United States National Security Policy and Military Strategy: Understanding the Environment for Contemporary Warfare

A Colloquium sponsored by the Vietnam Center and Archive and Department of Political Science
Texas Tech University
And
The Strategic Studies Institute, US Army War College

September 15-16, 2010
The Overton Hotel and Convention Center
Lubbock, Texas

This event is free and open to the public. To register to attend, please visit http://www.vietnam.ttu.edu/events/counterterrorism/

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

All Day: Participants Arrive
(Speaker transportation coordinated with Overton Hotel)

12:00 PM: Conference Registration Open

5:00 PM: Conference Registration Closed

6:00 PM: Reception at Overton Hotel
(Cash Bar; Light Hors d’oeuvres)

Wednesday September 15, 2010

7:30 AM: Coffee and Tea Service in Conference Registration Area
Conference Registration Open

8:15 AM: Welcoming Remarks
Ambassador Tibor Nagy, Vice Provost for International Affairs
8:30 AM:  Discussion Panel 1:  An Assessment of Contemporary Warfare and US National Security and Military Policy

Moderator:  Colonel (Ret) Dave Lewis, Texas Tech University

- Dr. Scott Douglas, Professor, Strategy and Policy Department, Naval War College
- Dr. Gawdat Bahgat, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University; former Director of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.
- Dr. Carland Phillips, Professor of Biological Sciences, Texas Tech University, Threat Reduction, Nonproliferation, Bioweapons, and National Security

10:00 AM:  Coffee Break

10:30 AM:  Discussion Panel 2:  Applying Quantitative Analytical Tools to Contemporary Military Challenges

Moderator:  Dr. David Lektzian, Department of Political Science, Texas Tech University

- Dr. Laura Dugan, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, member of the National Center for the Study of Terrorism and Response to Terrorism, University of Maryland
- Dr. Kim Elliott, visiting fellow with the Peterson Institute for International Economics since 1982 and is a senior fellow at the Center for Global Development.
- Dr. Paul Hensel, University of North Texas:  Utilizing the Correlates of War Dataset

12:00 PM  Lunch

Presentation by the Institute for Environmental and Human Health, Texas Tech University (TIEHH)

Topic:  The Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr. National Program for Countermeasures to Biological & Chemical Threats

1:30 PM  Discussion Panel 3:  Qualitative Assessments of Contemporary Warfare

Moderator:  Dr. Ron Milam, Department of History, Texas Tech University

- Dr. Tom Marks, Professor of Insurgency, Terrorism, and Counterterrorism, College of International Security Affairs (CISA), National Defense University (NDU). "Colombia: Turning Defeat into Victory in Contemporary Warfare."
- Dr. Dale Andrade, US Army Center of Military History. An Assessment of the War in Iraq.
- Dr. Kalev Sepp, Naval Postgraduate School. An Assessment of the War in Afghanistan.
• Dr. David H. Gray, Associate Professor, Fayetteville State University. An Assessment of the Security Situation in Pakistan.

3:00 PM: Coffee Break

3:30 PM: Discussion Panel 4: Bridging the Gap between Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches to understanding Contemporary Warfare

Moderator: Dr. Dennis Patterson, Chair, Department of Political Science, TTU

• Dr. Thomas Lynch, Col (Ret), USA. Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University, former Special Assistant and Deputy Director of the Advisory Group for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
• Curtis Johnson, Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies, Advanced Concepts Group at Sandia National Laboratories with a focus on the future of national and international security, global terrorism and counterterrorism, homeland security, and utilizing science and engineering approaches to complex systems and problems.
• Michael Mihalka, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, School of Advanced Military Studies. “Picking your fights: Towards a Strategic/Operational Approach to Cope with Transnational Terrorism.”

5:00 PM End of first day

6:00 PM Reception
(Cash Bar; Light Hors d’oeuvres)

6:30 PM Banquet

7:30 PM Keynote Speaker: Lieutenant General David W. Barno, Center for a New American Security

8:30 PM End of banquet

Thursday September 16, 2010

8:20 AM Welcoming remarks by Dr. Lawrence Schovanec, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

8:30 AM Understanding the Environment for Contemporary Warfare: Looking through New Lenses

Moderator: Dr. Steve Maxner, Vietnam Center, Texas Tech University

• Dave Lewis, Colonel, USAF (Ret), Texas Tech University. Developing New Lenses:
• Dr. Nori Katagiri, Assistant Professor of International Security Studies, Air War College. “Understanding How Non-State Actors Fight and Defeat Foreign States in War.”
• Dr. Larry A. Valero, Associate Professor of Security Studies, University of Texas at El Paso. “Understanding Strategic Communication as a Counterterrorist Tool.”

10:00 AM Coffee Break

10:30 AM **International Law and Contemporary Warfare: Challenges and Precedents**
(Organized by the Center of Military Law, Texas Tech University Law School)

Moderated by Walt Huffman, Dean Emeritus, Texas Tech University Law School

• Professor W. Hays Parks, Law of War Chair, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Defense; former Special Assistant for Law of War Matters to the Judge Advocate General of the Army
• Professor Laurie Blank, Director, International Humanitarian Law Clinic, Emory University Law School
• Professor Richard Rosen, Director, Military Law Center, Texas Tech University Law School

12:00 PM Lunch

1:30 PM: **Roundtable Discussion: Developing New Ideas and Strategies for Contemporary Warfare**

Moderated by Dr. Dennis Patterson, Chair, Department of Political Science

3:00 PM Concluding Remarks