



## **DCFR Speakers and Events: Sept 2014 –May 2016**

**SEPT 16 2014: *Putting War Criminals in the Dock - Continuing Challenges* with Kenneth R. Scott.** A former US Assistant Attorney, prosecutor of war crimes stemming from the war in the former Yugoslavia and currently engaged with the war crimes investigation regarding the assignation of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri, Ken will give us a perspective on the realities associated with the prosecuting war crimes in the current international system.

**OCT 28 2014: *The Future of the US Nuclear Arsenal* with Col Brantley Saltzman,** one of the USAF's leading strategic thinkers and regular contributor to *Strategic Studies Quarterly*. Col Saltzman's work on minimal nuclear arsenals has been widely referenced to include in Congressional testimony, *The New York Times*, and in both the Bush and Obama administrations, and he will update his case based on the current context.

**NOV 4 2014: *Human Security in Today's Context: An Inside Look at the Human Security Report* with Dr. Lindsay Heger** of the think tank One Earth Future. A co-author of the 2015 Human Security Report will give us a practical sense of how to think of human security in today's global context and how human security is being addressed and met in the developing world.

**DEC 2 2014: *Resource Extraction in the Developing World* with Dr. Derrick Hudson of the Colorado School of Mines,** where he heads up the MIPER Program. Dr. Hudson will discuss issues associated with resource extraction, economic development and conflict in the developing world using a range of examples from the current international context.

**JAN 22 2015: *Putin's Russia* with Dr. Joseph Varuolo** whose academic expertise is secession, Russian nationalism, ethnic minorities of the Russian sphere, non-state entities and political violence. Dr. Varuolo also has a wealth of practical/policy experience regarding Russia. Dr. Varuolo served as the Chief of the Office of Defense Cooperation, US Embassy, Moscow, Russia from 2004 to 2007.

**MAR 15 2014: *The Current State of International Law* with Dr. Charlotte Ku,** the long-time Executive Director of The American Society of International Law (ASIL) and former professor at John Hopkins University and the University of Virginia, she serves as the Assistant Dean for Graduate and International Programs and directs the College's Graduate and International Studies Program at the University of Illinois.

**MAR 31 2015: *Global Health Threats and US Readiness* with Dr. Paul Biddinger of Boston General Hospital and the Harvard School of Public Health.** Dr. Biddinger is one of the United States' leading expert on the intersection of health issues, preparedness and national security and is part of the US response to the Ebola crisis. He will discuss the nature of the threats and the challenges of preparing for and addressing them both globally and domestically.

**SEPT 29 2015: *Yemen in a Regional Context* with Joanne Cummings of the US State Department** who has served extensively in the Middle East, North Africa, and East Africa. Daughter of an FSO, she was raised in Lebanon, Iran, and Saudi Arabia. In the private sector and for DOS, she has worked in Iraq, Afghanistan, Jerusalem, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Cyprus, Syria, and Ethiopia, as well as nine years working regionally from Morocco through Pakistan. She has lived through, and served in, a variety of stress and conflict environments. She was evacuated from Syria and now serves in Yemen as Political/Economic Section Chief.

**OCT 15 2015: *Realities on the Ground in the Middle East with Brent Shapiro***, Regional Security Consultant, long a member of the Denver Council from afar, is a Special Operations veteran who has long served as a consultant to a range of federal agencies and other entities on operational realities in the Middle East. In addition, Mr. Shapiro speaks regularly across the country on regional Middle East issues, security challenges and socio-political dynamics.

**OCT 20 2015: *South Asian Politics: Climate Change and Security with Neil Bhatiya of The Century Foundation*** where he is a Policy Associate and researches U.S. foreign policy and international climate change policy with a specific focus on environmental peacebuilding, and climate change in South Asia.

**OCT 26 2015: *US Nuclear Policy Issues with Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Rose E. Gottemoeller***. As Under Secretary, Gottemoeller advises the Secretary on arms control, nonproliferation and disarmament. She had served as Acting in this position since February 7, 2012. While Acting, Gottemoeller continued to serve as Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Arms Control, Verification and Compliance, a position she was appointed to on April 6, 2009.

**NOV 5 2015: *The Modern Middle East: Members Day with Lunch, Discussion & Dinner Speakers – Hyatt Place Noon to 9pm***. Members Day will feature two formal speakers as well as a connecting series of panels and engagement opportunities for DCFR Members & their guests on the afternoon of November 5<sup>th</sup>. The DCFR Lunch Meeting will feature *Ambassador Robert Harrison*. At Dinner there will be a Presentation featuring distinguished *Prof. Eytan Gilboa* of the Israel Public Diplomacy Forum discussing regional Issues.

