeton University in 2014 and is the founder and Editor-in-Chief of <u>Eidolon</u>, a prize-winning online publication for informal Classics scholarship that had more than 1.5 million views. Her writing has appeared in the Washington Post, the TLS, and Jezebel. She lives in California with her two sons and bulldog.

<u>Dr. Elizabeth Yates</u> is a Senior Researcher on the domestic radicalization team at START. She works primarily on the suite of datasets associated with PIRUS (Profiles of Individual



Page | 6

Radicalization in the United States) and BIAS (Bias Incidents and Actors Study), with a special focus on far-right violence, extremism, and hate crimes. She is also a co-Principal Investigator on a multi-year NIJ-funded project studying extremist offender reintegration. In addition, Dr. Yates has taught undergraduate classes in Terrorism Studies and Sociology at the University of Maryland and the University of Pittsburgh, respectively. She earned a doctorate in Sociology at the University of Pittsburgh, and a BA in International Relations at Tufts University.

Learn more and register here.

Empowering New Voices: Re-Envisioning Mentorship in the COVID Era

Date: December 10, 2020 Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM EST Organization: Nuclear Threat Initiative and Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security

Please join the Nuclear Threat Initiative, Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security, Women's Action for New Directions, BombShellToe, Organizations in Solidarity, and Gender Champions in Nuclear Policy for an interactive conversation about mentorship in the age of COVID. This webinar is part of our series on issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The webinar will serve as an opportunity to explore the qualities of a good mentorship experience, profile many of the exciting mentorship opportunities in our field, and discuss mentorship challenges/opportunities facing marginalized communities, particularly Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities.

Speakers include:

- Deepika Choudhary, Director, Communications, Nuclear Threat Initiative
- <u>Lovely Umayam</u>, Founder and Chief Creative Producer, BombShellToe / Mentorship WG Chair, OrgsinSolidarity
- <u>Gabrielle Gueye</u>, Mentorship Programs Lead, Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security (WCAPS)
- <u>Andrea Pimentel</u>, Program Coordinator, Women's Action for New Directions (WAND)
- <u>Richard Johnson</u>, Senior Director for Fuel Cycle and Verification, Nuclear Threat Initiative

By registering for this event, you acknowledge and agree to respect the following overarching values:



- Treating every person with respect and fairness;
- Actively including, investing in, and valuing diverse and emergent perspectives;
- Creating and maintaining safe, inclusive workplaces free from harassment and discrimination;
- Promoting diverse leaders inside and outside our organizations;
- Working together in a spirit of openness, honesty and transparency.

Register here.

NATO 20/2020: 20 bold ideas to reimagine the Alliance after the 2020 US election

Date: December 11, 2020 Time: 9:00 AM Organization: Atlantic Council

Please join the Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security's <u>Transatlantic Security Initiative</u> for a virtual public discussion on "NATO 20/2020: Twenty bold ideas to reimagine the Alliance after the 2020 US election," on Friday, December 11, 2020 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. EST via the Zoom platform, where authors from the Atlantic Council's eponymous volume of essays will showcase their bold ideas for discussion.

More than two decades after NATO's inspired decision to invite former adversaries to join its ranks, the Alliance once again needs innovative ideas to navigate complex security challenges ranging from great-power competition to climate change. Fortunately, we have twenty.

Join us to hear about these provocative ideas for transforming the Alliance, including how NATO can build resilience for an era of shocks, supersize cyber investments, open a bank, build an Atlantic-Pacific Partnership, end the Russian veto on Georgian accession, and even seek membership from Mexico.

The event will feature a fireside chat with NATO Deputy Secretary General Mircea Geoană on NATO's 2030 initiative and the future of the Alliance. We'll then hear a series of short idea pitches from our next-generation authors and solicit reactions from a panel of NATO experts.

