

SMA Speaker Sessions: Currently Scheduled Events

For general speaker series inquiries and information on how to join an event, please contact Nicole Peterson at npeterson@nsiteam.com

Date: Tuesday 9 March 2021 1100 ET

Speaker(s): Mr. John Cappello (Balkan Security Network)

Topic: "Mitigating Disinformation in a Contested Environment: Frontline Experience from the Western Balkans"

Speaker Series: SMA IIJO

Date: Wednesday 10 March 2021 1100 ET

Speaker(s): Dr. Michael Kenney (University of Pittsburgh), Dr. Colin Clarke (The Soufan Center and the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague)

Topic: "What Antifa Is, What It Isn't, and Why It Matters"

Speaker Series: SMA General

Date: Tuesday 16 March 2021 1100 ET

Speaker(s): Mr. Robert Morgus (Cyberspace Solarium Commission), Mr. Mark Montgomery (Cyberspace Solarium Commission)

Topic: "The Role of Europe in the New Era of Great Power Competition"

Speaker Series: SMA NDU/PRISM Innovation Series

Date: Wednesday 17 March 2021 1200 ET

Speaker(s): Hon. Federica Mogherini (Former High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission)

Topic: "The Role of Europe in the New Era of Great Power Competition"

Speaker Series: SMA INSS/PRISM

Date: Thursday 18 March 2021 1000 ET

Speaker(s): Dr. Thomas Lynch (National Defense University)

Topic: "Realities, Imperatives, and Principles in a New Era of Great Power Competition"

Speaker Series: SMA General

Date: Tuesday 23 March 2021 1100 ET

Speaker(s): Mr. William O'Hara (USSOCOM J5)

Topic: "How China Masters the Art of Propaganda"

Speaker Series: SMA IIJO

Date: Tuesday 30 March 2021 1100 ET

Speaker(s): Mr. Peter Pomerantsev (London School of Economics and Political Science)

Topic: "This Is Not Propaganda" and (an update on) "Nothing is True and Everything is Possible: Adventures in Modern Russia"

Speaker Series: SMA IIJO

Date: Wednesday 31 March 2021 1100 ET

Speaker(s): Mr. Jonathan Hillman (CSIS)

Topic: The way in which Chinese commercial activities—many of them under the Belt and Road banner—are creating new challenges for US military operations overseas

Speaker Series: SMA INDOPACOM

Date: Friday 2 April 2021 1100 ET

Speaker(s): Dr. Lawrence Rubin (Georgia Institute of Technology), Maj Brian Stewart (Georgia Institute of Technology), Dr. Mariel Borowitz (Georgia Institute of Technology)

Topic: “National Security Implications of Emerging Satellite Technologies”

Speaker Series: SMA General

Date: Tuesday 6 April 2021 1300 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: Wednesday 7 April 2021 1100 ET

Speaker(s): Mr. Jon Bateman (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (CEIP)), Mr. Tim Hwang (Georgetown University), Dr. Nicholas Wright (Intelligent Biology; Georgetown University Medical Center)

Topic: Deepfakes

Speaker Series: SMA IIJO

Date: Thursday 8 April 2021 1200 ET

Speaker(s): Dr. Edward N. Luttwak (Senior Associate, Center for Strategic and International Studies)

Topic: TBD

Speaker Series: SMA INSS/PRISM

Date: Wednesday 14 April 2021 1100 ET

Speaker(s): Dr. Olga Vartanova (Marine Corps Information Operations Center), Mr. Curtis Lineweaver (Marine Corps Information Operations Center)

Topic: How Russian Informatsionnoye protivoborstvo (IPb) is used to influence target audiences around the globe and identify implications for US military decision making

Speaker Series: SMA IIJO

Date: Tuesday 20 April 2021 1030 ET

Speaker(s): Mr. Anthony Finkelstein (OCSA), Ms. Claire Hancock (UK MoD), Mr. Tim Grayson (DARPA)

Topic: “Innovation Amongst Allies Now – Greater Than the Sum of the Parts”

Speaker Series: SMA IIJO

Date: Wednesday 21 April 2021 1030 ET

Speaker(s): Dr. Thomas Rid (Johns Hopkins SAIS), Dr. Bill Casebeer (Beyond Conflict), Sir David Omand (Kings College London; Former Director GCHQ)

Topic: “Success and the Ethics of Operations in the Information Environment”

Speaker Series: SMA IIJO

Date: Tuesday 27 April 2021 1100 ET

Speaker(s): Dr. George Galdorisi (Naval Information Warfare Center Pacific), Dr. Sam Tangredi (Naval Information Warfare Center Pacific)

Topic: “Algorithms of Armageddon: What Happens When We Insert AI Into Our Military Weapons Systems?”

Speaker Series: SMA General

Date: Wednesday 28 April 2021 time TBD

Speaker(s): Ms. Alexa Courtney (Frontier Design)

Topic: “How [Culture] Change Happens: A Roadmap of What Works”

Speaker Series: SMA IJO

Date: Tuesday 4 May 2021 1300 ET

Speaker(s): Dr. Edward Schatz (University of Toronto)

Topic: “Slow Anti-Americanism: Social Movements and Symbolic Politics in Central Asia”

Speaker Series: SMA INDOPACOM

Date: Date and time TBD

Speaker(s): Mr. Daniel Rosen (Rhodium Group)

Topic: His USSC testimony

Speaker Series: SMA INDOPACOM

Date: Date and time TBD

Speaker(s): Dr. Christopher Paul (RAND), Mr. Michael Schwille (RAND)

Topic: Force and organization issues within the information environment (IE)

Speaker Series: SMA IJO