



The Passport

World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (www.wacmb.org)

March 2017

Tests of American Resolve:

U.S. National Security Challenges in the Year Ahead

Dr. Casey Lucius, Former Professor of National Security, Naval War College

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

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

Rancho Canada, Carmel Valley Road

Since the November 2016 election, there has been much discussion in the media regarding Russian hacking of the election process, Iran testing ballistic missiles, and even unease with one of our closest allies, Australia. Last year at this time, US concerns were centered on ISIS expanding its terror network in the Middle East and an overflow of Syrian refugees as a result of civil war and daily bombings. Dr. Lucius will discuss what national security challenges the new Administration will face in the coming year, how we can properly prepare for those challenges and even mitigate the impacts.



Dr. Lucius will discuss five tests of American resolve that we will likely experience: 1) direct military tests; 2) direct economic tests; 3) proxies; 4) cyber tests; and 5) covert actions. Each of these will be explained and accompanied by suggested steps the government and the American public can take to withstand these tests, counter them, and most importantly, redefine our national power and influence.

A former Naval Intelligence Officer, Dr. Lucius was most recently a lecturer and researcher at the Naval War College where she taught courses on national security decision making. She is a specialist in U.S. foreign policy in Asia. During her Naval career she also served as an intelligence officer aboard the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis and in the Headquarters of the Commander of the

Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, where she was primary briefer for the Commander. From 2006-2007 she was Operations Assistant to the U.S. Ambassador in the U.S. Embassy, Hanoi.

Dr. Lucius earned her PhD in Political Science from the University of Hawaii and her M.A. in Regional Security Affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School.

(Please see page 3 for reservation details.)

Calendar of Events

Thursday, March 2	Board meets in Conference Room, McCone building, MIIS. Open to members.	4:30-5:30 pm
Mondays, March 6, 13, 20 & 27	Great Decisions discussion. Room 101 Social Science building., MPC.	4-5:30 & 6-7:30 pm
Tuesday, March 7	Screening and discussion of <i>American Empire</i>, McCone building, MIIS. Open to public.	6-8 pm
Wednesday, March 8	WAC Book Club meets at Monterey Public Library Community Room.	5-6:30 pm
Mondays, March 13 & 27	Great Decisions discussion at CSUMB's OLLI building at Ryan Ranch.	4-5:30 pm
Tuesday, March 28	<i>Tests of American Resolve</i>. Luncheon and presentation at Rancho Canada.	11:30-2 pm

January program report

Dr. Christopher Darnton from NPS gave an excellent talk at the January luncheon on populism and instability in Latin America. He explained that the century old ideological battles between left and right in Latin America has largely given way in recent years to broad-based populism, consistent with what is happening in other parts of the globe. While the United States could manage the shifts between more conservative periods (led by landowners, the church, and military elites) and more liberal regimes (led by labor unions, students, and the urban intelligentsia) the current populist trend in Latin America is more unstable and dangerous. Populism seeks to delegitimize the core institutions of the state in the name of “the people,” and is invariably led by a charismatic strongman. Populist politics takes place outside of the usual institutions of party, civil society and state, and is thus more unpredictable and unstable. Darnton concluded that the US will have some serious challenges navigating this uncertain future in Latin America.

Glenn Robinson



(1926-2017)

GEORGE HOWLING, who served twice as president of the World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay, from 2001-03 and 2007-09, passed away in his sleep on January 30th, 2017 at his home in Carmel Valley, California. George was born in England and had served in the Royal Navy from 1942-46, and subsequently attended the Air Service Training University in Hamble, England. In 1948 he embarked on a distinguished forty-six year career with Qantas Airways and its subsidiaries. Because of his successful long service with Qantas, he was appointed to the Australian Government to negotiation teams that contracted bilateral air service agreements with foreign governments. George became a U.S. citizen during his residency in America in 1986. George had been active in WACMB for over twenty years. He is survived by his wife Nann, his children Carol and Ben, and six grandchildren.

World Affairs Council of Monterey Bay Area
and
Middlebury Institute of International Studies
Veterans Organization
present:

Film Screening of
AMERICAN UMPIRE

Since the end of WWII, the United States has acted as the world’s policeman. Does it have to be, forever? This 54 minute documentary film explores the historical foundation of American foreign intervention starting from George Washington.

James Shelley, Director
Elizabeth Cobbs, Producer and Research Fellow at Stanford’s Hoover Institution
will attend.

Tuesday, March 7th, 6-8 pm
Irvine Auditorium, McCone Building
499 Pierce Street Monterey, CA

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Film to be followed by a discussion concerning the future of American foreign policy. Moderated by Glenn Robinson.

Great Decisions

WAC/OLLI at Ryan Ranch
Conflict in the South China Sea 3/13
Saudi Arabia in Transition 3/27

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MPC

U.S. Foreign Policy & Petroleum 3/6
Latin America’s Political Pendulum 3/13
Prospects for Afghanistan & Pakistan
3/20
Nuclear Security 3/27

RESERVATION FORM

*March 28, 2017
Registration 11:30 am
Luncheon at noon
Program 1 pm*

Reservations due March 24, 2017
Mail form & check or credit information to:
WAC - P.O. Box 83, Monterey, CA 93942
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WORLD VIEWS at MIIS—explore the
Trump Administration's first 100 days.
March 1 *Global Implications of Admini-
stration Policies on Nuclear Weapons.*
McGowan building 102, 411 Pacific St.
\$10 per person. 6-7 p.m.

April 12 *Our Evolving Relationship with
Russia*

May 10 *Impact of Domestic and Interna-
tional Policies in our Community*

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**The Center for the Blue Economy at MIIS  
presents**

***Setting the Course***

***California Leadership in the Age of Trump***

April 13, 6-7:30 pm at the Irvine Audito-  
rium, 499 Pierce Street, Monterey. Free.

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BOOK CLUB members meet at the Com-
munity Room of the Monterey Public Li-
brary to review *1984*, by George Orwell.
March 8, 5-6:30 pm.

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For information regarding the **WAC Book  
Club**, or if you want to be included on the  
book club mailing list, contact Marie Col-  
bert at [wacmbbookclub@gmail.com](mailto:wacmbbookclub@gmail.com)

**LUNCHEON MENU**

*Hearts of Romaine Salad*  
*with*  
*Walnuts and Raspberry Vinaigrette*

*Corned Beef and Cabbage*  
*with Carrots*

*Chef's Choice Dessert*

*(Vegetarian)*  
*Vegetarian Ravioli*  
*with Marinara sauce*



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