**NOV 19 2015: *Buttressing the Twin Pillars: The Future of US Relations with Saudi Arabia and Iran with Toby Matthiesen***. Co-Sponsored by *The Center for Middle East Studies at the University of Denver*. Toby Matthiesen is a Research Fellow in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies at Pembroke College, University of Cambridge. He was previously a Research Fellow at the London School of Economics and Political Science. His first book *Sectarian Gulf: Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, and the Arab Spring That Wasn't* was published by Stanford University Press in 2013.

**JAN 12 2016: *The Politics of National Intelligence with Dr. Joshua Rovner*** of Southern Methodist University where he is the John Goodwin Tower Distinguished Chair of International Politics and National Security, Associate Professor of Political Science, and Director of Studies at the Tower Center for Political Studies. Before coming to Southern Methodist University, he was Associate Professor of Strategy and Policy at the Naval War College, and he also taught at Columbia University and Williams College. He is the author of *Fixing the Facts: National Security and the Politics of Intelligence* (Cornell University Press, 2011), which won the International Studies Association Best Book Award for security studies, and the Edgar S. Furniss Book Award.

**FEB 3 2016: *The EU and the Iran Nuclear Deal with Cornelius Adebahr of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace***. Co-Sponsored by *the Colorado European Center of Excellence (CEUCE)*. Cornelius Adebahr is an associate in the Europe Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, DC. Dr. Adebahr is also an associate fellow at the Research Institute of the German Council on Foreign Relations, where he consults on a project supporting think tanks in the Western Balkans that is funded by the German Foreign Office. Dr. Adebahr has been a fellow of the European Foreign and Security Policy Studies Program of the Volkswagen Foundation as well as of the Postgraduate Program in International Affairs of the Robert Bosch Foundation and the German National Merit Foundation.

**MAR 2 2016: *America's Alliance Dilemmas: Dealing with Adversaries and Difficult Friends with Dr. Timothy Crawford of Boston College***. Dr. Crawford's current research project focuses on the strategy and politics of dividing alliances in the first and second world wars. He is the author of *Pivotal Deterrence: Third Party Statecraft and the Pursuit of Peace* (Cornell, 2003), which was the winner of the 2003 Edgar S. Furniss Book Award. He is also co-editor with Alan J. Kuperman of *Gambling on Humanitarian Intervention: Moral Hazard, Rebellion, and Civil War* (Routledge, 2006).

**MAR 30 2016: *A Discussion of the Middle East with Gerald M. Feierstein, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs – Department of State.*** Prior to his current appointment, he served as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen from September 2010 until September 2013. Ambassador Feierstein, a specialist in Near East and South Asian Affairs, entered the Foreign Service in June 1975 and has served overseas in nine postings: Islamabad (1976-1978), Tunis (1983-1985), Riyadh (1985-1987), Peshawar (1989-1992), Muscat (1995-1998), Jerusalem (1998-2001), Beirut (2003-2004), Islamabad (2008-2010) and Sana'a. In Washington, Feierstein previously served as Principal Deputy Assistant Coordinator and Deputy Assistant Coordinator for Programs in the Bureau of Counterterrorism from 2006-2008.

**MAR 31 2016: *The European Refugee and Migrant Crisis with Fran Burwell, Vice President of the Atlantic Council.*** *Co-Sponsored by the Colorado European Center of Excellence (CEUCE).* Frances G. Burwell is the Vice President of European Union and Special Initiatives at the Atlantic Council. Her previous experience includes serving as the Executive Director of the Center for International and Security Studies at the University of Maryland. She also served as the Founding Executive Director of Women in International Security. Vice president Burwell's areas of expertise cover a range of transatlantic economic and political issues, including US-EU relations and the development of the European Union's foreign and defense policies.

**APR 14 2016: *The Challenges of Post-Conflict Peacebuilding with Dr. Naazneen Barma of the Naval Post-Graduate School.*** Dr. Barma's research and teaching focus on the political economy of development, international interventions in post-conflict states, and natural resource governance, with a regional specialization in East Asia and the Pacific. Prior to joining the faculty at NPS, Dr. Barma was a Young Professional and Public Sector Specialist at the World Bank, where she conducted political economy analysis and worked on operational dimensions of governance and institutional reform in the East Asia Pacific Region.

**May 12 2016: *Leadership in Global Engagement Award and End of Year Celebration Honoring Daniel F Ritchie.*** Daniel Ritchie's contributions to our community are extraordinary. He currently serves as the Chairman and CEO of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts while also serving as President for both the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation and the Independent Higher Education of Colorado Fund. In addition to his numerous positions in leadership, Mr. Ritchie has dedicated nearly 20 years of service and support to the University of Denver, the oldest private university in the Rocky Mountain region, and the school has steadily gained stature and strengthened academic programs.