



Fight for Middle East Leadership: Saudi Arabia, Iran and Turkey

Our January 24 program will feature a panel of international affairs experts and educators who should help us better understand some of the complex, confusing and contentious issues that divide the countries of the Middle East.

The panel will consist of:

- Dr. Christopher J. Bolan, professor of Middle East security studies with the Strategic Studies Institute (SSI) at the United States Army War College in Carlisle.
- Dr. Oya Dursun-Ozkanca, professor of international studies, associate professor of political science, and director of international studies minor at Elizabethtown College.
- Dr. Robert E. Hamilton, associate professor of Eurasian studies at the War College and a Black Sea Fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute, Philadelphia.

Dr. Bolan recently joined the SSI after 11 years of teaching graduate courses on U.S. national security, international relations, strategy formulation, and the Middle East at the War College. A retired army colonel, he served 30 years with tours in Egypt, Tunisia, Jordan, the Pentagon, and the White House. He was a Middle East foreign policy advisor to Vice Presidents Al Gore and Dick Cheney

Dr. Dursun-Ozkanca has done extensive research on Turkish foreign policy, trans-Atlantic security, Eastern Europe, and the European Union. In 2014, she was the editor or co-editor of two books: *The European Union as an Actor in Security Sector Reform* and *External Interventions in Civil Wars*. She has taught at several universities in the U.S. Turkey, Poland, Ukraine, and Kosovo.

Dr. Hamilton is a retired army colonel whose 30-year military career was spent primarily as a Eurasian foreign area officer. He served overseas in Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Germany, Belarus, Qatar, Kuwait, Afghanistan, the Republic of Georgia, and Pakistan. He is author of numerous articles and monographs on conflict and security issues, with a focus on the former Soviet Union and the Balkans.



January 24 Dinner Arrangements

Place: West Shore Country Club
100 Brentwater Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Time: 5:30 PM: Social Hour (Cash Bar)
6:30 PM: Sit-Down Dinner
7:30 PM: Presentation w/ Q & A

Menu: Fresh Fruit Cup
Roast Turkey and Cornbread Dressing
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Buttered Green Peas
Coconut Layer Cake

Those with special dietary needs may request a substitution when making a reservation. If you order a substitute meal, remember to pick up a coded tag at the table and put it by your place. Alternate meals will be chicken unless chicken is the main course – then fish will be the alternate or vegetarian, which will be chef's choice, typically non-meat pasta.

**The cost for FPA members is \$30.
We welcome non-members to attend dinners.
The non-member cost is \$35.**

There is no charge for anyone to attend the program presentation only, beginning at 7:30 PM.

For Reservations Contact: Ron Pontius at:
ronpon@comcast.net or (717) 991-0899

Reservations by e-mail and telephone must be made by 10 AM Monday, January 21. If you come for dinner without a reservation, the country club may charge a late fee of up to \$10 per person.

When making or canceling a dinner reservation, give your complete *name, address and phone number*. We need that information to notify you if a meeting is canceled due to the weather or for any other reason.

NOTE: We bill no-shows.

No-shows will be billed unless there are sufficient walk-ins to meet the reservation number given to the West Shore Country Club.

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185 Attend 42nd Annual International Fellows Reception

For the 42nd year, the Foreign Policy Association of Harrisburg and the Army War College in Carlisle joined in hosting a reception honoring foreign military officers spending a year of study and research in the United States as part of the International Fellows Program.

The event on December 13 at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center drew 185 FPA members, War College personnel and International Fellows, their spouses and guests. It was a gala event, coming in the midst of the holiday season.

FPA President Michele Sellitto spoke briefly and said the annual reception has become a proud tradition in a cooperative partnership with the War College, whose instructors often are speakers at the association's monthly dinners.

Other speakers included Col. Kimo C. Gallahue, deputy commandant of the War College; Col. Frank P. Intini III, director of the IF Program, and State Sen. Mike Regan, whose legislative district comprises the Carlisle area.

The four presented each of the 76 International Fellows, representing 73 countries, a resolution unanimously adopted by the Senate welcoming them to Pennsylvania and formally recognizing their achievement in being part of the IF Class of 2019.

The IF reception was made possible through the support of the FPA, the War College, and the generous \$1,000 sponsorship of FPA members Ann and Robert Glasscock.

New Website

The FPA is planning to launch a new website in January. It will be unveiled officially at our January 24 meeting. The new site is designed to provide timely information about FPA activities and offer a convenient option for making on-line dinner meeting reservations.

Welcome, New Members

The Foreign Policy Association is pleased to welcome the following new members:

Jody and Leslie Brelsford, Camp Hill; James H. and Mary K. Cawley, Mechanicsburg; Terrill Frantz, Harrisburg; John Gallagher, Harrisburg; Robert L. Keck, Annville; Margie Kierod, Harrisburg; Ann Kranich, Harrisburg; Devon Malloy, Gap; Jack Minnier, Harrisburg; Joanne and Richard Sterner, Mechanicsburg; and Olivia Susskind, Harrisburg.

2018-2019 Program Topics / Schedule All Events at the West Shore Country Club

(Due to speaker availability, there has been a switch in topics for our March and April meetings.)

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| Jan. 24 | Fight for Middle East Leadership:
Saudi Arabia, Iran, and Turkey |
| Feb. 27 | Russia's War on Western Democracies |
| March 28 | National Defense Strategy |
| April 25 | Current State of Arms Control |
| May 16 | Japan and East Asia |
| May ?? | Embassy Trip, to be determined |

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