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“WESTERN RESPONSES TO THE REFUGEE CRISIS AND MIGRATION FROM THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA”
8:15 - 9:00 A.M.  REGISTRATION
9:00 - 9:10 A.M.  WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Dr. Mohsen Milani, Professor and Executive Director,
USF World Center for Strategic and Diplomatic studies

The Honorable Ramond O. Gross
Chair of the Advisory Board for the CSDS

9:10 - 10:10 A.M.  Mr. Philip Mudd, Former Deputy Director of the CIA Counterterrorism
Center and former FBI Senior Counterterrorism Analyst

“THE REFUGEE CRISIS AND CHALLENGES FOR COUNTERTERROISM PRACTITIONERS”
Chair: Dr. John Belohlavek, Department of History, USF
Student Discussant: Kendal Tracy, USF

10:10 - 11:10 A.M.  Dr. Denise Natali, Distinguished Research Fellow at the National
Defense University

“MIDDLE EAST REFUGEE CRISIS: REGIONAL SPILLOVER AND Fallout
IN EUROPE”
Chair: Dr. Randy Borum, School of Information, USF
Student Discussants: Kendal Tracy and Andrew Huneycutt, USF

11:10 - 12:10 P.M.  Mr. Ilan Goldenberg, Director of the Middle East Security Program at the
Center for a New American Security

“IMPLICATIONS OF WESTERN MILITARY OPTIONS FOR THE REFUGEE
CRISIS”
Chair: Dr. Barbara Bennington, Department of Communication, USF
Student Discussant: Joshua Ley, USF

12:15 - 1:30 P.M.  LUNCH
1:30 - 2:30 P.M.  
Dr. Bjorn Rother, Advisor, Middle East & Central Asia Department, International Monetary Fund  
“THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF CONFLICTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST”  
Chair: Professor Hiba Hechiche, Department of Government & International Affairs, USF  
Student Discussant: Leslie Gibson, USF

2:30 - 3:30 P.M.  
Vicky Kelberer, Graduate Co-Chair, Initiative on Forced Migration and Human Trafficking  
“URBAN HUMANITARIANISM: REASSESSING THE UNHCR’S APPROACH IN LEBANON”  
Chair: Dr. Michael Decker, Department of History, USF  
Student Discussant: Andrew Huneycutt, USF

3:30 P.M.  
Closing Remarks by Dr. Mohsen Milani
Mr. Ilan Goldenberg is Senior Fellow and Director of the Middle East Security Program at the Center for a New American Security. He is a foreign policy and defense expert with extensive government experience covering Iran’s nuclear program, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the broader challenges facing the Middle East. Prior to CNAS, Mr. Goldenberg served as the Chief of Staff to the Special Envoy for Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations at the U.S. Department of State. In that position, he has played a key leadership role with the small team supporting Secretary Kerry’s initiative to conduct permanent status peace negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians.

Ms. Vicky Kelberer is an MA candidate in the International Affairs program at the Boston University Pardee School of Global Studies, where she serves as the Graduate Co-Chair of the Initiative on Forced Migration and Human Trafficking. She was recently selected as a Board Member for the Boston Network for International Development. Vicky is a Boston Consortium for Arab Region Studies (BCARS) Junior Scholar, and conducts research on the Syrian refugee crisis and urban refugee policy in Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, and Switzerland. In March 2016, Vicky participated in a BCARS fact-finding mission to assess the effects of the London Donors’ Conference in Jordan. She will be conducting further fieldwork in May and June 2016 in Geneva, Istanbul, and Beirut. Vicky has published articles with the Middle East Research & Information Project, Huffington Post, Foreign Policy in Focus, Parabellum Report, and her own international affairs blog, The Global Atlas.
Dr. Denise Natali is a Distinguished Research Fellow at the Institute for National Strategic Studies (INSS) where she specializes on the Middle East, trans-border Kurdish issue, regional energy security, and post-conflict state-building. She joined INSS in January 2011 as the Minerva Chair, following more than two decades of researching and working in the Kurdish regions of Iraq, Turkey, Iran, and Syria.

Dr. Natali is the author of numerous publications on Kurdish politics, economy and energy, including *The Kurdish Quasi-State: Development and Dependency in Post-Gulf War Iraq* (Syracuse University Press, 2010) and *The Kurds and the State: Evolving National Identity in Iraq, Turkey and Iran* (Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2005), which was the recipient of the Choice Award for Outstanding Academic Title (2006) (Trans to Turkish *Kurtler ve Devlet: Iraq, Turkiye ve Iran’da Ulusal Kimligin Gelismesi* (Istanbul: Avesta Press, 2009). She is currently writing a second edition of *The Kurds and the State* to include Syria.

Dr. Natali also specializes in post-conflict relief and reconstruction, having worked on the Gulf Relief Crisis Project for the American Red Cross International Division in Washington D.C., as director of cross-border operations for a non-governmental organization in Peshawar, Pakistan, and information officer for the U.S Agency for International Development’s Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance in northern Iraq in support of Operation Provide Comfort II. She returned to the Kurdistan Region of Iraq from 2005-2010, where she engaged in research, teaching and university start-ups, including positions as the Head of the International Politics Department at the University of Kurdistan-Hawler (UKH) and Associate Professor, Dean of Students, and Director of International Exchanges at the American University of Iraq-Sulaimaniya (AUI-S).

