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March 7, 2024

“Security in the Cyber Age: An Introduction to Policy and Technology”

Speaker: Derek S. Reveron, Chair, National Security Affairs Department, US Naval War College

Reception: 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:15 pm
Program 7:00 pm
Location: Illini Country Club

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

Cyberspace is essential for socializing, learning, shopping, and just about everything in modern life. Yet, there is also a dark side to cyberspace: sub-national, transnational, and international actors are challenging the ability of sovereign governments to provide a secure environment for their citizens. Criminal groups hold businesses and local governments hostage through ransomware, foreign intelligence services steal intellectual property and conduct influence operations, governments attempt to rewrite Internet protocols

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March 20, 2024

“The Shifting Tides of Influence in the South Pacific”

Speaker: Dr. Gordon Peake, Senior Advisor for the Pacific Islands US Institute of Peace Asia Center, Washington, DC

Reception: 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:15 pm
Program 7:00 pm
Location: Illini Country Club

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This part of the world may, justifiably, feel as though the world has let them drift away with the tides. But with competition for influence heating up between China and the United States in the South Pacific, these island nations are kicking their way back to the surface of policy priorities. Several of the island nations rose to significance during World War II as allied forces used them as bases to battle the Japanese. After the war, weapons testing has left another kind of legacy. Mostly the region has been overlooked – until China began to discuss the possibility of a

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DINNER

SALADS-

GREEN SALAD – Mixed Greens, Cucumber, Tomato, Mushrooms, Carrots, Herb Vinaigrette

Warm Potato Salad – Crispy Potatoes, Applewood Bacon, Spinach, Honey Mustard

ENTREES

Chicken Schnitzel- Thin Breaded and Fried Chicken Breast, White Wine and Lemon Cream Sauce

Broiled Salmon- Brown Sugar and Grain Mustard Glaze, Fine Herbs

SIDES

New England Corn Chowder with Potatoes, Bacon, Herbs

Market Roasted Vegetable Medley

DESSERT

German Chocolate Cake with a Coconut and Pecan Butter Cream

“Security in the Cyber Age: An Introduction to Policy and Technology” continued

to facilitate censorship, and militaries prepare to use cyberspace operations in wars. Security in the Cyber Age breaks-down how cyberspace works, analyzes how state and non-state actors exploit vulnerabilities in cyberspace, and provides ways to improve cybersecurity. Come and hear a noted author and national security scholar-practitioner discuss technological, policy, and ethical ways to protect cyberspace, using an interdisciplinary approach which makes a complex subject accessible to a general audience.

Derek S. Reveron is professor and Chair of the National Security Affairs Department and brings decades of experience in strategy development with work in dozens of countries. He served on the Rhode Island Cybersecurity Commission and has published widely on national security, defense policy, and foreign policy. He is a faculty affiliate at the Belfer Center for Science and



International Affairs at Harvard Kennedy School where he teaches strategic problem-solving. He served 33 years in the Navy Reserves leading units in support of operations in the Middle East, Europe, Asia, and Latin America and was a special advisor in Afghanistan. Ph.D., University of Illinois, Public policy analysis, M.A., University of Illinois, Political science, Diploma, U.S. Naval War College.

Dinner Reservations

Dinner reservations must be prepaid and received on or before the due date. There is no guarantee of seating beyond that date. Text our Registrar, Lynn McMenamin, at 217-502-6956, to determine whether seating is available after that date.

Please make your reservation early!

Please detach and mail

March 7, 2024 Event

Dinner Reservation Form: - Deadline - February 29

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 _____

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

“The Shifting Tides of Influence in the South Pacific” continued

military base in the region. Now, strategic considerations, trade routes, and the value of a terrific vacation in paradise have brought the South Pacific nations back to center stage.

Gordon Peake is a senior advisor for the Pacific Islands in USIP’s Asia Center.

Over Dr. Peake’s 20-year career, he has worked as a long-term adviser to the Bougainville and Timor-Leste governments and consulted on policing, justice and political economy issues in the Pacific for bilateral donors and development banks.

Dr. Peake has used these vantage points as the basis for two books, one edited volume and more than 20 articles that deal with enhancing the theoretical and conceptual understandings of practical realities of implementing peace agreements and peacekeeping mandates. A key theme in his work is the centrality of human relationships in explaining why groups and governments work as they do.

