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Events (Online)

The Arctic and World Order

Date: January 12th, 2021 | 1:00pm – 2:30pm EST

Organization: The Wilson Center

Location: Online

In this new book, scholars and practitioners – from Anchorage to Moscow, from Nuuk to Hong Kong – explore the huge political, legal, social, economic, geostrategic and environmental challenges confronting the Arctic regime, and what this means for the future of world order.

Learn more and register [here](#).

Joe Biden’s Tough Challenges in Iran

Date: January 13th, 2021 | 10:30am – 12:00pm EST

Organization: The US Institute of Peace

Location: Online

Iran will pose the biggest foreign policy challenge to President Joe Biden in the Middle East. He has vowed to rejoin the Iran nuclear deal, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, but it won’t be easy. Since mid-2019, Iran has breached its obligations in tit-for-tat responses to hundreds of punitive U.S. sanctions. Both countries have said that they want “compliance for compliance”—after the other one acts. So, who goes first? Biden wants Tehran to roll back its uranium enrichment and reduce its stockpile; Iran wants Washington to lift sanctions. How does this all play out before Iran closes down for Nowruz in mid-March, then launches its presidential campaign season in April for an election in June?

Even if they agree on terms and timing, diplomacy will only get tougher over four other U.S. flashpoints with Iran: Iran’s growing arsenal of missiles, meddling in the Middle East, support for extremist proxies, and human rights abuses. Three of those issues will require regional cooperation at a time when the Gulf states and Israel have formed a new anti-Iran coalition that is altering the traditional balance of power in the Middle East. Can Biden make a dent in this daunting agenda, even in four years?

Speakers

- **Jarrett Blanc**
Senior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Former Lead State Department Coordinator for the Iran Nuclear Deal
- **James F. Jeffrey**
Chair of the Middle East Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for

- Scholars; Former Ambassador to Iraq and Turkey and Special Envoy to the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS
- **Robin Wright**
USIP-Wilson Center Distinguished Fellow; Author and Columnist for The New Yorker
 - **Steve Inskeep**, *moderator*
Host of NPR's Morning Edition and Up First

Learn more and register [here](#).

Communities of Hate: Why people join extremist movements

Date: January 13th, 2021 | 9:30am – 10:30am EST

Organization: START – The National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (at the University of Maryland)

Location: Online

On Wednesday, January 13 at 9:30 a.m. ET, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum will host a virtual panel on “Communities of Hate: Why People Join Extremist Movements,” featuring START researcher Dr. Arie Kruglanski and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Senior Historian Dr. Patricia Heberer Rice. This is not a START event.

Personal grievances and hardship drove nurse Pauline Kneissler to become a member of the Nazi Party in 1937. Peer pressure eventually influenced her to kill on behalf of the German government. A half century later, loneliness and bullying left Americans Christian Picciolini and Angela King vulnerable to white supremacist organizations, which encouraged them to channel their emotions into hate and violence against Jews and other minority groups.

Amid a surge in antisemitic incidents more than 75 years after the Holocaust, join experts to learn what motivates people to join extremist groups. Explore how racism, conspiracy theories, and antisemitic myths can offer a sense of purpose and belonging to justify hate and violence.

Speakers

- **Dr. Patricia Heberer Rice**, Senior Historian, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
- **Dr. Arie Kruglanski**, Holocaust Survivor, Terrorism Expert, and Psychology Professor, University of Maryland

Moderator

- **Dr. Edna Friedberg**, Historian, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Learn more and register [here](#).

International Symposium on Preventing/Countering Violent Extremism

Date: January 12th-27th, 2021

Organization: START – The National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (at the University of Maryland)

Location: Online

The International Symposium on Preventing/Countering Violent Extremism (ICVE) in Malaysia and Southeast Asia is a multi-disciplinary symposium that aims to bring together scholars, researchers, and practitioners from the region and around the world to promote collaboration, present research findings, and discuss policy implication on preventing/countering violent extremism. This event is free and open to the public, but RSVPs are required. If you have any questions, please email the START events team at start-events@umd.edu.

Funded by the U.S. Embassy-Kuala Lumpur, the symposium is co-hosted by the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), based at the University of Maryland, and the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilisation (ISTAC), at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM).

This event will be on Zoom Webinar. After you register, a Zoom link will be sent to you on 11 January 2021 EST that you may use for all of the panel sessions. The panel sessions will be recorded and made available on our [Multimedia page](#). If you have any questions, please email the START events team at start-events@umd.edu.

