

SMA Speaker Sessions: Currently Scheduled Events (Last Updated 7 October 2022)

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Date: Tuesday 11 October 2022 1000 ET

Speaker(s): Dr. Nicolas Wright (Intelligent Biology)

Topic: “Why Are We Integrating Now—and How Can We Integrate Better? History, Complexity and Metacognition”

Speaker Series: SMA AFOE

Date: Wednesday 12 October 2022 1100 ET

Speaker(s): Dr. Scott Atran (Artis International; France’s National Center for Scientific Research; University of Oxford; University of Michigan)

Topic: “Transcultural Predictors of Will to Fight”

Speaker Series: SMA General

Date: Tuesday 18 October 2022 1000 ET

Speaker(s): Dr. Christopher Blattman (Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago)

Topic: His recent book, entitled “Why We Fight: The Roots of War and the Paths to Peace,” with a focus on societal conflicts—from street gangs to mobs—as well as his observations on dispute resolution and violence reduction. Who is currently looking at this problem: Is it the US? China? Or is this a future role for the US?

Speaker Series: SMA AFOE

Date: Wednesday 19 October 2022 1100 ET

Speaker(s): Dr. Phil Potter (National Security Policy Center, Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, University of Virginia)

Topic: Bridging the gap between the academic and defense communities about how to think about, understand, and respond to gray zone activities. The gray zone is both a tool for the weak and the strong, so responding to gray zone activities depends on the rationale of why an actor is taking those specific actions

Speaker Series: SMA General

Date: Tuesday 25 October 2022 1000 ET

Speaker(s): Ms. Natalie Gryvnyak (Founder, InFeatures Story Production), other panelists TBA

Topic: Economic restoration in Ukraine—what is next for the country, after the war?

Speaker Series: SMA EUCOM

Date: Wednesday 26 October 2022 1100 ET

Speaker(s): Sir David Omand (Visiting Professor, War Studies Department, King's College London), Dr. James Giordano (Georgetown University Medical Center; Institute for Biodefence Research), Dr. Jonathan Moreno (David and Lyn Silfen University Professor, University of Pennsylvania)

Topic: Ethics and success in the mind-tech nexus

Speaker Series: SMA Mind-tech Nexus

Date: Tuesday 1 November 2022 1300 ET

Speaker(s): Ms. Jennifer Bradley (USSTRATCOM J5)

Topic: "China's Nuclear Modernization and Expansion: Ways Beijing Could Adapt its Nuclear Policy"

Speaker Series: SMA STRATCOM Academic Alliance

Date: Wednesday 9 November 2022 1100 ET

Speaker(s): Dr. Richard Cronin (Stimson Center)

Topic: "Taiwan Is Not Ukraine: Its 'Silicon Shield' is a Strong Deterrent, but a Contingent One for U.S. Policy"

Speaker Series: SMA INDOPACOM

Date: Thursday 10 November 2022 1300 ET

Speaker(s): Dr. Michael Swaine (Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft), Dr. Eric Heginbotham (Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft; Massachusetts Institute of Technology [MIT])

Topic: "'Active Denial:' The Best Way to Challenge Status Quo and Avoid War with China"

Speaker Series: SMA INDOPACOM

Date: Tuesday 15 November 2022 1000 ET

Speaker(s): Dr. Olga Vartanova (Senior Geopolitical Strategic Analyst, Marine Corps Information Operations Center (MCIOC); President, Modern Language Consultants, Inc.)

Topic: Russian Informatsionnoye protivoborstvo (IPb) during the lengthy buildup of forces along the Ukrainian border, the significance of the open statements that Russian officials made regarding US and NATO activities in Ukraine and the region, and current Russian narratives, including the falsity of Ukrainian victory, the misplacement of blame for atrocities against civilians, and general outlook for the conflict

Speaker Series: SMA EUCOM

Date: Wednesday 16 November 2022 1100 ET

Speaker(s): Dr. Todd Helmus (RAND)

Topic: "Artificial Intelligence, Deepfakes, and Disinformation: A Primer"

Speaker Series: SMA General

Date: Thursday 17 November 2022 1600 ET

Speaker(s): Prof. Adam Lockyer (Macquarie University)

Topic: Deterrence with respect to maritime strategy

Speaker Series: SMA STRATCOM Academic Alliance

Date: Monday 21 November 2022 1300 ET

Speaker(s): Dr. David Dorondo (Western Carolina University)

Topic: Berlin's re-stated commitment to nuclear sharing (and the money and F-35 acquisition to go with it) and increased defense spending, as well as the hidden dimensions behind Germany's announced contributions to Ukraine's defense

Speaker Series: SMA STRATCOM Academic Alliance

Date: Tuesday 29 November 2022 1400 ET

Speaker(s): Prof. Daryl Press (Dartmouth College's Initiative for Global Security), Dr. Nicholas Anderson (Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University)

Topic: "Lost Seoul? Assessing Pyongyang's Other Deterrent"

Speaker Series: SMA INDOPACOM

Date: Tuesday 13 December 2022 1100 ET

Speaker(s): Dr. Patrick Sullivan (CEO, Oceanit)

Topic: "Intellectual Anarchy: The Art of Disruptive Innovation"

Speaker Series: SMA General

Date: Wednesday 14 December 2022 1100 ET

Speaker(s): Dr. Todd Helmus (RAND)

Topic: "Do National Security Communication Campaigns Work? Taking a Lesson from the Public Health Sector"

Speaker Series: SMA General

Date: Date and time TBD

Speaker(s): Dr. Christopher Weidacher-Hsiung (Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI))

Topic: "China's Relationship with Russia: Drivers, Content, and Future Prospects"

Speaker Series: SMA EUCOM/INDOPACOM

Date: Date and time TBD

Speaker(s): Dr. Barry Posen (Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)), Prof. Christopher Coker (London School of Economics IDEAS)

Topic: The new US National Defense Strategy and National Security Strategy

Speaker Series: SMA UK MoD Strategic Advantage Series