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September 18-19
Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

NB: Held under the Chatham House Rule

Wednesday, September 18
8:30-9:15    Registration
9:15-9:30    Welcome and Program Overview
9:30-10:30   Keynote Forum
10:30-10:45  Break
10:45-12:15  Minerva Researcher Briefs – session 1
12:15-1:30   Lunch and Informal Discussions
1:30-3:00    Minerva Researcher Briefs – session 2
3:00-3:15    Break
3:15-3:30    National Defense Strategy Overview
3:30-5:00    State of the Strategy Assessment
5:15-7:15    Reception [no-host social]

Thursday, September 19
8:45-10:15   Minerva Researcher Briefs – session 3
10:15-10:30  Break
10:30-12:00  Research Engaging Policy Forum
12:00-12:15  Break
12:15-12:45  Closing and Future Directions of Minerva
Wednesday, September 18
8:30-9:15  Registration (Polaris foyer)

9:15-9:30  Welcome and Program Overview (Polaris)
David MONTGOMERY, Director, Minerva Research Initiative, OUSD-Research and Engineering, Basic Research Office and OUSD-Policy, Strategy

9:30-10:30  Keynote Forum (Polaris)
Engaging Social Science in Policy: Implementing the National Defense Strategy
Daniel GREEN, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, OUSD-Policy, Strategy and Force Development

10:30-10:45  Break

10:45-12:15  Minerva Researcher Briefs – session 1
Room A (Polaris): Governance and Deterrence
Enrique ARIAS (George Mason University) – A Nested Mixed-Method Approach to Armed Non-state Actor Governance and the Rule of Law
Eli BERMAN (University of California, San Diego) – Deterrence with Proxies
Jonathan WILKENFELD (University of Maryland) – What Actions Deter? Moving from Theory to Casual Understanding of Shaping Decision Calculus

Room B (Meridian DE): Radicalization and Conflict
Douglas BLOCK (University of Chicago) – Armed Conflict beyond Insurgency and Counterinsurgency: Comparative Evidence from Latin America and South Asia
Noemie BOUHANA (University College London) - The Social Ecology of Radicalization: A Foundation for the Design of CVE Initiatives and Their Evaluation
Parfait ELOUNDOU-ENYEGUE (Cornell University) – Africa’s Youth Bulge and National Security: The Social Roots of Radicalization

Room C (Oceanic): Refugees and Resilience
Faten GHOSN (University of Arizona) – Refugee Flows and Instability
James WALSH (University of North Carolina, Charlotte) – Displace, Return, and Reconstruct: Population Movement and Resilience to Instability
David WEBBER (Virginia Commonwealth University) – Refugee Psychology and Its Potential for Refugee Radicalization

12:15-1:30  Lunch and Informal Discussions
1:30-3:00  **Minerva Researcher Briefs – session 2**

**Room A (Polaris): Security and Fragmentation**
Scott ATRAN (University of Oxford) – Dynamics of Sacred Values and Social Responsibilities in Governance and Conflict Management: The Interplay between Leaders, Devoted Actor Networks, General Populations, and Time
Richard DAVIS (University of Oxford) – Addressing Resilience in the Western Alliance against Fragmentation: Willingness to Sacrifice and the Spiritual Dimension of Intergroup Cooperation and Conflict
Jacob SHAPIRO (Princeton University) – Spectral Models of Security: New Methods for Detecting Evolving Community Structure in Societal-Scale Data

**Room B (Meridian DE): Identity and Technology**
Jason HEALEY (Columbia University) – Strategic Dynamics of Cyber Conflict
Paul HENSEL (University of North Texas) -- Identity Claims: Expanding the Issue Correlates of War (ICOW) Dataset
Michael HOROWITZ (University of Pennsylvania) – The Disruptive Effects of Autonomy: Ethics, Trust, and Organizational Decision-making

**Room C (Oceanic): Messaging and Propaganda**
Erik HERRON (West Virginia University) – The Central Eurasian State Capacity Initiative: Assessing Threats to Geopolitical Stability and Conflict along Russia’s Periphery
Eric MCGLINCHEY (George Mason University) – Russian, Chinese, Militant, and Ideologically Extremist Messaging Effects on United States Favorability Perceptions in Central Asia
Neil SHORTLAND (University of Massachusetts, Lowell) – Bi-Makers and counter-Messages: Measuring Individual Differences in the Influence of Extremist Propaganda Counter-Messages

3:00-3:15  **Break**

3:15-3:30  **National Defense Strategy Overview (Polaris)**
Brian ARAKELIAN, Principal Deputy, OUSD-Policy, Strategy and Force Development

3:30-5:00  **State of the Strategy Assessment (Polaris)**
Erica CAMERON, OUSD-Policy, Strategy
Jason HALL, OUSD-Policy, Strategy

5:15-7:15  **Reception (No-host social) [location: TBC]**
Thursday, September 19

8:45-10:15  Minerva Researcher Briefs – session 3

Room A (Polaris): *Coercion and Risk*

Steven LOBELL (University of Utah) – Power Projection, Deterrence Strategies, and Escalation Dynamics in an Era of Resurgent Near Peers, Rogue States, and Terrorist and Insurgent Organizations

Lincoln PRATSON (Duke University) – Assessing the International Risk to National Economies Posed by a Marine Chokepoint Shutdown

Adam STULBERG (Georgia Institute of Technology) – Asymmetric Interdependence and Statecraft: Building Knowledge to Explicate Great Power Coercion Dilemmas at the Security-Economy Nexus

Room B (Meridian DE): *Stability and Cyber*

Kathleen CARLEY (Carnegie Mellon University) – Multi-Source Assessment of State Stability

Kathleen CARLEY (Carnegie Mellon University) – Dynamic Statistical Network Informatics

Matthew ELDER (Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory) – Software Forensic Archaeology for Cyber Attribution

Room C (Oceanic): *Media and Extremism*

Mia BLOOM (Georgia State University) -- Documenting the Virtual Caliphate: an Archive of ISIS Propaganda

Mia BLOOM (Georgia State University) -- Preventing the Next Generation: Mapping the Pathways of Children’s Mobilization into Violent Extremist Organizations

Anthony LEMIEUX (Georgia State University) – Mobilizing Media: A Deep and Comparative Analysis of Magazines, Music, and Videos in the Context of Terrorism

10:15-10:30  Break

10:30-12:00  Research Engaging Policy Forum (Polaris)

Michael DESCH, University of Notre Dame

Daniel GREEN, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, OUSD-Policy, Strategy and Force Development

Nina WAGNER, Chief of Staff, OUSD-Policy, Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities

12:00-12:15  Break

12:15-12:45  Closing and Future Directions for Minerva Discussion (Polaris)

Toni HAYNES, Program Communications Coordinator, Minerva Research Initiative, OUSD-Research and Engineering, Basic Research Office

David MONTGOMERY, Director, Minerva Research Initiative, OUSD-Research and Engineering, Basic Research Office and OUSD-Policy, Strategy