

AGENDA

THE LOCAL ROOTS OF GLOBAL PEACE: Junior Voices on Global Security Studies Annual International Conference

June 23-24th, 2017

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The conference is free and open to public. The deadline for registration to attend the conference is June 20th. For registration, please contact Asya Hayrapetyan at info@eiu.am or call at 29-90-88.

CONFERENCE BACKGROUND

This decade has arguably seen the dawn of an era of centrifugal world politics. The Brexit referendum in the UK unsettled the regional fabric of the European Union, and coincided with a new US administration intent on renegotiating its terms of engagement both regionally and globally. The electorates in many Western democracies similarly registered displeasure toward economic globalization, defied global refugee protection policies, and called for harsher positions on immigration. Institutional and political support for cosmopolitan values and human rights has been weakening in many parts of the world. Elsewhere, the level of social protest and transnational activism against governments, democracies and dictatorships alike, has been growing. Transnationally organized collective responses to problems defying state-centric solutions, which range from crime to corruption to climate change, remain weak. Paralleling the apparent global erosion of liberal values and institutions, the world has arguably seen a concurrent decline in democracy. Since 2000, analysts have registered regression in democratic practices in more than twenty-seven countries. Some democratic erosion has been registered in twenty-two European countries. From France to the Philippines, right-wing populism has been on the rise. Still, in defiance of these trends have been democratic advance and progress in places like Gambia, Georgia, Nigeria, Sri Lanka and Tunisia, among others. And despite persistent turmoil in the Middle East, inter-state wars have nearly disappeared from the world system, and intra-state violence has continued its steady decline in the post-Cold war period.

The security implications of these trends are immediate. Centrifugal forces elevate short-term strategic security concerns for states, but undermine global institutions of governance and weaken human security. Bullets *and* ballots shape national politics and transform security systems, both regional and global. Understanding whether these developments, nationally and globally, are a bump in a road, or a massive fracture, in light of what seemed like a democratic destiny a decade ago, is the overarching theme that will be driving the conversations at this conference.

Is the liberal world order under threat? How liberal was that order in the first place? How much order was there? What are its prospects moving forward? Is the “West” in decline, and is the “Rest” on the rise? How do we foster global cooperation in an era of centrifugal politics? This conference seeks to explore these questions in terms of their significance for Global Security Studies. Explaining how experiences from developing countries confirm, conform and challenge traditional understandings of Global Security Studies is one of the overarching goals of the meeting.

JUNE 23RD, FRIDAY

9:00-10:00 AM Registration, *Student Hall*

10:00– 11:00 AM Welcoming Remarks and Keynote Address, *Conference Hall*

- 10:00AM Richard B. Finnegan, Professor Emeritus, Department of Political Science and International Studies, *Stonehill College, USA*
- 10:10AM Anna Ohanyan, Richard B. Finnegan Distinguished Professor of Political Science and International Relations, *Stonehill College, USA*
- 10:20AM Deborah Grieser, USAID-Armenia Mission Director, *Armenia and USA*
- 10:50AM Vazgen Karapetyan, Associate Director, *Eurasia Partnership Foundation Armenia*
- 10:55AM Nichali Michael Ciaccio, *University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA*, and *Eurasia International University, Armenia*

11:00-11:30 AM Coffee and Media Break, *Conference Hall*

11:30-1:00 PM PLENARY SESSION

SECURITY PRACTITIONER ROUNDTABLE , *Conference Hall*

Poverty, Development and Human Security, Deborah Grieser, *USAID-Armenia Mission Director*

Prenatal Sex Selection from the Human Rights Perspective, Nvard Manasyan, *UNICEF, Armenia*

Gender and Security Studies, Maro Matosian, Executive Director, *Women's Support Center, Armenia*

Criminality, Radicalization and Global Security, Aleksandra Nesic, *Senior Social Scientist & Faculty US Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School (USAJFKSWCS) US Special Operations Command (USSOC)*

Journalism of War and Peace, Tatul Hakobyan, *Author and Reported with Civilnet.am, Armenia*

Peacebuilding and Security Studies, speaker TBD, EPF

Moderator: Richard Giragosian, Director, Regional Studies Center, Armenia

1:00-2:30 PM Lunch, *Student Hall*

1:30-2:00 On Belfast and Brexit: Will the Peace in Northern Ireland hold after British Exit from the EU?