Mr. Philip Mudd joined the Central Intelligence Agency in 1985 as an analyst specializing in South Asia and then the Middle East. He began work in the CIA’s Counterterrorist Center in 1992 and then served on the National Intelligence Council as the Deputy National Intelligence Officer for the Near East and South Asia (1995-98). After a tour as an executive assistant in the front office of the Agency’s analytic arm, Mr. Mudd went on to manage Iraq analysis at the CIA (1999-2001). At the establishment of the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s National Security Branch in 2005, FBI Director Mueller appointed Mr. Mudd to serve as the Branch’s first-ever deputy director. He later became the FBI’s Senior Intelligence Adviser. Mr. Mudd resigned from government service in March 2010.

Mr. Mudd is the recipient of numerous CIA awards and commendations, including the Director’s Award; the George H.W. Bush Award for excellence in counterterrorism; the CIA’s Distinguished Intelligence Medal and the Distinguished Career Intelligence Medal; the first-ever William Langer Award for excellence in analysis; and numerous Exceptional Performance wards.
Dr. Mohsen Milani is the Executive Director of the Center for Strategic & Diplomatic Studies and Professor of Politics at the University of South Florida. He also was a research fellow at Harvard University, Oxford University, and the Foscari University in Venice, Italy. He has authored more than 80 publications in top peer-reviewed academic and respected journals. His works have been translated into Persian, French, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, and Portuguese. His book on Iran’s Islamic Revolution has been used as a required book in many universities in the U.S., Iran, Europe, Canada and Japan.

His most recent publications include “Iran’s Policy Toward Central Asia and the South Caucasus (Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.), “Iran’s Strategy in the Syrian Civil War (The Washington Quarterly), and the following articles in Foreign Affairs: “Saudi Arabia’s Desperate Measures: The Domestic and Regional Fears Fueling Riyadh;” “Iran’s Politics after the Deal;” “Why Tehran Isn’t to Blame for the Civil War in Yemen;” “What If at First Rouhani Doesn’t Succeed;” “Rouhani’s Foreign Policy;” “The Ayatollah’s Game Plan;” “Meet Me in Baghdad;” and “Iran’s US Policy.”

Since 2000, he has been invited to 180 conferences and workshops in 26 countries. His advice is solicited by private and governmental entities. He has testified before U.S. Congress as a subject matter expert. He is a regular commentator on current affairs. Among others, he has been interviewed by or quoted by more than 140 national and international media outlets, including in The New York Times, Le Monde, The Economist, Der Spiegel (Germany), BBC World News, CNN, AlJazeera America, CCTV (China), TO VIMA (Greece), Radio Israel, Chuo-Koron (Japan), Toronto Star (Canada), The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, Avvenenire (Italy), Publico (Portugal), B1 TV (Romania), Chunichi Newspaper (Japan), Il Reformista (Italy), Nepszabadsag (Hungry), Globo News (Brazil), and ABC Nightline Live.

Dr. Bjorn Rother, is an Advisor, Chief of the Strategy and Partnership Unit, and also Mission Chief for Turkmenistan, in the Middle East & Central Asia Department at the International Monetary Fund in Washington, DC. He is the author of “The Determinants of Currency Crises: A Political Economy Approach.” His interests include frameworks in support of economic transitions and of inclusive, sustainable growth. He worked previously as a consultant with Mckinsey & Company Inc., and holds a Doctorate in Economics from the Free University of Berlin.
The Honorable Raymond O. Gross, former Circuit Judge in the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida since 1995, has been presented with the Donald A. Gifford Alumni Service Award, presented to an alumnus who has “rendered distinguished service” to the University of South Florida (USF); the USF President’s Distinguished Citizen Award and the USF Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Judge Gross graduated from USF in 1969, with a bachelor’s degree in political science, and earned his juris doctorate in 1972 from Florida State University, where he served as student body president. A member of the Florida Bar for the past 41 years, Judge Gross was appointed to a vacant judgeship by then-Gov. Lawton Chiles, and in 1998, he was a finalist for a vacancy on the Florida Supreme Court. His time on the bench in the Sixth Circuit has included assignments in three of the five court divisions: Criminal, Family and Unified Family Court, where he was administrative judge from 2010 through 2012.

Prior to taking the bench, Judge Gross was a private attorney for more than 20 years. During that time, he maintained an “AV” rating, the top evaluation by the prestigious Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers. The native Floridian also worked for two years in the office of the Sixth Judicial Circuit Public Defender.

As a member of the Florida Bar, he served on various committees throughout the years. He was a member of the Sixth Judicial Nominating Committee from 1982 until 1986, chairman for the last two of those years.