A fireside chat with:



WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Page | 8

Amb. Mircea Geoană Deputy Secretary General NATO

Damon Wilson **Executive Vice President** Atlantic Council

A panel discussion among:

H.E. Dame Karen Pierce, DCMG British Ambassador to the United States Her Majesty's Government

Amb. Baiba Braže Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy NATO

Amb. Doug Lute Former US Ambassador to NATO and Board Director Atlantic Council

Lauren Speranza Director, Transatlantic Defense and Security Center for European Policy Analysis

Moderated by:

Teri Schultz Freelance Reporter

Register here.

Presidential transition process: Understanding the obligations, obstacles, and urgency Date: December 14, 2020 Time: 2:00 – 3:00 PM Organization: The Brookings Institute

After Joe Biden was declared the winner of the 2020 presidential election, President Trump attempted to overturn the election results and thwart Biden's official transition process by



 $Page \mid 9$

setting off a series of legal challenges in battleground states. Weeks after Biden's victory was called, the Trump administration is now cooperating. But the delays have significantly cut into what is traditionally an intense 11-week process.

The transition between presidential administrations is a vital and decisive time. Transitions are important not only because they identify the new leadership of presidential appointees, but also because they carry out basic staff work for the first several months of the new administration. To accomplish the latter, it is necessary that the president-elect's transition team has access to information on and from federal agencies. With the inauguration more than a month away, how will Biden's team operate to make up for lost time? What measures will his team need to take to ensure the country is properly governed amidst two devastating health and economic crises?

On December 14, Governance Studies at Brookings will host a webinar examining presidential transitions and the obstacles President-elect Joe Biden's team currently faces. Panelists will analyze the importance of a smooth transition process and key administration staff roles to be filled.

Viewers can submit questions for speakers via email to <u>events@brookings.edu</u> or via Twitter at <u>@BrookingsGov</u> or by using #Transition2021.

Register here.

2020 Global Technology Summit Date: December 14, 2020 – December 18, 2020 Organization: Carnegie India

Building on the resounding success of the past four editions (2016-2019), we are excited to announce this year's Global Technology Summit, co-hosted by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and themed The Geopolitics of Technology.

Technology is shaping the contours of our lives like never before. In the new normal of a pandemic ridden world, questions surrounding access to data, digital payment infrastructures, and vaccine supply chains inform how countries perceive global arenas of collaboration and competition. Join us from 14 - 18 December, on a fully integrated virtual platform, for a truly international, immersive, and in-depth look at the role of technology in the age of digital globalization.

This year, Carnegie India will convene industry experts, policymakers, and scholars from all over the world to deliberate over five days on five comprehensive sub-themes—Geopolitics



of Technology, Data: Linking the World, Digital Payments: The Future of Global Financial Highways, Digital Inclusion: Taking the Local to the Global, and Transforming Healthcare for a Post-COVID World.

Learn more and register here.

Legalization of Migrant Workers under Covid 19: A Tale of Two Countries Date: December 14, 2020 Time: 12:30 – 2:00 PM EST Organization: Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies

This panel is part of "The Agri-food Industry in the Wake of Covid 19: Countering the Exploitation of Migrant Workers in Italy and the US", a series consisting of two events regarding Human Trafficking.

In Italy, the 'caporalato' phenomenon represents a form of illegal intermediation and exploitation of migrant workers in the agricultural sector, constituting up to one fourth of the total agricultural workforce. In the US, it is an open secret that those harvesting America's food are mainly immigrants and decades-long residents of the country.

The seminar series addresses this form of exploitation of migrant workers in the wake of Covid-19 by comparing policies adopted in Italy and the US. Indeed, the pandemic brought the high demand for short-term, flexible labor in the agri-food industry to the attention of the general public, as supply chains risked having a shortage of products due to lock down measures imposed by governments. The pandemic therefore exacerbated a pre-existing and long-standing problem of the agricultural and food industry which is at the crossroads between organized crime, corruption and trafficking of human beings.

The seminars will tackle this complex phenomenon by bringing together experts and activists with the aim of offering SAIS students the opportunity to learn about forms of modern slavery and strategies to counter human exploitation at a national and international level.

