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Public Affairs Center, Brookens Auditorium, University of Illinois at Springfield – 7:30 pm

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The public is invited to attend these free programs.

Prior to both programs, there is an opportunity to attend a Reception (cash bar) at 5:30 pm followed by Dinner (prepaid reservation) at 6:15 pm. Dinner menus appear below.

Dinner Reservation Forms for each program are on Pages 2 and 3. Reservations must be prepaid and received on or before March 19 and April 1 for each program. Seating is limited. For late reservations, call Registrar Lynn McMenamin (217-502-6956) about availability.

March 2019 Menu

Russian Beet Borscht
Herb Crusted Breast of Chicken
with a Vodka Sauce
Braised Red Cabbage
and Cherries
Roasted Asparagus
Buttered Kluski Noodles
Assorted Gourmet Tortes
Breads and Beverages

April 2019 Menu

Chips and Salsa
Chilled White Gazpacho
Fresh Spring Greens, Vegetables,
Monterrey Jack Cheese,
Acapulco Dressing
Wall-less Tilapia
Chicken Enchilada Casserole
Chocolate Cake with Kahlua Sauce
Breads and Beverages

Location for 3.27.19

Reception, Dinner & Program Location
Conference Room C/D,
Public Affairs Center,
University of Illinois at
Springfield

Dinner Reservations

Reservations are required for dinner and must be prepaid and received on or before **March 19, 2019**. There is no guarantee of seating beyond that date. In the event of possible late reservations, contact Lynn McMenamin, 217-502-6956, lcm1300@aol.com, to determine whether seating is available. Seating is limited to maximum room occupancy allowed by the Springfield Building Code. **Please make your reservations early!!**

See below for dinner costs.

World Affairs Council of Central Illinois Wednesday, March 27, 2019

“The Withdrawal of the United States from the Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces Treaty with Russia”

Speaker: Jeffrey Edmonds, Project Director Wilson Center Study,
“Managing Russia-U.S. Bilateral Relations”

Reception 5:30 pm | **Dinner** 6:15 pm | **Program** 7:30 pm
Location: Conference Room C/D, Public Affairs Center,
University of Illinois at Springfield

The Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF) has long stood as a symbol of the end of the Cold War. However, this icon of the arms control regime appears to be on its last legs with the recent announcement that the US is withdrawing from the treaty in response to Russian violations. The announced withdrawal has drawn both criticism and applause. What are the arguments for staying in or leaving the treaty? What does the end of the treaty mean for the future of the new START nuclear reduction treaty and arms control in general? Finally, what does all of this say about the relationship between the U.S. and Russia and the international order? Jeffrey Edmonds will address these issues.



Edmond’s research focuses on the Russian military, foreign policy, Russian threat perceptions, and Russian information and cyber operations. Recently, Edmonds served as the Director for Russia on the National Security Council. Prior to the NSC, Edmonds served as a military analyst with the Central Intelligence Agency, covering Eurasian militaries. Edmonds holds an M.P.A. from Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government, and an M.A. from Boston University in Religious Studies.

The Wilson Center is a Washington-based nonpartisan policy forum focusing on global issues through independent research.

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March 27, 2019 Event Dinner Reservation Form: Deadline - March 19

Name _____ Phone# _____

Per meal cost: _____Members \$30 _____Non-Members \$35

_____Number of vegetarian meals requested _____Number of gluten-free meals requested

Total Enclosed \$ _____ No. Attending _____

Please mail this form with check payable to: WACCI, Box 2233, Springfield, IL 62705

World Affairs Council of Central Illinois

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

“The Political Culture of Mexico Through the 2018 Presidential Election”

Speaker: Cristina Tapia Muro, Professor of Political Science, University of Colima, Mexico

Reception 5:30 pm | **Dinner** 6:15 pm | **Program** 7:30 pm
Location: Public Affairs Center, University of Illinois at Springfield

Dr. Tapia’s presentation will explore the history of Mexico’s political leadership, placing emphasis on the political, social, and economic factors that contributed to Manuel Andres López Obrador’s 2018 election as president. She will discuss clientelism (a system of political patronage and corruption) and efforts of the current government to eradicate it. An advocate of the working class and supported by the National Regeneration Movement, President López Obrador is a critic of the Institutional Revolutionary Party that has dominated national politics.

Dr. Tapia earned a Ph.D. in economics and administrative sciences from the University of Jalisco, Guadalajara, Mexico. She also has a post-doctoral specialization on public policy and gender justice from the Latin American Council of Social Sciences and the Latin American College of Social Sciences, Brazil. She has written numerous peer-reviewed articles on clientelism in Mexico in such venues as *Estudios Sociológicos* and the *Asian Journal of Latin American Studies*.

The World Affairs Council of Central Illinois is co-sponsoring this program that is part of the UIS Engaged Citizenship Common Experience (ECCE) Speaker Series.



Location for 4.9.19

Reception, Dinner & Program Location

Public Affairs Center,
Brookens Auditorium,
University of Illinois,
Springfield

Dinner Reservations

Reservations are required for dinner and must be prepaid and received on or before **April 1, 2019**. There is no guarantee of seating beyond that date. In the event of possible late reservations, contact Lynn McMenamin, 217-502-6956, lcm1300@aol.com, to determine whether seating is available. Seating is limited to maximum room occupancy allowed by the Springfield Building Code. **Please make your reservations early!!**

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April 9, 2019 Event Dinner Reservation Form: Deadline - April 1

Name _____ Phone# _____

Per meal cost: Members \$30 Non-Members \$35

Number of vegetarian meals requested Number of gluten-free meals requested

Total Enclosed \$ _____ No. Attending _____

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