SMA Speaker Sessions: Currently Scheduled Events (Organized Chronologically)

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Date: Tuesday 18 September 2018 1000 ET
Speaker(s): Dimitar Bechev (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)
Topic: Rival Power: Russia in Southeast Europe
Speaker Series: SMA EUCOM

Date: Wednesday 19 September 2018 1430 ET
Speaker(s): Elsa Kania (CNAS)
Topic: China’s AI and quantum computing/communications initiatives
Speaker Series: SMA INDOPACOM

Date: Thursday 20 September 2018 1000 ET
Speaker(s): Peter Zwack (Ret.)
Topic: His recent paper entitled “Russia and China’s Growing Military Interaction; Surprised?”
Speaker Series: SMA INDOPACOM

Date: Friday 21 September 2018 1000 ET
Speaker(s): Gina Ligon (University of Nebraska Omaha)
Topic: Taliban leadership in Afghanistan
Speaker Series: SMA CENTCOM (Afghanistan)

Date: Wednesday 3 October 2018 1300 ET
Speaker(s): Brian Hancock (USARMY)
Topic: A prototype academic model for Civil Information Management (CIM) and measurement that was tested in the Rim of the Pacific, as well as a prototype technology for generating a civil ECOP; the methodology, as well as the effects and behavior change it generated, would be presented
Speaker Series: SMA General

Date: Wednesday 10 October 2018 0930 ET
Speaker(s): Piotr Zagorowski (USARMY 21st Theater Sustainment Command)
Topic: The processes the 21st TSC uses to design, develop and implement, engagement strategy in the European Theater of Operation
Speaker Series: SMA EUCOM

Date: Thursday 11 October 2018 1000 ET
Speaker(s): Todd Sechser (University of Virginia)
Topic: His research on emerging technologies and deterrence
Speaker Series: SMA STRATCOM Academic Alliance

Date: Friday 12 October 2018 1030 ET
Speaker(s): Paul Scharre (CNAS)
Topic: Autonomous weapons
Speaker Series: SMA DHS

Date: Thursday 18 October 2018 1000 ET
Speaker(s): Behnam Ben Taleblu (Foundation for Defense of Democracies)
Topic: “The Islamic Republic of Iran is believed to possess the largest ballistic missile arsenal in the Middle East. What strategic, political, and ideational objectives does this missile arsenal achieve for Iran, particularly in a post-JCPOA nuclear deal Middle East? The presentation contains a brief overview of Iran’s ballistic missile capabilities and intentions before moving to describe the political, ideational, and strategic attachment Iran has to ballistic missiles. This presentation will then turn to sticking-points in the U.S.-Iran relationship as they pertain to ballistic missiles such as flight-testing, technology transfers, illicit procurement, and signals of defiance. The goal of this presentation is to better understand the role ballistic missiles play in Iran’s security policy and defense doctrine.”
Speaker Series: SMA CENTCOM

Date: Thursday 25 October 2018 1400 ET
Speaker(s): Tom Pike (USARMY SSI)
Topic: Integrating Computational Tools for Foreign Policy: Introducing Mesa Packages with a Coalition Algorithm
Speaker Series: SMA General

Date: Wednesday 31 October 2018 1000 ET
Speaker(s): Karl Kaltenthaler (University of Akron)
Topic: What threat does Al Qaeda (and/or other Salafi jihadi groups) pose to American national security if the Taliban comes back to national power in Afghanistan?
Speaker Series: SMA CENTCOM (Afghanistan)

Date: Wednesday 7 November 2018 1300 ET
Speaker(s): Lawrence Rubin (Georgia Institute of Technology), Adam Stulberg (Georgia Institute of Technology)
Topic: The End of Strategic Stability? Nuclear Weapons and the Challenge of Regional Rivalries
Speaker Series: SMA STRATCOM Academic Alliance

Date: Thursday 8 November 2018 1400 ET
Speaker(s): Jongseok Woo (University of South Florida)
Speaker Series: SMA INDOPACOM

Date: Friday 15 November 2018 1000 ET
Speaker(s): Christophe Morin (SalesBrain)
Speaker Series: SMA General

Date: Date and time TBD
Speaker(s): Chuck Ehlschlaeger (USARMY CEERD-CERL)
Topic: Implementing Black Swan Theory Concepts for Military Risk Analysis Planning for a Complex World
Speaker Series: SMA General

Date: Date and time TBD
Speaker(s): Jeff Decker (Stanford University)
Topic: Intersection of defense innovation and industry (Renewing Defense Innovation: Five Incentives for Forming Pentagon Startup Partnerships)

Date: Date and time TBD
Speaker(s): Nicholas Wright (Intelligent Biology / Georgetown University)
Topic: How artificial intelligence will reshape the global order

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Speaker(s): Nicholas Wright (Intelligent Biology / Georgetown University)
Topic: "Getting Messages Through: The Cognition of Influence with North Korea and East Asia"

Date: Date and time TBD
Speaker(s): James Farwell (The Farwell Group)
Topic: Information Warfare, laying out a doctrine, which precepts and details exactly how to forge and execute one (written for commanders and operators)

Date: Date and time TBD
Speaker(s): Bruce Bechtol (Angelo State University)
Topic: "North Korean Military Proliferation in the Middle East and Africa: Enabling Violence and Instability"

Date: Date and time TBD
Speaker(s): Krista Langeland (RAND)
Topic: Deterrence / influence

Date: Date and time TBD
Speaker(s): Molly Nadolski (Georgia Tech Research Institute)

Date: Date and time TBD
Speaker(s): Dean Cheng (Heritage Foundation), Lt Col Peter Garretson (USAF), Namrata Goswami (Independent Analyst), James Lewis (Center for Strategic and International Studies), Bruce W. MacDonald (Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies), Kazuto Suzuki (Hokkaido University, Japan), Brian C. Weeden (Secure World Foundation), Nicholas Wright (Intelligent Biology / Georgetown University)
Topic: China space white paper: "Outer Space; Earthly Escalation? Chinese Perspectives on Space Operations and Escalation"

Speaker Series: SMA General
Date: Date and time TBD
Speaker(s): Maorong Jiang (Creighton University)
Topic: Elaborating on his contributions to the ViTTa report entitled “Is There A Win-Win Scenario For The Key Actors Concerned With The DPRK?”
Speaker Series: SMA STRATCOM Academic Alliance