The panel will discuss policy options regarding regularization of undocumented agricultural workers in the U.S. and Italy in the wake of Covid 19. More specifically, the Seminar will focus on the Dreamers movement in the USA and Law n. 34/2020 in Italy.

Panelists:

- Giulia Crescini Association for Juridical Studies on Immigration (ASGI), Italy
- America Hernandez Kids in Need of Defense (KIND), US



• Alexandra Malangone (Moderator) - Center for Constitutional Studies and Democratic Development (CCSDD), Italy

The event is hosted by <u>Sara Pennicino</u>, Adjunct Professor of International Law; Associate Professor of Comparative Public Law, University of Padua, Italy

Register here.

Reducing the Nuclear Threat: A 5-Point Plan

Date: December 14, 2020 Time: 1:00 – 2:00 PM EST Organization: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

A global nuclear arms race is underway, and the threat of nuclear war is growing. Drivers of escalation—ballistic missile defense, nonstrategic nuclear weapons, and China's nuclear modernization—cannot be easily managed through treaties, so what can be done to mitigate the real risks of the nuclear contest?

Please join us for a conversation featuring James Acton, as he shares insights from a new Carnegie report, "Revamping Nuclear Arms Control: Five Near-Term Proposals," coauthored with Carnegie Endowment scholars Thomas MacDonald and Pranay Vaddi. Acton will be joined by Kristin Ven Bruusgaard of the University of Oslo. Anita Friedt, who served as a U.S. principal deputy assistant secretary of state, will moderate.

Featuring

- James M. Acton: Acton holds the Jessica T. Mathews Chair and is co-director of the Nuclear Policy Program and a senior fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.
- Kristin Ven Bruusgaad: Kristin Ven Bruusgaard is a postdoctoral fellow in the Political Science Department at the University of Oslo.
- Anita Friedt: Anita Friedt is a former U.S. principal deputy assistant secretary of state.

Learn more here.

Vanishing Media Freedoms Across South Asia Date: December 15, 2020 Time: 9:00 – 10:30 AM EST Organization: United States Institute of Peace



Across South Asia, an already challenging climate for free media appears to have further deteriorated in the past year. The 2020 World Press Freedom Index has seen India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka slip down the annual rankings, with all four South Asian countries in the bottom third worldwide. The challenges to free media in South Asia are myriad—particularly threats to journalists' safety and freedom, repressive actions and overt censorship by governments, unravelling business models, and a chaotic online environment. In many cases, the coronavirus pandemic has exacerbated the threats that journalists and media outlets face as economic pressures have intensified and governments seek to further restrict media freedoms.

Join USIP as we host distinguished journalists from the region to shed light on the challenges of the past year, share personal insights from the ground, and discuss what we can expect from South Asian governments and media outlets going forward.

Speakers:

Tamanna Salikuddin, opening remarks Director, South Asia, U.S. Institute of Peace

Shahidul Alam Managing Director, Drik Picture Library Ltd. (Bangladesh)

Dilrukshi Handunnetti Executive Director, Center for Investigative Reporting (Sri Lanka)

Siddharth Varadarajan Founding Editor, The Wire (India)

Cyril Almeida, moderator Visiting Senior Expert, U.S. Institute of Peace Former Assistant Editor, Dawn Newspaper (Pakistan)

Register here.

School choice in a time of transition

Date: December 15, 2020 Time: 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM EST Organization: Brookings Institute We are approaching the end of one of the most consequential years in the history of American education. Events that have defined 2020 for many Americans—the COVID-19



pandemic, presidential election, and protests over racial injustice—will impact traditional public, charter, and private schools for years to come.

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented extraordinary challenges to schools, and schools have responded differently to those challenges. Some have offered in-person instruction, while others offered remote or hybrid instruction. Some have kept the same grading standards, while others have switched to a pass/fail system. Meanwhile, the 2020 election is over, but the future of K-12 education policy remains in flux. This certainly includes the future of school choice reforms. For example, while the Obama and Trump administrations supported the expansion of charter schools, President-elect Joe Biden has taken a more circumspect approach, opposing for-profit charters and advocating stricter charter school accountability. All of these changes are occurring amid renewed attention to racial injustice in American society.