Dr. Peake’s first book, “Beloved Land: Stories, Struggles and Secrets from Timor-Leste,” was winner of two Australian book awards, with a judging panel describing it as “a compelling work



merging the personal with the historical ... surprising, sometimes confronting and very poignant.” His second book, “Unsung Land, Aspiring Nation,” recounts his experience working in the would-be nation of Bougainville. He is currently working on a book about how personal relationships — whether good, bad or indifferent — are the underappreciated ingredient in explaining institutional behavior.

Dr. Peake received his master’s and doctorate from the University of Oxford and a law degree from Queen’s University, Belfast. He is a citizen of Ireland and Australia and speaks Tetun, the language of Timor-Leste.

DINNER

Pacific Islands themed buffet

Upcoming Programs

April 10

Dr. Shipra Gupta, Fast Fashion and Sustainability

May 1

Dr. Roy Wehrle and Dr. Chris McDonald, Unraveling Rule-based World Order

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March 20, 2024 Event

Dinner Reservation Form: - Deadline - March 12

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This Month

We are fortunate to be able to offer two programs on diverse topics that promise to be very interesting. We can look forward to discussing Cyber Security with Dr. Derek Reveron and the changing Pacific Island region with Dr. Gordon Peake. Through our programs, WACCI brings the world to our members, offering opportunities to delve into topics, to gather, to dine, to listen, to question, and to discuss. I would like to take a moment to say thanks to our wonderful partners, without whom this would not be possible:

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We value their support. These partnerships enable us to bring excellent programs to our community. To highlight a few examples: In February, we heard from three MD candidates at the SIU School of Medicine about their service in Central America and in April we will meet at UIS as a part of the Engaged Citizenship Common Experience (ECCE)

GREAT DECISIONS returns on March 6th for the first session.

Six sessions on the events destabilizing our world. Your chance to catch up and participate in small group sessions led by Dr. Roy Wehrle and Dr. Kalith Smith, Dean at Lincoln Land Community College. Meet interesting members and experts. All sessions are at Westminster Church with a large, lighted parking area adjoining entrance to the church.

Registration: \$25 for the Briefing Book payable by check to WACCI, PO Box 2233, Springfield, Illinois 62705, or online at our website, or at the WACCI program February 21st. Also attend w/o book. No charge. Questions please call Roy Wehrle at 217.220.2819, See you there.

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the

DVD and meeting in a Discussion Group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. The program is developed by the nonpartisan Foreign Policy Association located in New York, which was founded in 1918 and its branches were the forerunners of the independent World Affairs Councils of the 1950s. It serves as a catalyst for developing awareness, understanding, and informed opinion on U.S. foreign policy and global issues. Through its balanced, nonpartisan programs and publications, the FPA encourages citizens to participate in the foreign policy process. In 1954, the Great Decisions program was launched in Oregon and has since spread all over the country and beyond. It has now become the largest nonpartisan public education program on international affairs in the world.

This Month continued

Speaker Series. And, on March 6th we begin our Great Decisions Discussion Program featuring experts from UIS and from Lincoln Land Community College. Each session will focus on a timely international affairs topic. You still have time to register and to get a book for this interesting series, led by our distinguished co-chairs Dr. Roy Wehrle and Dr. Kalith Smith.

I hope to see each of you at our upcoming programs in March. Bring your questions and your appetites. Thank you for your continued support of WACCI. As an all-volunteer organization, we couldn't do it without you.

Respectfully,
Kathy Johnson
Vice President for Programs

Great Decisions Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Reserve a Briefing Book by enclosing a \$25 check payable to WACCI, PO BOX 2233, Springfield, IL 62705, or register and pay online at mywacci.org.

2024 Membership List

as of January 28, 2024



WACCI is grateful for all paid memberships which provide the travel expenses and honoraria for our distinguished speakers, make their presentations free and available to the public, and cover newsletter production and mailing. Thank you to these members as of January 28, 2024.

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WACCI membership is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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Please email the WACCI *Communiqué* to me.

Please indicate your membership level:

Benefactors - \$500 Sustainers - \$250 Supporters - \$100

Friends - \$50 Students - \$10

At all membership levels, your name will be listed periodically in the *Communiqué*.

I would like to become a board member in the future

I would like to serve on a committee

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