Dr. John Belohlavek is a professor of history at the University of South Florida. His publications include Divided We Fall: Essays on the Problems of Confederate Nationalism (1991), Let the Eagle Soar: The Foreign Policy of Andrew Jackson (1985), and Broken Glass: Caleb Cushing and the Shattering of the Union (2005).

Belohlavek has published a dozen articles in journals such as Pennsylvania History, Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, Presidential Studies Quarterly, and the Journal of the Early Republic. He is also the author of eight book chapters, review essays and more than two dozen book reviews.

He earned a bachelor of arts from Theil College and a master’s and doctorate degree from the University of Nebraska. Belohlavek is the recipient of the Fulbright-Hays Award and multiple USF Excellence in Teaching Awards.
Dr. Barbara Bennington is the Deputy Director for USF’s Certificate Program in National Intelligence, an Academic Center of Excellence sponsored by the ODNI. She served for more than 20 years on active duty as an intelligence officer in the U.S. Army, giving her more than 30 years of combined government and civilian experience in the Intelligence Community. Immediately before coming to USF, Dr. Bennington was a member of the Strategy & Organization, Human Capital, Learning and Communications team at Booz Allen Hamilton, a global management consulting company. As a Booz Allen consultant she supported strategic and operational planning for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, HQs US Special Operations Command, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, and several other Intelligence Community member agencies. She earned her Ph.D. from the Department of Communication at the University of South Florida, focusing on Organizational Communication, where her dissertation examined leadership decision-making and public communication in emerging and unpredictable threat and crisis situations affecting large complex government organizations.

Dr. Randy Borum is a Professor and Program Coordinator for Strategy & Intelligence Studies in the School of Information and Academic Coordinator for Cybersecurity at the University of South Florida. He supported three Directors of National Intelligence (DNI) on the Intelligence Science Board (ISB) and served on the Defense Science Board Task Force on Understanding Human Dynamics. He has taught courses on Terrorism, Interrogation, Intelligence, and Criminal Psychology and is author/co-author of more than 150 professional publications. He also has been an instructor since 1999 with the BJA State & Local Anti-Terrorism Training (SLATT) Programs for Investigations and Intelligence.

Dr. Borum is fellowship-trained in forensic psychology and spent more than 15 years as a Board Certified Forensic Psychologist. He worked as a Senior Consultant to the U.S. Secret Service for more than a decade, and is listed on the United Nations’ Roster of Experts in Terrorism. He served as the Principal Investigator on the Psychology of Terrorism initiative, and is Past-President of the American Academy of Forensic Psychology. He currently serves as Senior Editor of the Journal of Strategic Security.
Dr. Michael Decker is Maroulis Professor of Byzantine History and Orthodox Religion and Associate Professor of History at USF. He joined the History Department in 2004 after completing an Andrew Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship at Rice University. He earned a BA from Penn State University and an MST and DPhil from Oxford University in Modern History. During his time at Rice, Michael worked with Professor David Cook, with whom he studied Arabic and from whom he developed an appreciation for Islamic history and the study of radical Islam. His most recent book is *The Byzantine Art of War* (Westholme, 2013).

Professor Abdelwahab Hiba Hechiche is currently a faculty member of GIA at USF. His postgraduate degrees and doctorate are from the University of Paris (Sorbonne and the Institute of Advanced International Relations of the Faculty of Law of Paris-Pantheon) He was an Intern at the UN Committee for the Peaceful Use of Outer Space. The focus of his teaching and research is on the Palestine Question, Interfaith Dialogue, and political violence. Among his major awards he was a Fulbright Scholar in Algiers, an International Fellow at Harvard Center for Middle Eastern Studies and a Dean Rusk Fellow at the Southern Center for International Studies in Atlanta, Georgia. As a laureate of the Fondation Bleustein-Blanchet Pour la Vocation in Paris in 1965, Professor Hechiche remains committed to Inter-Faith dialogue for Peace. In April 2015, he was inducted into the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s College of Scholars.
Leslie Gibson is a senior majoring in International Studies with a minor in Russian language. In summer 2015 she completed an internship at U.S. Embassy Tallinn in Estonia and will be interning at the U.S. Mission to NATO in Brussels after graduation. She hopes to be a Foreign Service Officer for the U.S. Department of State.

Andrew Huneycutt is a graduate student in Political Science at USF and has participated in the USF Program in National Intelligence. His research focuses on security and politics in the Caucasus and the broader Middle East.

Staff Sergeant Joshua Ley enlisted in the Marine Corps in 2005 after returning from spending his teenage years in Egypt. He has served as an Arabic Crypto-Linguist, on a Radio Reconnaissance Team, and as an Instructor for the Marine Arabic Basic Course. SSgt Ley was selected for a Marine Officer commissioning program and is currently a junior majoring in International Studies and an active participant in the Program in National Intelligence at USF. He and his wife, Ali, and three children look forward to his commissioning upon graduation in August 2017.

Kendall Tracy is a recent graduate of the University of South Florida. As an undergraduate she was in USF’s Program in National Intelligence and continues to participate even after graduation. Her honors thesis was focused on terrorist funding and International Law.
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