On December 15, the Brown Center for Education Policy at Brookings and the National Center for Research on Education Access and Choice (REACH) will cohost a webinar that examines the changing landscape for U.S. schools and education policy. The webinar will feature two panel discussions. The first will consider how U.S. schools have responded to COVID-19, including why traditional public, charter, and private are responding differently. The second will consider what to expect for school choice reforms in the years ahead, especially with the change in administrations. Panelists will share perspectives on what we have learned from this tumultuous year, what we still need to learn, and what research can tell us to improve school choice policies in the months and years ahead.

Viewers can submit questions for speakers via email to <u>events@brookings.edu</u> or via Twitter at <u>@BrookingsEd</u> or by using #SchoolChoice

Learn more and register here.

FP Analytics Report Launch: Investing In Resilience from the Ground Up

Date: December 15, 2020 Time: 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM EST Organization: Foreign Policy

How grassroots development fosters growth and security across Africa Join <u>FP Analytics</u> and the US African Development Foundation, for the release of a groundbreaking new study examining key drivers of economic and social resilience within African communities amid the pandemic. The report features frontline insights from entrepreneurs, investors, and leaders in the international development community and highlights how capacity-building at the grassroots level and investment in local enterprise



can facilitate conflict recovery and generate community resilience and sustainable, equitable growth.

This dynamic program will convene policy leaders working at the intersection of economic development, conflict prevention and security along with trailblazers from across the continent who are innovating in the face of COVID-19. Our program will spotlight community-driven partnerships, self-sustaining solutions and impact-focused business initiatives fostering growth and stability across the Sahel, the Horn, and Great Lakes regions of Africa.

Join the conversation using #InvestInResilience4Africa

Learn more and register here.

Latin America-China relations in 2021: Opportunities, risks, and recommendations Date: December 16, 2020 Time:5:00 PM Organization: Atlantic Council

As Latin America and much of the world reel from a prolonged economic crisis, China is set to become the only major economy with positive growth in 2020. Trade flows between China and Latin America held steady this year, with Brazilian and Argentine exports to China growing and even notching records. Has China emerged from 2020 as a more relevant commercial partner for Latin America? Looking to 2021, how might China-Latin America relations evolve? What can regional businesses and governments do to better navigate relationships with China in an era of heightened uncertainty?

Join the Atlantic Council's Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center on Wednesday, December 16, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST for a public discussion on the present and future of Latin America-China relations. The event will launch "Dealmaking with China amid Global Economic Uncertainty: Opportunities, Risks and Recommendations for Latin America and the Caribbean," by Ambassador Sergio Ley and Salvador Suárez—the latest Atlantic Council report on China.

Introductory remarks:

<u>Gerardo Mato</u> Chairman, Global Banking & Markets–Americas HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. Advisory Council Member, Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center



WISWIIS Events HotlineNAL SECURITYDecember 9th, 2020

P a g e | 15

Atlantic Council

Jason Marczak Director Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center Atlantic Council

Speakers*

Amb. Carola Beatriz Ramon Undersecretary of Multilateral and Bilateral Economic Negotiations, Ministry of Foreign Relations, International Commerce, and Worship Republic of Argentina

Anna Ashton Senior Director, Government Affairs US-China Business Council

Rod Hunter Partner Baker & McKenzie LLP Former Senior Director, National Security Council (2003-2007) The White House

Moderator:

<u>Pepe Zhang</u> Associate Director, Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center Atlantic Council

*Additional speakers to be confirmed.

Register here.

Electoral Authoritarianism in Eurasia: Continuities and Transformations

Date: December 18, 2020 Time: 10:00 – 11:00 AM Organization: The Program on New Approaches to Research and Security in Eurasia (PONARS) and the Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies at the George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs



Presented as a part of PONARS Eurasia Fridays, an online event series featuring expert discussions on current events in Eurasia each week.

