



The Passport

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Turkey on the Brink: Assessing the Uncertainties of the Erdogan Era

Professor Ryan Gingeras

Naval Postgraduate School (NPS)

Friday, February 17, 2017

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

Rancho Canada, Carmel Valley Road

After years as a thriving democracy, Turkey was considered a hopeful bridge between the East and West. Together with its strategic location and anticipated membership in the European Union, Turkey has been a focus of international attention. However, more recently the government of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has taken an increasingly autocratic turn. This was exacerbated by a failed coup attempt in July of last year. Mr Erdogan has accused Fethullah Galen, a Pennsylvania-based cleric, for masterminding the coup attempt. Since then we have seen an unprecedented purge of the President's political enemies, arrest of opposition politicians, and an assault on political liberties, the media and civil society.

Our guest, Professor Ryan Gingeras, will discuss the



dramatic post-coup developments in Turkey, whether the government can sustain its democratic culture, and how Mr. Erdogan's new policies are affecting Turkish foreign relations, including security cooperation with Russia.

Ryan Gingeras is an Associate Professor in the Department of National Security Affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School. An historian and specialist on Turkey and the Ottoman Empire, he joined the faculty of NPS in 2010. He is author of several books on the history and politics of the Turkish Republic and the Middle East. His most recent book is entitled, *Fall of the Sultanate: World War I and the End of the Ottoman Empire* (New York: Oxford Press, 2016). Professor Gingeras earned his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Toronto.

(Please see page 3 for reservation details.)

Calendar of Events

Thursday, February 2	Board meets in Conference Room, McCone building, MIIS. Open to members.	4:30 pm
Mondays, February 6,13 20 & 27	Great Decisions are discussed in Room 101, Social Science building, MPC.	4-5:30 pm
Wednesday, February 8	WAC Book Club meets at Monterey Public Library, Community Room reviewing <i>American Nations</i>, by Colin Woodard.	5-6:30 pm
Mondays, February 13 & 27	Great Decisions are discussed at CSUMB's OLLI building at Ryan Ranch	4-5:30 pm
Friday, February 17	Turkey on the Brink. Luncheon and presentation at Rancho Canada, Carmel Valley Road	11:30-2 pm

Make a

GREAT DECISION!

What IS a *Great Decision*? According to the World Affairs Councils of America it's a program that promotes citizen awareness and discussion about timely foreign policy issues, and it's run by the Foreign Policy Association of New York. Here, in Monterey, we can benefit from *Great Decisions*, the oldest and largest grassroots educational program on world affairs in the country (350,000 over-all participants). Just sign-up to attend the free, eight-week course either at MPC on Monday afternoons beginning January 30 and continuing every Monday at 4 p.m. through March 27 (excluding President's Day) or with the OLLI group of CSUMB, starting February 13, 4-5:30 p.m. at Ryan Ranch, and continuing twice a month through May 22. E-mail olli@csumb.edu or phone 582-5500.

The only requirement for attendance is to obtain a Briefing Book, mailed to your home through OLLI for \$30, or purchase one from MPC Moderator Larry Johnson for \$22 each, or order on line at www.greatdecisions.org (click on Bookstore Tab) or phone 1-800-477-5836.

Each year eight topics are chosen for discussion, and in-depth articles on each subject are prepared by experts. These articles make up the 100-page softbound Briefing Book. This year the topics to be reviewed are:

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Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan
Nuclear Security

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**The World Affairs Council
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Veterans Organization
invite you to a screening of
AMERICAN UMPIRE
followed by a discussion with
**Elizabeth Cobbs
Producer and Writer
and James Shelley
Director and Producer****

**TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017
6:00-8:00 PM**

**Irvine Auditorium, McCone Building, MIIS
Corner of Pierce and Jefferson, Monterey
free admission
(Please note new time and venue.)**

***American Umpire*, a timely and thought-provoking documentary about U.S. foreign policy, chronicles how the U.S. became the world's policeman and explores the future of American military commitment abroad. Narrated by Jim Lehrer.**

BOOK CLUB

According to award-winning journalist and historian, Colin Woodard, North America consists of eleven distinct nations, each with its own historical roots. Understanding those roots is particularly relevant to understanding voting patterns.

Members of WAC's newly formed Book Club will review Woodward's book, *American Nations: A History of the Eleven Rival Regional Cultures of North America* on February 8, 5-6:30 pm in the Community Room of the Monterey Public Library.

You, and the public, are invited.

RESERVATION FORM

*February 17, 2017
Registration 11:30 am
Luncheon at noon
Program 1 pm*

*Reservations due February 13, 2017
Mail form & check or credit information to:
WAC - P.O. Box 83, Monterey, CA 93942
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*Members @ \$25 ea. —
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Turkey on the Brink

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News from the Schools

MIIS announces an exciting Spring Speaker Series on March 1, April 12, and May 10 when faculty and guest experts will address specific policy areas of the *Trump Administration's First 100 Days*. Talks are at room 102 McGowan building, 411 Pacific Street, Monterey, 6-7 p.m. with reception to follow. \$10 per person. Space is limited.

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The World Affairs Council of Northern California, 312 Sutter Street, Suite 200, San Francisco invites high school and college students to attend **Career Mentor Night** on February 16, 5:30-8 p.m. in their World Affairs auditorium. The program provides a unique opportunity for students to interact with professionals in international development, journalism, government, etc., and to consider career choices. Apply on line to: www.ItsYourWorld.org.

LUNCHEON MENU

Caesar Salad

*Baked Salmon Beurre
Blanc
with
Rice and Vegetables*

Chef's Choice Dessert

*(Vegetarian)
Pasta Primavera*



WELCOME!

- Sherry Williams Margarita Balish**
- Michael & Maryellen Wilson**
- Carol Williams**
- Lynn Handshy**
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