



The Passport

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

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Challenges to South Africa's Democracy

E. Philip Morgan, Emeritus Professor
Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (MIIS)

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

11:30 am: Registration begins ~ 11:50 am: Luncheon ~ 1:00 – 2:00 pm: Program
Rancho Canada, Carmel Valley Road

After a short honeymoon, the promise of President Nelson Mandela's 1990s legacy has suffered many slings and arrows in the intervening twenty years. The remarkably peaceful transition from the minority rule of the apartheid state to open, universal suffrage, competitive elections, and guaranteed human rights was seen as a great achievement the world over and a beacon to the rest of the African continent. However, a combination of global and internal forces challenged the new, liberal government almost immediately upon ratification of a new constitution in 1996.

The ruling African National Congress party has maintained its collective participatory decision making at many levels. It still has legitimacy as the party that delivered majority rule and discouraged ethnic factions from becoming breakaway parties. But the increasing incidences of unaddressed corruption have been undermining these virtues in recent years. These events have affected confidence in the national economy; growth is barely discernible. The judicial system is robust to this day,



but if criminal behavior on the part of people in high places is not prosecuted, the public sees impunity. When this gap is filled it is usually by the media. South Africa has a free press but has been threatened in recent years by the current government. So the question Professor Morgan will attempt to answer is: "Will South African leadership meet the challenges to

democracy?" This is a transition year, national elections occur in 2019.

Professor Morgan is the former Dean of the Graduate School of International Policy Studies at MIIS. While a professor of politics, public administration and development throughout his career, he has also worked with The World Bank, USAID, and UNDP on diagnostic studies, technical assistance and training. He has lived and worked extensively in both the French and English-speaking countries of Sub-Saharan Africa, with a long-term commitment to the countries of Southern Africa. Philip Morgan earned his PhD. in Political Science at Syracuse University.

Please see page three for reservation information.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, Feb. 1, Board Meeting, Conference Room, McCone building, MIIS. Open to members. 4:30-5:30 pm

Great Decisions (please see page two):

WACMB/MPC, Social Science Room 101, Parking \$3 in Lot D, Free Permits. 4-5:30 pm

OLLI/WACMB Great Decisions, Ryan Ranch. 4-5:30 pm.

Tuesday, Feb. 27, Luncheon and presentation, Rancho Canada, Carmel Valley Road. 11:30-2 pm

December Program Report

Meteorology, Oceanography and National Security

By Dr. Jim Hansen

The World Affairs Council was pleased to host Dr. Jim Hansen, head of the Naval Research Lab (NRL) in Monterey, during our December luncheon. Dr. Hansen spoke on what the NRL and the co-located Fleet Numerical Center do with regard to “Meteorology, Oceanography and National Security.” In a nutshell, Fleet Numerical is in charge of daily forecasting for the US Navy world-wide, while the NRL is the Navy’s “corporate laboratory” concentrating on big picture basic research. As an example, a warmer future includes numerous outcomes, including more cyclones, so how might the Navy respond? What types of ships and equipment would likely be needed given those changed conditions in the decades ahead? Dr. Hansen gave numerous examples of the types of problems that researchers at the NRL deal with, including: emergent large dust storms bearing down on the fleet, night time ice flows that can seriously harm ships if not accounted for, tropical cyclones that strike at night and are thus not visible, pirate risk analysis, major drug running patterns and interdiction that the Navy is called on to deal with, and even the proper spacing of submarines for maximum effect and minimum accidents.

Hansen concluded that “science is easy, people are hard.” That is, the NRL’s major task is to make science user friendly, particularly when it comes to uncertainty. There are lots of captains and admirals who have done things a certain way for years and need to be convinced that the NRL’s science often shows a better path forward to solving fleet problems.

Glenn E. Robinson

Great Decisions Series

The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area presents the eight-week Great Decisions series beginning Monday, January 29, 2018 at Monterey Peninsula College. Great Decisions--produced by the Foreign Policy Association of America--is America’s largest discussion program on world affairs. The program provides background information and policy options for eight of the most critical issues facing America each year and serves as the focal text for discussion groups across the country.

The eight-week program is free to the public beginning Monday, January 29, in Social Sciences Room 101 at MPC from 4:00-5:30. Parking \$3 in Lot D;. Participants can purchase the Briefing Booklets through the Foreign Policy Association by calling 1-800-477-5836 or order on line at www.greatdecisions.org. Great Decisions Briefing Booklets will be available at the luncheon Reception Desk in January and may also be available through the moderator during the first couple weeks of the series at \$26.50 per booklet.

Topics & Dates for MPC:

- Jan. 29th: The Waning of *Pax Americana*?
- Feb. 5th: Russia’s Foreign Policy
- Feb. 12th: China and America: The New Geopolitical Equation
- Feb. 26th: Media and Foreign Policy
- March 5th: Turkey: A Partner in Crisis
- March 12th: U.S. Global Engagement and the Military
- March 19th: South Africa’s Fragile Democracy
- March 26th: Global Health: Progress and Challenges

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) of California State University Monterey Bay offers the same curriculum at their Ryan Ranch Location under the umbrella of WACMB. Participants must be registered in the class:

<http://olli.csumb.edu/courses/>

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- Feb. 6th: Russia’s Foreign Policy
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- March 20th: South Africa’s Fragile Democracy
- March 27th: Global Health: Progress and Challenges

RESERVATION FORM

Reservations due February 19 for February 27, 2018 luncheon
Challenges to South Africa's Democracy by Professor E. Philip Morgan

Mail form & check or credit card information to:

WAC — P. O. Box 83, Monterey, CA 93942

Or fax reservation form to (831) 643-1846 Questions? Call (831) 646-1855

Registration 11:30 am

Luncheon at 11:50 am

Program 1:00 pm

Auditors seated 12:50 pm

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Starting This Month

Due to rising labor and food costs, the price of our luncheons at Rancho Canada increased to \$29 for members and stays at \$35 for guests. This is the first increase in many years.

The new payment deadline is 7 days in advance.

The WACMB Book Club, which met monthly, has been disbanded due to lack of participation.

LUNCHEON MENU

Caesar Salad

Oven Roasted Salmon with

Béarnaise Sauce

Rice and Vegetables

Fresh Rolls and Butter

Chef's Choice Dessert

(Vegetarian)

Pasta Primavera tossed in pesto olive oil with parmesan cheese



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