Speakers

- Kirill Rogov, Liberal Mission Foundation, Russia
- Nikolay Petrov, Chatham House, London
- Danielle Lussier, Grinnell College
- Igor Okunev, Moscow State Institute of International Relations

Register.

How Did 9/11 Affect Terrorism Research? A Look at Disciplines and Gender

Date: February 3, 2021 Time: 10:00 - 11:00 AM EST Organization: National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism at the University of Maryland

On Wednesday, February 3 at 10:00 a.m. ET, University of Essex Senior Lecturer Dr. Brian J. Phillips will provide a virtual talk on "How Did 9/11 Affect Terrorism Research? A Look at Disciplines and Gender." This event is free and open to the public, but <u>RSVPs</u> are required. If you have any questions, please email the START events team at startevents@umd.edu.

Terrorism research increased markedly after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Beyond increasing, how has research on this subject changed in the past 20 years? I examine data on more than 6,000 academic articles on terrorism between 1970 and 2019, and the more than 1,600 authors of multiple articles. Several interesting findings emerge. (1) The post-9/11 proliferation of terrorism research does not appear to be winding down. (2) The proportion of terrorism research in terrorism and conflict journals decreased after 9/11, with other types of journals starting to publish a great deal of terrorism research. (3) Psychologists became the dominant subgroup of terrorism researchers after 9/11, displacing Political Scientists, although this trend appears to have now reversed. (4) The proportion of female scholars increased substantially after 9/11, outpacing the rise in academia generally. The seems to be at least in part because scholars new to the field after 9/11 were often from relatively genderbalanced disciplines such as psychology.

<u>Dr. Brian J. Phillips</u> is a senior lecturer (associate professor) in the Department of Government at the University of Essex, and an affiliated professor at the Center for Research



and Teaching in Economics (CIDE) in Mexico City. He researches and teaches about terrorism, civil conflict, and organized crime.

Register here.

Events (International)

Are we on the same wavelength? EU terminology used in Slovak media and its potential to reach out to more citizens Date: March 11th, 2021 Organization: The European Commission Location: Bratislava, Slovakia

Based on the success of previous editions, this year again the TEW will be organised in close cooperation with Saint Jerome Days taking place at Comenius University on 15 and 16 October 2020 (Saint Jerome Days are organised by the Slovak Association of Interpreters and Translators and bring speakers from the translation industry to discuss burning issues of translators' reality with graduate students and freelancers).

Diverse stakeholders in the audience will have an opportunity to learn and reflect on EU terminology and localisation of EU texts in the public domain, e.g. where and how it is created ('Brussels' or Slovakia?) and how media work with it in the rapid media environment. Last year's turnout at EU election in Slovakia (twice as high as at the previous elections but still the lowest across EU), serves as a proof of media's important role in building up the positive image of EU among Slovaks. The target audience of this one-day-event will be: journalists, media experts, freelancers, EU translators, academia, terminologists, linguists, translation students

Topics that will be covered:

- Translating and localising EC press release;
- Translating EU news for Slovak media (speaker from the News Agency of the Slovak Republic);
- EU communication with the media (Peter Stano, Lead Spokesperson for foreign affairs and security policy in VP/High Representative Josep Borell Fontellesteam);
- Terminology presentation on cybersecurity (JUDr. René Baran, National Security Authority;
- Reflection of EU terminology in media –what are the pitfalls?;
- Language used in/by the media (round table discussions in small groups)



WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

P a g e | 18

• Practical workshop on localisation of a press release

Partners:

- Slovak Terminology Network (SK LD),
- Slovak Translation Unit, General Secretariat of the Council of the EU,
- Translation and Interpretation Departments of Comenius University in Bratislava (Saint Jerome Days)
- Slovak Association of Interpreters and Translators

EMT university involved:

University in Nitra

Learn more here.