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Sunday, April 3, 2016
Ventana Room, Marriott Hotel
06:00 P.M. OPENING RECEPTION

Monday, April 4, 2016
Environment and Natural Resources 2 Building, Room S-107, UA campus
08:00 – 08:25 A.M. BREAKFAST
08:25 – 08:35 A.M. WELCOME
J.P. Jones, Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, UA
Christian Suter, President, World Society Foundation, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland
08:35 – 08:50 A.M. OPENING REMARKS
Albert J. Bergesen, Professor, School of Sociology, UA
08:50 – 09:20 A.M. PLENARY ADDRESS: FORTRESS-RUSSIA: GEOPOLITICAL DESTINY, UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES, OR POLICY DECISIONS?
Andrei Melville, Professor and Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia
09:20 – 09:35 A.M. Q&A
09:35 – 10:05 A.M. MODERATED PANEL: RUSSIAN GEOPOLITICS
Andrei P. Tsygankov, Professor at the Departments of Political Science and International Relations, San Francisco State University
Peter Turchin, Professor, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Connecticut
Andrei Melville, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia
10:05 – 10:20 A.M. Q&A
10:20 – 10:35 A.M. COFFEE BREAK
10:35 – 11:05 A.M. PLENARY ADDRESS: MIDDLE EASTERN GEOPOLITICS
Nizar Messari, Professor and Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco
11:05 – 11:20 A.M. Q&A
Faten Goshn, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Arizona
Mansoor Moaddel, Professor of Sociology, University of Maryland
Nizar Messari, Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane
12:15 – 12:30 P.M. Q&A
11:50 – 12:50 P.M. LUNCH

12:50 – 01:20 P.M. PLENARY ADDRESS: CHINESE GEOPOLITICS TODAY
Toshi Yoshihara, John A. van Beuren Chair of Asia-Pacific Studies, U.S. Naval War College

01:20 – 01:35 P.M. Q&A

01:35 – 02:05 P.M. MODERATED PANEL: THE GEOPOLITICS OF EAST ASIA
T.V. Paul, James McGill Professor of International Relations, McGill University; President, International Studies Association (ISA)
Chris Demchak, RADM Grace M. Hopper Chair of Cybersecurity, U.S. Naval War College
Toshi Yoshihara, U.S. Naval War College

02:05 – 02:20 P.M. Q&A

02:20 – 02:35 P.M. COFFEE BREAK

02:35 – 03:05 P.M. PLENARY ADDRESS: ON WAR
Ian Morris, Jean and Rebecca Willard Professor of Classics and Professor of History, Stanford University

03:05 – 03:20 P.M. Q&A

03:20 – 03:50 P.M. MODERATED PANEL: CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF WAR
William R. Thompson, Distinguished Professor and Donald A. Rogers Professor of Political Science, Indiana University
Peter Turchin, Professor, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Connecticut
Ian Morris, Stanford University

03:50 – 04:05 P.M. Q&A

04:05 – 04:35 P.M. PLENARY ADDRESS: GEOPOLITICS IN THE ANTHROPOCENE
Simon Dalby, CIGI chair in the political economy of climate change at the Balsillie School of International Affairs (BSIA), Wilfrid Laurier University

04:35– 04:50 P.M. Q&A

04:50 – 05:20 P.M. MODERATED PANEL: GEOPOLITICS AND THE ENVIRONMENT
Diana Liverman, Co-director, Institute of the Environment and Regents Professor, School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona
Franck Poupeau, Co-Director of the UMI iGLOBES CNRS/UA, and Senior Researcher, National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), Paris, France
Simon Dalby, Wilfrid Laurier University

05:20 – 05:35 P.M. Q&A

05:35 P.M. CLOSING REMARKS
Albert J. Bergesen

06:30 P.M. DINNER, meet in the lobby of the Marriot Hotel

Tuesday, April 5, 2016
Environment and Natural Resources 2 Building, Room S-107, UA campus

08:15 – 08:50 A.M. BREAKFAST

08:50 – 09:00 A.M. OPENING REMARKS
Albert J. Bergesen, Professor, School of Sociology, UA
09:00 – 10:15 A.M. SESSION 1: GLOBAL GEOPOLITICAL DYNAMICS
Salvatore Babones, "Sovereignty in the Millennial World-System," University of Sydney
Şahan Savaş Karatasli, "Contentious Conjunctures and Global Waves of Secessionism," Princeton University
Thomas Ehrlich Reifer, "Lawyers, Guns & Money: Wall Street, Geopolitics, & the American Century," University of San Diego

10:15 – 10:30 A.M. Q&A

10:30 – 10:45 A.M. COFFEE BREAK

10:45 – 11:45 A.M. SESSION 2: RUSSIA AND EUROPE
Tomasz Stępniewski, "The Eastern Partnership Held Hostage in a Geopolitical Game between the EU and Russia," Institute of Political Science and International Affairs, Catholic University of Lublin, Poland
Marta Zorko, "The Return of Geopolitics in Europe: Divisions, Wired Fences and Myths of Unity," University of Zagreb, Croatia
Sophia Skupien, "Building a New World Order? Comparing Russian and Chinese Aims for the BRICS," Georgetown University

11:45 – 12:00 A.M. Q&A

12:00 – 01:00 P.M. LUNCH

01:00 – 02:00 P.M. SESSION 3: CHINA AND THE ASIA PACIFIC
Rongxing Guo, "China's New Silk-Road Initiative and the South China Sea Disputes: Toward a New Mutual Deterrence Equilibrium," Regional Science Association, Peking University, Beijing, China
Manochehr Dorraj, "The Return of the Middle East to its Asian Home: Expanding Middle East/Asia Nexus and their Ramifications," Texas Christian University

02:00 – 02:15 P.M. Q&A

02:15 – 03:15 P.M. SESSION 4: VIOLENCE, TERRORISM, RELIGION
Maria Syed, "Crystal Ball Gazing: Alarming Trends and a Collision Course between Iran and Saudi Arabia," Australian National University
Deepika Saraswat, "Revolutionary Shi'ism and Conservative Wahhabism: The Sectarian Axis of Geopolitical Rivalry between Saudi Arabia and Iran," Jawaharlal Nehru University, India
Sefika Kumral, "Geopolitics of Anti-Kurdish Violence in Turkey: From Riots to Ethnic Cleansing?" Johns Hopkins University

03:15 – 03:30 P.M. Q&A

03:30 P.M. CLOSING REMARKS — Albert J. Bergesen

06:00 P.M. DINNER, plans to be announced during closing remarks