

SMA Speaker Sessions: Currently Scheduled Events (Organized Chronologically)

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Date: Tuesday 31 March 2020 1300 ET

Speaker(s): Dr. Sabrina Polansky (NSI, Inc.), Dr. Robert Hinck (Monmouth College), Mr. Howard Lee (US Army TRADOC), Mr. Weston Aviles (NSI, Inc.)

Topic: "CENTCOM Conclusion of Effort Panel Discussion- The Gulf and Egypt"

Speaker Series: SMA CENTCOM

Date: Wednesday 1 April 2020 1300 ET

Speaker(s): Dr. James Canton (Institute for Global Futures), Dr. James Giordano (Georgetown University Medical Center/US Naval War College)

Topic: "COVID-19 Operational Environment Impacts"

Speaker Series: SMA INDOPACOM

Date: Tuesday 14 April 2020 1030 ET

Speaker(s): Dr. Belinda Bragg (NSI, Inc.), Dr. Gina Ligon (University of Nebraska, Omaha), Gen Bob Elder (George Mason University)

Topic: "CENTCOM Conclusion of Effort Panel Discussion- Great Power Competition"

Speaker Series: SMA CENTCOM

Date: Wednesday 15 April 2020 1400 ET

Speaker(s): Dr. Soner Cagaptay (The Washington Institute)

Topic: Turkish involvement in the Syrian civil war and recent tensions between Russia and Turkey in Northern Syria

Speaker Series: SMA CENTCOM

Date: Wednesday 22 April 2020 1100 ET

Speaker(s): Mr. James Dobbins (RAND), Mr. Jason H. Campbell (RAND), Ms. Laurel E. Miller (RAND), Ms. S. Rebecca Zimmerman (RAND)

Topic: "Disarming, Demobilizing, and Reintegrating Afghan Combatants in Accordance with a Peace Agreement"

Speaker Series: SMA CENTCOM

Date: Thursday 23 April 2020 1600 ET

Speaker(s): Dr. Lawrence Kuznar (NSI, Inc.), Dr. James Giordano (Georgetown University), Dr. Nicholas Wright (Intelligent Biology / Georgetown University), Dr. Dianne DiEuliis (National Defense University), Dr. Zac Rogers (Flinders University)

Topic: 1) Dualism, Positivism, behaviorism, and cognitive psychology in the present context, 2) How do these factor into digital capitalism and digital surveillance authoritarianism, and 3) A deeper dive into the weaponization and commercialization of human behavior enabled by AI

Speaker Series: SMA General

Date: Friday 24 April 2020 time TBD

Speaker(s): Mr. Ben Leo (Fraym), Mr. Dustin Homer (Fraym), Mr. Berkley Almeida (Fraym), Ms. Rachael Mandell (Fraym)

Topic: “How to Predict Where Terrorists Find New Recruits”

Speaker Series: SMA General

Date: Thursday 30 April 2020 1000 ET

Speaker(s): Mr. Christopher Ventura (National Intelligence University)

Topic: “Gray Rhino Situations and Crisis Management”

Speaker Series: SMA General

Date: Wednesday 13 May 2020 1100 ET

Speaker(s): Dr. Rupal Mehta (University of Nebraska, Lincoln)

Topic: “Delaying Doomsday: The Politics of Nuclear Reversal”

Speaker Series: SMA STRATCOM Academic Alliance

Date: Thursday 28 May 2020 time TBD

Speaker(s): Dr. Peter Singer (New America)

Topic: An upcoming project that he will release in May; it is a combo of a nonfiction study of all the ways that AI+robotics are going to be used and change our world over the next 20 years, but also introduce new threats and vulnerabilities that will make the cyber and terrorist attacks of the past look small scale

Speaker Series: SMA General

Date: Date and time TBD

Speaker(s): Mr. Matthew Slater (OPNAV N3/N5)

Topic: “Environmental Security and State Decline: A Comparison of the Colorado River Basin, Iran and Yemen”

Speaker Series: SMA General

Date: Date and time TBD

Speaker(s): Dr. Stephen Wright (US Air Force (USAF) Air Education and Training Command (AETC) School of Advanced Air and Space Studies)

Topic: “Strategy: Context and Adaptation from Archidamus to Airpower”

Speaker Series: SMA General

Date: Date and time TBD

Speaker(s): Mr. Gary Phillips (US Army TRADOC G2)

Topic: “Newer Is Not Better, Better is Better”

Speaker Series: SMA General

Date: Date and time TBD

Speaker(s): Mr. Zachery Tyson Brown (Truman National Security Project)

Topic: “Deterrence and the New Intelligence”

Speaker Series: SMA General

Date: Date and time TBD

Speaker(s): Dr. Jonathan Ward (Atlas Organization)

Topic: “US-China Competition in the 2020s: The Decisive Decade”

Speaker Series: Future of Global Competition & Conflict

Date: Date and time TBD

Speaker(s): Dr. Matthew Kroenig (Georgetown University)

Topic: “The Return of Great Power Rivalry: Democracy versus Autocracy from the Ancient World to the US and China”

Speaker Series: SMA INDOPACOM

Date: Date and time TBD

Speaker(s): Mr. Dian Hu (George Washington University)

Topic: “Chinese Social Media Suggest Decreased Vaccine Acceptance in China: An Observational Study on Weibo Following the 2018 Changchun Changsheng Vaccine Incident”

Speaker Series: SMA General

Date: Date and time TBD

Speaker(s): Mr. Ali Jafri (NSI, Inc.), Dr. Sabrina Polansky (NSI, Inc.), Ms. Nicole Peterson (NSI, Inc.)

Topic: “CENTCOM Conclusion of Effort Panel Discussion- The Levant”

Speaker Series: SMA CENTCOM