Dates: 12-27 January 2021

Register By: 8 January 2021

Cost: Free

Location: Online (Zoom)

Schedule

Tuesday, 12 January 8:00pm-10:00pm Malaysia Time / Tuesday, 12 January 7:00am-9:00am EST

Welcoming Speech

- Tan Sri Dato' Dzulkifli Abdul Razak, Rector of IIUM

Officiating Speech

- Kamala Shirin Lakhdir, U.S. Ambassador

Project Overview

- Danial Bin Mohd Yusof, Deputy Dean of Academic and Research ISTAC-IIUM
- Amy Pate, START Executive Director

Panel: U.S. and Malaysia Efforts to Counter Violent Extremism

- Barbara Paoletti, U.S. State Department
- Normah Ishak, Principal Assistant Director of the Bukit Aman Special Branch's Counter-Terrorism Division (E8)

- Ahmad El Muhammady, CFS IIUM and Counterterrorism Analyst
- Moderator: Danial Bin Mohd. Yusof

Wednesday, 13 January 9:00am-11:00am Malaysia Time / Tuesday, 12 January 8:00pm-10:00pm EST

Panel: Future of P/CVE Governance in Malaysia: Policy, Education, and Cultural Perspectives

- Nur Adillah Omar (Student Scholar Presenter), Profile of Individual Radicalization in Malaysia
- Elmira Akhmetova, A Framework of Good Governance in Regulating Religious Extremism in Malaysia
- Muthanna bin Saari, Multiculturalism as a Driver in Preventing Radicalisation Process
- Raja Muhammad Khairul Akhtar Bin Raja Mohd Naguib, Mechanisms of Policy Implementation of Counter Violent Extremism (CVE) in Malaysia
- Amelia Yuliana Abd Wahab, Revisiting History of Malaysian Higher Education and Violent Extremism: The Universities And University Colleges Act To Counter Armed Communist In Second Emergency
- Moderator: Hafiz Iman

Wednesday, 13 January 8:00pm-10:00pm Malaysia Time / Wednesday, 13 January 7:00am-9:00am EST

Panel: Women and Violent Extremism: Views from Malaysia, Indonesia, and Bangladesh

- Dina Zaman, Enabling Extremism
- Nuri Widiastuti Veronika, The Vicious Utopia: Indonesian Government Gender Specific Policy for Ex-ISIS Women Returnees
- Lailufar Yasmin, Women as Agents of Violence in Bangladesh—The Perks of Being Wallflowers
- Moh Zaki Arrobi, Understanding Women's Agency in (Counter) Violent Extremism in Post-Conflict Poso
- Moderator: Nur Adillah Omar

Thursday, 14 January 9:00am-11:00am Malaysia Time / Wednesday, 13 January 8:00pm-10:00pm EST

P/CVE between Security and Resilience: Narratives, Social Media and Politics (1)

- Hafiz Iman (Student Scholar Presenter), Uncovering unknown perpetrators in Attacks on The Global Terrorism Database (GTD) using Spatial and Temporal Filtering Techniques
- Nicky C. Cardenas, Validity of Counter Violent Extremism (CVE) Strategies in South East Asia: ASEAN's Centrality on Regional Peace-building and Security
- Min Thang, Ethnic and Religious Nationalism: A Historical Study of Ethnic Conflict in Myanmar
- Abubakar Usman Abubakar, Brethren in Terror: A Comparative Analysis of the Digital Campaigns of ISIS and Boko Haram

- Moderator: Amy Pate

Tuesday, 19 January 8:00pm-10:00pm Malaysia Time / Tuesday, 19 January 7:00am-9:00am EST

Panel: P/CVE between Security and Resilience: Narratives, Social Media and Politics (2)

- Hafiza Nur Adeen (Student Scholar Presenter), Mapping Small and Fuzzy Networks of Malaysian Islamist Radical Militancy Through Social Network Analysis and Geo-Spatial: An Investigation of Domestic and Foreign Connections from 2012 to 2020
- Avdi Smajljaj, Machiavelising The Transcendental: Employing The Transcendental Into Pursuing Of Political Objectives Based On Principles Of Realism, As Ideological Drivers Of Current Violent Extremism And Terrorism Having Reference To Religion
- Imam Khomaeni Hayatullah, The International Branch of NU and Cultural Religious Diplomacy in Egypt: The Ashabiyyah Perspective
- Donny Michael Yuliyanto, Deradicalization of Terrorist Prisoners through Individual Treatment
- Moderator: Barnett Koven

Wednesday, 27 January 8:00pm-10:00pm Malaysia Time / Wednesday, 27 January 7:00am-9:00am EST

RESOLVE Network Event: Getting to the Source: The Importance and Challenges of Field Research on Violent Extremism

- Alastair Reed, RESOLVE Network Executive Director & U.S. Institute of Peace Senior Expert
- Haroro Ingram, The Program on Extremism at George Washington University Senior Research Fellow & RESOLVE Network Research Advisory Council Member
- Sukanya Podder, King's College London – Defense Studies Senior Lecturer
- Moderator: Alastair Reed

Learn more and register [here](#).

Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in US Development Policy

Date: January 15th, 2021 | 10:00am-11:30am EST

Organization: WCAPS

Location: Online

US policymakers increasingly recognize diversity, equity, and inclusion as a vital component of effective development policy. As a major multilateral stakeholder, and the world's largest bilateral foreign assistance donor, the US will be a key player in driving the global development sector to more ardently adopt inclusive and equitable practices. Having already voiced a commitment to gender, racial and economic equality, the

incoming Biden administration has set the stage for a potentially intersectional approach in its development policy. Following the publication of both Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security' (WCAPS) report, [Top Issues for Women of Color in Peace and Security](#), and the Center for Global Development's [White House and The World](#), please join us for an event that will explore recommendations for how a new administration can translate early commitments into concrete actions putting DEI at the center of global development policy.

Panel Discussion, featuring:

- Dr. Christina Bache, Visiting Fellow, The London School of Science
- Dr. Ashley Milton, Managing Principal, She Grows IT
- Megan O'Donnell, Assistant Director, Gender, Center for Global Development
- Dr. Mischa Thompson, Policy Advisor, Commission on Security & Cooperation in Europe
- Zakiya Carr Johnson, Founder & Principal, Odara Solutions

Learn more and register [here](#).

30 Years Later: German Reunification Revisited

Date: January 28th, 2021 | 11:00am-12:45pm EST

Organization: The US Institute of Peace

Location: Online

While the fall of the Berlin Wall is now celebrated as a symbol of the end of the Cold War, the immediate aftermath was a tumultuous period which could easily have resulted in chaos and conflict. The remarkable diplomatic efforts that reunified Germany offered a blueprint for nations to pursue a shared vision of a Europe whole and free and at peace with Russia as a partner, not an adversary. Together, the leaders of the United States, Germany, Russia and other European friends and allies were able to navigate safely the treacherous path to a post-Cold War world. Essential to that transition was the personal relationship of trust between President George H. W. Bush and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl. Together with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, they ushered in the dawn of a new age with the security and foreign policy challenges we are still grappling with today.

Join USIP as we honor the 30th anniversary of German reunification with the establishment of "Reconciliation Hall" in the Institute's George H. W. Bush Peace Education Center. This virtual event, featuring preeminent figures in the U.S.-German partnership, will look back at the lessons German reunification can provide to peacebuilders around the world, and it will explore why continued cooperation between the two nations will be as essential to meeting the challenges of this century as they were in meeting the challenges of the 20th.

Welcome and Introductions

- Stephen J. Hadley
Chair, Board of Directors, U.S. Institute of Peace
- Emily Haber
German Ambassador to the United States
- Lise Grande
President and CEO, U.S. Institute of Peace

Panel 1: "Lessons of Reunification for Peacebuilding"

- James A. Baker, III
61st U.S. Secretary of State
- Horst Köhler
Former Federal President of Germany
- Jon Meacham, *moderator*
Presidential Historian (moderator)

Panel 2: "Reunification Revisited and What the Future Holds"

- Condoleezza Rice
66th U.S. Secretary of State
- Horst Teltschik
Former National Security Adviser to Chancellor Helmut Kohl
- David Ignatius, *moderator*
Columnist, The Washington Post

Learn more and register [here](#).

Geospatial Intelligence for National Security (DGI)

Date: February 2nd-4th, 2021 | 10:45am UK, 11:45am CET

Organization: GeoInt

Location: Online

Your first opportunity in the year to learn from and network with all the leading International GeoInt Leaders at one time.

Covid-19 is posing unprecedented challenges in GeoInt, forcing you to resolve the biggest defence and security issues of our time in an increasingly contested world. Want to define how you can play a critical role in supporting your organisation through the storm and beyond?

Only at the DGI Flagship Virtual Event can you learn from and network with your GeoInt peers on lessons-learnt to date following Covid-19, including:

- Adapt your GeoInt strategy enhance decision making across your defence and security network
- Leverage all the latest breakthrough technologies and capabilities coming to market
- Build stronger partnerships that enhance your post-crisis global operations

Learn more and register [here](#).

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

Date: February 3rd, 2021 | 10:00am EST

Organization: START – The National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (at the University of Maryland)

Location: Online

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 [RSVPs](#) are required. If you have any questions, please email the START events team at start-events@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? In this talk, Phillips will 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. This seems to be at least in part because scholars new to the field after 9/11 were often from relatively gender-balanced disciplines such as psychology.

Dr. Brian J. Phillips 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.

Learn more and register [here](#).

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)
- 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](#).

Counter-Terrorism Expo

Date: September 14th-16th, 2021

Organization: CTX (Counter-terrorism Expo)

Location: ExCeL London

CTX unites professionals from industry, infrastructure, government and policing to explore counter-terrorism and other complex security operations. The event facilitates the development of new ideas and technologies to combat the latest threats facing the UK and other geographies.

Learn more and register [here](#).