



## **DCFR Speakers and Events: Sept 2015 – May 2017**

**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.

**SEPT 20 2016: *The Current State of Militant Islam* with Dr. Bard E. O'Neill, Professor of International Affairs, National War College and Director of Studies of Internal Warfare and Terrorism at the National War College.** He is the author of several books including [Insurgency and Terrorism](#). He has lectured extensively on the Middle East, insurgency, and terrorism and is a consultant to the U.S. State Department, Justice Department, Joint Chiefs of Staff, CIA and National Security Agency. He has appeared as a guest analyst on CBS, CNN, C-Span, the Asian News Network and National Public Radio.

**OCT 13 2016: *The American Hegemon in the 21st – Century: Change, Constraint and Challenge* with Dr. Michael O’Hanlon, senior fellow in foreign policy at the Brookings Institution, visiting lecturer at Princeton University, adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins University, and member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies. Co-sponsored by the University of Denver International Public Policy Program.** Dr. O’Hanlon is a senior fellow in Foreign Policy at the Brookings Institution, where he specializes in U.S. defense strategy, the use of military force, and American national security policy. He co-directs the Center on 21st Century Security and Intelligence there with retired General John Allen. He is also director of research for the Foreign Policy program at Brookings. O’Hanlon was a member of the external advisory board at the Central Intelligence Agency from 2011 to 2012.

**OCT 26 2016: *The Intersection between New Technologies and Cyber Foreign Policy* with Dr. Stefan Heumann, Director of the European Digital Agenda Program at the Berlin-based think tank The New Responsibility Foundation (“Stiftung Neue Verantwortung”). Co-sponsored by the Denver Chapter of the American Council on Germany.** Dr. Heumann works with strategic / methodological monitoring of projects at SNV, and has contributed to the *Economist*, the *New York Times* and *Financial Times* on topics of digital policy. From 2011 - 2013, he coordinated transatlantic expert consultations on topics such as foreign and security policy, energy policy, and technological and social change for the U.S. General Consulate in Hamburg.

**NOV 16 2016: *Europe After Pax Americana – Turmoil and Order in the Old World* with Jan Techau, Director of the Richard C. Holbrooke Forum for the Study of Diplomacy and Governance, American Academy in Berlin. Co-sponsored by the Denver Chapter of the American Council on Germany.** Techau is an expert on European integration and foreign policy, transatlantic affairs, and German foreign and security policy. Before taking over the Holbrooke Forum at the Academy, he was the director for Carnegie Europe, the European think tank for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He has also served in the NATO Defense College’s Research Division, as well as the German Defense Ministry’s Press and Information Department.

**JAN 24 2017: *Europe in the Era of Trump* with Hans Kundnani, Senior Transatlantic Fellow with the German Marshall Fund’s Europe Program, Washington, DC. Co-sponsored by the Colorado European Center of Excellence (CEUCE).** Kundnani works on internal European economic and institutional issues and Europe’s role in the world. Prior to joining GMF, he was research director at the European Council on Foreign Relations. He is the author of *Utopia or Auschwitz. Germany’s 1968 Generation and the Holocaust* and *The Paradox of German Power*.

**FEB 9 2017: *Doomsday Clock* with Dr. Rachel Bronson, Editor and Publisher of the *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*.** Dr. Bronson oversees the publishing programs, the management of the Doomsday Clock, and a growing set of activities around nuclear weapons, nuclear energy, climate change and emerging technologies.

**MAR 2 2017: *The European Union and International Development: Challenges and Opportunities* with Dr. Renate Hahlen, Minister Counselor, Development, EU Mission to the United States. Co-sponsored by the Colorado European Center of Excellence (CEUCE).** Hahlen has been a European Commission official since 1996 with extended experience in EU external action and development policy. In 2013-2014, she was Head of the Unit Aid and Development Effectiveness and Financing at the Directorate General International Cooperation and Development. For many years, she steered the relations of the European Commission with EU Member States as development actors. As a specialist in development finance and aid and development effectiveness, she is also closely followed in the UN work in view of the adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on development finance and the Agenda 2030 on sustainable development. She graduated with a degree in law and holds a Ph.D. in international private and comparative law from Freiburg University.

**MAR 30 2017: *What ISIS Really Wants* with Ambassador Christopher Hill, General George Casey & Graeme Wood. Co-sponsored by WorldDenver. Special event panel discussion.**

**APR 6 2017: *The Intelligence Community in the 21st Century* with Panel Presenters Steve Recca and Richard Schwein, Jr., Moderated by Lewis Griffith.** Steve Recca is Executive Director of the Center for Human Security in the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs School of Public Affairs, serves as the Co-Director of the University & Agency Partnership Initiative for the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Center for Homeland Defense and Security. He teaches the Intelligence Specialization at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver. His previous positions include security policy assignments with the Central Intelligence Agency, State Department and Department of Defense. Richard Schwein, Jr. has more than 31 years of government service as a U.S. Army Officer and FBI Special Agent. He was appointed to the FBI Senior Executive Service in 2011 and was detailed to the CIA Counterterrorism Center at Langley, Virginia as the Deputy Director for Law Enforcement. He was recognized for his service at the CIA with the prestigious CIA George H.W. Bush Medal for Excellence in Counterterrorism. Lewis K. Griffith, Ph.D., specializes in security studies in areas of weapons proliferation, humanitarian intervention, and the implications of globalization on the state security policies of non-Western states. He joined the faculty at Air Command and Staff College in 2003 where he served as a Course Director for the Strategy and Warfare Course and the Inter/National Security Course before being named the Department Chair of the Joint Warfighting Department. In 2015, he was named the Director of the International Studies Program for the Korbel School, University of Denver.