Dr. Richard B. Finnegan, *Professor Emeritus, Stonehill College, USA*

2:30-4:00 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1 AND 2

Concurrent Session 1: Changing Patterns of Conflict, War and Violence, *Tempus Conference Hall*

Session Chair: Prof. Richard Finnegan, *Stonehill College, United States*

Nagorno-Karabakh conflict: active and frozen, by Gurgen Muradyan
Yerevan State University, Armenia

The role of volunteers and mercenaries in conflict: The Nagorno-Karabakh case,
by Maria Nebolsina
Center of Euro-Atlantic Security of the International Studies Institute, MGIMO, Russia

A Psycho-Emotional Human Security Analytical Framework: Origin and Epidemiology of
Violent Extremism and Radicalization and What States Can Do About It,
by Dr. Aleksandra Nestic
*US Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School (USAJFKSWCS)
US Special Operations Command (USSOC)*

Cyber attack in the context of international humanitarian law, by Mariam Antonyan
Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia, Armenia

Discussant: Prof. Richard Finnegan, *Stonehill College*

Concurrent Session 2: Identities, Borders and Global Security, *Viva Cell MTS Computer Room*

Session Chair: Naira Sahakyan, *European University at Saint Petersburg, Russia*

Nationalism and Religion as Sources of Socio-Political Conflicts, by Gevorg Galtakyan
Yerevan State University, Armenia

Armenia on the Crossroads of Migration
Gevorg Grigoryan, Yerevan State University, Armenia

Searching for a Place: The Case of IDPs of Abkhazia, by Ketevan Epadze
Tbilisi State University, Georgia

Cultural Difference in Conflict Management Strategies: Comparing Adolescents in Lithuania and
Poland, by Gražina Čiuladienė
Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania

Transformation of Gender Issues throughout the USSR, by Lilit Hayrapetyan
Jagiellonian University Krakow, Poland

Discussant: Artak Ayunts, *Eurasia Partnership Foundation Armenia*

4:15-5:30 PLENARY SESSION: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ROUNDTABLE

Effective Communication: Change the World, Word by Word, *General Conference Hall*

Richard Giragosian, *Regional Studies Center, Armenia*

Prof. Richard B. Finnegan, *Stonehill College, USA*

Maria Titizian, *EVN, Armenia*

Prof. Aleksandra Nestic, *US Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School (USAJFKSWCS)
US Special Operations Command (USSOC)*

Moderator: Isabella Sargsyan, *Eurasia Partnership Foundation, Armenia*

JUNE 24TH, SATURDAY

9:15 AM-10:00AM – Morning Coffee, *Student Hall*

9:30 AM Mr. Levon Mkrtchyan, *Minister of Education, Republic of Armenia*

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1 AND 2

Concurrent Session 1: Security Systems, Old and New, *Tempus Conference Hall*

Session Chair: Richard Giragosian, *Regional Studies Center (RSC), Armenia*

Is the Focus on Geopolitics? A Look at Russia's Post-Cold War Foreign Policy, by Andrew Gillis
Stonehill College, USA

The peculiarities of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps' involvement in the Syrian Conflict:
Its strategy, methods and interests, by Avnik Melikian
Yerevan State University, Armenia and Iran

The legal framework of the Kuril Islands dispute, by Gor Nalbandyan
Yerevan State University, Armenia

Regional Security System of South Caucasus, by Ani Hovasapyan
Eurasia International University, Armenia

Electoral Fraud and Prevention Mechanisms in Armenia, by Meline Avagyan
Yerevan State University, Armenia

Discussant: Richard Giragosian, *RSC, Armenia*

Concurrent Session 2: Human Rights as a Global Security Precondition, Viva Cell MTS Computer Room

Session Chair: Prof. Anna Davtyan-Gevorgyan, *Yerevan State University*

A Recurring Phenomenon: The Prohibition of Torture and the Question of Judicial Corporal Punishment under International Human Rights Law, by Anna Karapetyan
Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, The Hague, The Netherlands

