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April 26, 2023

“The UN Climate Negotiations: A Complex Space for Understanding the Impacts of Climate Change and Determining Pathways Forward”

Speaker: Dr. Brandon Barclay Derman Associate Professor
Co-chair UIS Sustainability Committee

Reception: 4:30 pm
Dinner 5:00 pm at Public Affairs Center, 1st floor, Main Concourse and Conference Room C/D
Program 6:00 pm at Brookens Auditorium University of IL at Springfield

Program FREE and open to the public.

The United Nations has described current carbon reduction commitments as “woefully inadequate” to keep global warming below 1.5 degrees C, a threshold scientists consider necessary to protect earth’s systems. Ongoing climate change threatens economic stability, human rights, national security, and social justice. Dr. Derman’s research draws on

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May 4, 2023

“American Foreign Policy in the Middle East”

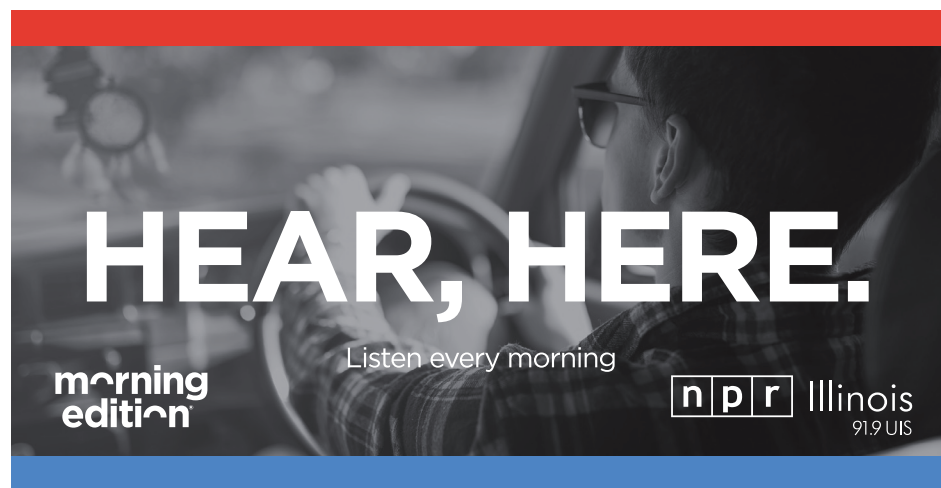
Speakers: Gawdat Bahgat, Professor of national and international security at National Defense University
Expert on national security, the Middle East and oil

Reception: 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:15 pm
Program 7:15 pm
Location: Illini Country Club

Attendance to the Speaker’s Presentation is FREE & Open to the Public.

The United States has several major national interests in the Middle East including oil supplies, security of Israel, nuclear nonproliferation and counterterrorism. In order to protect these interest, Washington has been heavily involved in the region. However, in the last two decades, both Russia and China have consolidated their economic and strategic ties with several regional powers. Meanwhile, some Arab leaders perceive US as withdrawing from the region. Senior US officials strongly disagree with this

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Menu for 4.26.23

Preliminary Dinner Menu:

Whole Earth Salad:

Salad Blend, Kale, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Tomatoes, Carrots, Red Onions, Hard cooked Egg, Beets and Walnuts with Champagne Vinaigrette

Beef Chasseur

Orzo Primavera (meatless)

Roasted Asparagus

Parmesan Cauliflower

Yukon gold mashed potato

Rolls and butter

Peach Cobbler with ice-cream

"The UN Climate Negotiations: A Complex Space for Understanding the Impacts of Climate Change and Determining Pathways Forward" *continued*

observation at UN climate negotiations and concurrent meetings of global civil society organizations. International agreements assume climate issues can be addressed on a nation-by-nation basis, and they map over important differences in the experiences of communities within each nation. Both the causes and effects of climate change cross-cut national boundaries and affect communities very differently. The UN climate negotiations make it clear that, as a setting for the pursuit of national interests, the international system does not provide adequate structure to address the "wicked problems" of climate change. Yet, for many participants these settings remain important as part of efforts to develop coordinated and inclusive climate protections. Dr. Derman will discuss how delegates from less powerful nations use the UN climate negotiation process to fight for climate justice despite these challenges.



Brandon Barclay Derman is associate professor of Environmental Studies, in the School of Integrated Science, Sustainability and Public Health at the University of Illinois Springfield. Brandon is trained as a geographer, GIS analyst, and socio-legal scholar. At UIS he also teaches courses in natural resources administration, environmental policy, and climate. Brandon has been studying the politics of "climate justice" since 2009, a focus that gave rise to his book "Struggles for Climate Justice: Uneven Geographies and Politics of Connection" (Palgrave Macmillan, 2020), among other writings.

Dinner Reservations

Reservations are required for dinner and must be prepaid and received on or before **April 20, 2023**. Pay online at www.mywacci.org/future-programs/ or mail the form below. 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.

Please detach and mail

April 26, 2023 Event Dinner Reservation Form: - Deadline - April 20

Name _____ Phone# _____

Per meal cost: Members \$40 Non-Members \$40

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

Total Enclosed \$ _____ No. Attending _____

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

Dinner reservations can also be made online at www.mywacci.org

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