



Current State of Arms Control

Our speaker for April 25 is Mark Fitzpatrick, a former senior diplomat and now a leading voice on nuclear non-proliferation.

An associate fellow of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), Fitzpatrick was executive director of its Americas office in Washington, DC, for three years ending in December.

For 13 years, Fitzpatrick headed the IISS Non-Proliferation and Nuclear Policy Programme, mostly while working at the organization's headquarters in London. The program focused on proliferation, nuclear security and disarmament issues.

Fitzpatrick joined IISS in 2005 after a 26-year career with the U.S. Department of State, including as acting deputy assistant secretary for non-proliferation. His diplomatic postings included Vienna, in charge of liaison with the International Atomic Energy Agency; Seoul, Tokyo (twice), and Wellington, New Zealand. At the State Department, he also was director of the regional affairs office of the South Asia bureau and North Korea desk officer.

Fitzpatrick is a published author, his latest book being *Uncertain Future*, about the 2015 nuclear deal reached between Iran and six world powers, but from which President Trump has withdrawn the United States. He also wrote *Asia's Latent Nuclear Powers: Japan, South Korea and Taiwan* (2016), *Overcoming Pakistan's Nuclear Dangers* (2014), and *The Iranian Nuclear Crisis: Avoiding Worst Case Outcomes* (2008).

Welcome, New Members

The FPA now has a record 316 members. We're pleased to welcome the following new ones:

Rebecca Bickley and John Glooch II, Camp Hill; Franklin H. Blouch Jr., Annville; John and Ann Marie Judson, Mechanicsburg; Tanya Leshko and Joseph Blevins, Harrisburg; Noni Murithi, South Abington Township, Lackawanna County; Brenda White, Mechanicsburg; Jean Woodruff, Harrisburg; Christine Zuzack, Mechanicsburg.

Paris and Normandy Cruise

The FPA is hosting an eight-day river cruise through the picturesque and historic French countryside of Normandy. The cruise both begins and ends in Paris. The dates are April 9-16, 2020. A block of river view staterooms aboard the Viking long ship Kadlin is being held for us until **April 14, 2019**. If you want more information, please contact Phyllis Skok at jes_pss@verizon.net or Cindy at cindy@holidaytour-travel.com or 717-763-7878.

April 25 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: Italian Wedding Soup
Honey Lemon Herb Glazed Scottish Salmon
Roasted Red Skin Potatoes
Spring Vegetable Medley
Chocolate Mousse, Oreo Cookie Crumbles

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,
or you can reserve on our new website:
www.fpaharrisburg.org**

Reservations must be made by 10 AM Monday, April 22. 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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National Defense Strategy

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Retired Army Colonel Alan Stolberg told the Foreign Policy Association on March 28th that creating a national security or defense strategy is not unlike the careful planning needed to operate a business or to manage a home efficiently. To be successful, he said, a number of factors and every possible contingency must be examined.

Stolberg, an FPA member, was called on at the last minute to substitute for the regularly scheduled speaker, David Ochmanek, a defense analyst with the RAND Corp., who was stuck on the Washington, DC, beltway in a major traffic delay as he was driving to Harrisburg. The meeting was attended by 126 members and guests.

Stolberg was an able substitute. During his 30-year Army career, he served in the national level U.S. government policy, strategy, and intelligence communities and as a professor at the U.S. Army War College. He currently is the Coordinator of the Defense Education Enhancement Program at the RAND Corporation, a global think tank.

According to Stolberg, strategy formulation is a decision-making process that helps a leader to attain objectives by utilizing existing resources. The strategy must be measured by many factors, including feasibility and potential risks, the same as in other types of planning.

Stolberg laid out a strategy formulation model, focusing on national purpose, values, ethics, beliefs, and interests. The question, he said, is will the strategy work, because if it does not, the nation must alter its existing strategy and devise a new one.

Other factors, Stolberg said, is whether the strategy has the support of public opinion at home and is it acceptable to our allies abroad.

Honorarium

At our March 28 meeting, FPA Vice-President Howard Davison presented a \$600 check to Akash Banerjee, a junior at Warwick High School in Lititz, Lancaster County. Banerjee was last year's winner under a honorarium program in which our association partners with the University of Pittsburgh's Governor's School for Global and International Studies to recognize outstanding students interested in foreign affairs. The young man gave a talk on the global implications of mental health.

President's Message

Please note the insert to this month's newsletter which contains a message from our outgoing president, Michele Sellitto.

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

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

- April 25 Current State of Arms Control
- May 8 Embassy Trip to Washington, DC - Japan
- May 16 Japan and East Asia

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Message from President Dr. Michele Sellitto

April, 2019

As we near the end of our 2018-2019 program year, I would like to thank each of you for your support and friendship during the past four years while I served as President of the FPA.

During these past four years, we have nearly tripled our membership to 316 members! (Maybe that should be a goal for 2019-2020 with the new board and new officers? Let's hit 360 members!) We have also grown our sustaining memberships to 54 members who provide additional financial support for our endeavors.

We routinely have well over 100-175 people at each monthly meeting. We instituted the President's Speakers Series each of the last four years and now regularly have 250 people in attendance for this special annual event. We have begun FPA trips to visit and learn about other countries---our first trip to Cuba in 2018 and next trip to Normandy/Paris in 2020. We have begun to recognize young high school students annually who have an interest in foreign policy by partnering with the University of Pittsburgh's Governors School Global and International Studies. We designed and unveiled a new website and now you can make your reservations online!

Our treasury has grown by 10 times our balance four years ago with support from members and sponsors for special events.

Together, we have achieved much in four years. More importantly, we have worked diligently toward our mission to educate the public on international affairs and how foreign policy affects our daily lives.

I'd like to thank my marvelous team who supported me and worked with me to achieve our goals. And I'd like to thank each of you for your friendship and your interest in foreign policy and in our democracy.

On a personal note, I will be relocating to live near my family in Bucks County. But I will continue to be a sustaining member and plan to attend monthly meetings as I continue work with my clients and friends still in Harrisburg. Again, many thanks and I wish you all well. Michele

Dr. Michele Sellitto, President FPA