Gender-based violence in Latin America and the Caribbean, by Varduhi Harutyunyan
Yerevan State University, Armenia

The concept of citizenship and development trends, by Merri Shahbazyan
Eurasia International University, Armenia

The legal and institutional framework of human rights in the unrecognized Artsakh Republic, by Armine Sahakyan, *Yerevan State University, Armenia*

Discussant: Prof. Aleksandra Nestic, *US Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School (USAJFKSWCS) US Special Operations Command (USSOC) USA*

11:30 AM -11:45 AM - Break

11:45AM-1:00PM PLENARY SESSION: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ROUNDTABLE

Where Do Ideas Come From, and Where Do They Go? *General Conference Hall*

Prof. Aleksandra Nestic, *US Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School (USAJFKSWCS) US Special Operations Command (USSOC) USA*

Prof. Richard Finnegan, *Stonehill College*

Richard Giragosian, *Regional Studies Center*

Prof. Irina Ghaplanyan, *American University of Armenia*

Isabella Sargsyan, *Eurasia Partnership Foundation, Armenia*

Alen Amirkhanian, *American University of Armenia*

Moderator: Prof. Anna Ohanyan, *Stonehill College*

1:00-2:30 PM Lunch, *Student Hall*

1:30 PM Domestic Violence as a Threat to the fabric of Armenia's Society

Ms. Maro Matosian, *Executive Director, Women's Resource Center, Armenia*

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3, 4 AND 5

Concurrent Session 1: Resource Management, the Environment and Economic Development, *Tempus Conference Hall*

Session Chair: Prof. Richard B. Finnegan, Stonehill College

Transboundary Water Management: Kura-Araks River Basin, by Alvard Sargsyan
Yerevan State University, Armenia

Human Security and Sustainable Development, by Hovsep Matevosyan
St. Petersburg State University, Russia

Economic Stabilization: The Agricultural Sector and Poverty Reduction in Armenia,
by Daniel Lavigne, *Stonehill College, USA*

Agricultural Cooperatives as the way of economic development and improvement of national
security in Armenia, by Levon Arzumanyan and Olga Shakhshuryan
Agrarian University, Armenia

Armenian Monopolies in a Global Context: A Comparative Analysis, by Erica Cordatos
Stonehill College

Discussant: Prof. Irina Ghaplanyan, American University of Armenia

Concurrent Session 2: International Organizations and Non-State Actors in Global Security, *Viva Cell MTS Computer Room*

Session Chair: Aleksandra Nestic, *US Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School (USAJFKSWCS) US Special Operations Command (USSOC)*

The Role of International Organizations in the Protection of Human Rights in Internationally
Unrecognized Entities, by Yana Avanesyan
Yerevan State University, Armenia

Accountability at The World Bank, by Kayla McNulty
Stonehill College, United States

The Role of Social Media in Revolutions of Tunisia and Egypt, by Anna Sisoyan
Yerevan State University, Armenia

Corruption, Good Governance, and Integrity, by Marat Atovmyan
Eurasia International University, Armenia

Discussant: Isabella Sargsyan, Eurasia Partnership Foundation

Concurrent Session 3: Politics of Peacebuilding and Security Provision, *Library*

Session Chair: Prof. Anna Ohanyan, Stonehill College

Civil society in Nagorno-Karabakh conflict transformation: Impact assessment and untapped potential, by Shushanna Tevanyan
Yerevan State University, Armenia

Envisioning Armenian-Turkish Relations as a Complex Dynamic System, by Nichali Michael Ciaccio
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, *United States*

Narratives of Coexistence in the Nagorno Karabakh conflict, by Onnik James Krikorian, United Kingdom and Georgia

Women Leadership Talks in the Context of Peace Operations, by Sona Hakobyan and Nune Jomardyan
Eurasia International University, Armenia

Discussant: Prof. Anna Ohanyan, Stonehill College

4:00PM – 4:15 PM Break

4:15 PM – 5:00 PM **The Last Word ... and the Image**

Onnik James Krikorian, freelance journalist

Moderated by Nichali Michael Ciaccio, *University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee* and Anna Ohanyan, *Stonehill College*