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Ideology, Institutions, and Instability in Contemporary Latin America

Professor Christopher Darnton, Naval Postgraduate School

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

11:30 am registration ~ noon luncheon ~ 1:00-2:00 program

Rancho Canada, Carmel Valley Road

Most observers of Latin American politics agree that the hegemony of the Left is coming to an end. A new political climate in the region may bring the emergence of centrist, pragmatic modes of governance, and with them, opportunities for the U.S. to improve relations. However, in some countries victory by the political Right may raise questions about democratic accountability, the rule of law, and equitable and sustainable development.



Rivalry and Alliance Politics in Cold War Latin America (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2014).

Professor Darnton received his Ph.D. and MA in Politics from Princeton University and his BA in International Relations from the University of Southern California. Prior to arriving at the Naval Postgraduate School, he taught at Reed College and the Catholic University of

America.

Professor Darnton is an Associate Professor of National Security Affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School. His research and teaching have focused on the international politics of the Americas, with particular interest in what new archival evidence reveals about the Cold War era and beyond. He is the author of

Those who will participate in the World Affairs Council's *Great Decisions* discussion groups during the coming year may note that this lecture complements one of the 2017 topics, *Latin America's Political Pendulum*.

(Please see page 3 for reservation details.)

Calendar of Events

Thursday, January 5	Board meets in Conference Room, McCone building, MIIS. Open to members.	4:30 pm
Monday, January 9	<i>What's Ahead for U.S. Foreign Policy Under Trump?</i> Discussion Group meets in Room 101, Social Science building, MPC	4-5:30 pm
Wednesday, January 11	WAC Book Club meets at Monterey Public Library, Community Room reviewing <i>Thank You for Being Late: An Optimist's Guide to Thriving in the Age of Accelerations</i> , by Thomas Friedman	5-6:30 pm
Tuesday, January 24	<i>Ideology, Institutions, and Instability in Contemporary Latin America</i> . Luncheon and presentation at Rancho Canada, Carmel Valley Road.	11:30—2 pm
Monday, January 30	<i>Great Decisions</i> program begins in room 101, Social Science building, MPC. Topic: <i>The Future of Europe</i>	4-5:30 pm

TRAVEL the WORLD

The World Affairs Council of Philadelphia has, for more than thirty-five years, offered a travel program to Cooperating Councils. WACMB is one of those, and as such our members stand to benefit from such highlights as access to political leaders and local experts for behind-the-scene briefings, land tours and cruises featuring Council leaders with expertise in diplomacy, journalism or academia, and opportunities to “meet the people” for an exchange of ideas—thus creating “Soft Power.” (WAC travelers often visit schools, NGO’s, dine with private families or hear from an Imam.)

As one of the first U.S. institutions allowed to visit China in 1977, the Council has established a reputation for tours that provide substantive briefings, cultural highlights and sightseeing led by the best guides in China. This year, from October 17-29, Ambassador Mark Johnson explores the *Mystique of the Orient* from Hong Kong to Saigon aboard the 210 guest M.S. L’AUSTRAL.

Or choose a “Substantive Cruise” on a small ship where the focus is on quality service, excellent local guides for shore excursions, and enrichment lecturers such as David Eisenhower, Dr. Sergei Khrushchev, etc. Note: April 25-May 10, *Vietnam & Cambodia*. Explore Saigon for three nights, then board the 64-guest MEKONG NAVIGATOR for a seven-night Mekong River Cruise, disembarking for three nights in Angkor Wat. Or, from June 28-July 9, explore the waterways of Russia, cruising for ten nights aboard the 90-passanger M.S. VOLGA DREAM, through Russia’s old-world heartland, spending two nights each in St. Petersburg and Moscow.

WAC has held Cuba licenses for People-to-People programs since 1997 and has trips and a cruise scheduled there in 2017. October 14-22 Ambassador Vicki Huddleston will introduce *Island Life in Cuba*, a land tour featuring three nights in Havana and travel to Cienfuegos, Santa Clara and Camaguey. It’s an opportunity to immerse yourself in Cuba’s history, culture and daily life.

March 26-April 3 with Megan Torrey or May 7-15 with Shoshana Altrichter offers *Cultural Cuba*, a visit of historic sites, museums, schools,

Cuba, with a chance to visit historic sites, museums, schools and more. (Waiting list only).

Recently reinstated—Iran. Past participants raved about the local guides and engaged with Iran people they met. In 2017, Jim Falk from Dallas/Ft. Worth WAC leads a group inside Iran, April 21-May 4.

Travel brochures to all these and other destinations are available at the reception desk at our monthly luncheons. Or call toll-free (800-942-5004) for more information. Joan Russell, (215-561-4700) is the Vice President of Travel for WAC of Philadelphia and Cooperating Councils. Or check out https://www.wacphila.org/travel/preview_2017/

December Program Report.....on

The United States and Libya in the Shadow of Iraq

On December 16 our Council hosted Dr. Ethan Chorin, a specialist on the Middle East and North Africa. Dr. Chorin has spent more than 20 years living and working in the region as a diplomat and government relations executive. As a result of a posting to the American Embassy in Tripoli, Libya from 2004 to 2006, Chorin became deeply interested in Libyan politics and culture, particularly the dramatic developments in the country over the past decade. His presentation began with a brief introduction to Libya including the rule of Colonel Gaddafi, the opening of the West, the subsequent 17th of February Revolution and its aftermath. Chorin then turned to U.S. policy toward Libya. He candidly discussed the U.S. intervention in 2011, why the American compound in Benghazi was attacked, what impact the incident has had, and why we should care about political trends in Libya.

Those who missed the lecture, or whose appetite was whetted to learn more, may want to read Dr. Chorin’s two highly acclaimed books, *Exit the Colonel: The Hidden History of the Libyan Revolution* (Public Affairs, 2012) and *Translating Libya* (Darf Publishers, 2015).

Judy Sloan

RESERVATION FORM

January 24, 2017
Registration 11:30 am
Luncheon at noon
Program 1 pm

Reservations due January 20, 2017
Mail form & check or credit information to:
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PLAN AHEAD to..... Screening of the documentary *American Umpire*, to be introduced by the producer and writer, Elizabeth Cobb and followed by a discussion moderated by Glenn Robinson and Elizabeth Cobb on **Tuesday, March 7, 5:15-7:15 pm** at the Monterey Public Library.

Narrated by Jim Lehrer, *American Umpire* facilitates a civil, nonpartisan, public debate about the future of American foreign policy. The film features interviews with secretaries of state, generals, a Nobel Laureate in Economics and a Pulitzer Prize winning historian, as well as other experts in American foreign relations. They're all trying to pinpoint America's "grand strategy" for the remainder of the 21st Century.

Don't miss it!

GREAT DECISIONS

start January 30 at the MPC Discussion Group and February 13 at OLLI in Ryan Ranch.

Subjects are:

1. The Future of Europe
 2. Trade and Politics
 3. Conflict in the South China Sea
 4. Saudi Arabia in Transition
 5. U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum
 6. Latin America's Political Pendulum
 7. Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan
 8. Nuclear Security.
- For briefing books, contact Larry Johnson at Imjtheory@gmail.com. Or order on line at www.greatdecisions.org. (Bookstore Tab).

LUNCHEON MENU

*Wedgewood Salad
with Golden Italian Dressing*

*Chicken Cordon Bleu
with
Whipped Potatoes
and Vegetables*

Chef's Choice Dessert

*(Vegetarian)
Vegetable Napoleon*



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