



## Iran: How Did We Get Here And What Do We Do Now?

Our final speaker for the 2020-2021 program year is James Q. Roberts, retired Army colonel and senior Department of Defense official, who will discuss the complex relationship between the United States and Iran and the prospects for another multi-lateral nuclear agreement.

His talk will be on May 20 at 7 p.m. Prior to that date, you will receive an e-mail with a link to the webinar. He last spoke to the FPA in September 2015. The subject at that time was terrorism.

Roberts ended 48 years of federal service in 2016, 24 as an Army officer and 24 as a Department of Defense senior executive. In his last tour, he was Secretary of Defense Chair at the Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, National Defense University, where he taught strategic leadership. Before that, while a civilian, he primarily worked in the Office of the Secretary of Defense on Special Operations, Combating Terrorism, and European Issues.

A native Californian, Roberts traveled a lot in his youth. He lived in Iran as a child, attended high school in Lausanne, Switzerland, and graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1968. He holds a master's degree from Middlebury College in Vermont and studied political science in Paris.

Roberts joined the Army in 1968. Key overseas tours included Vietnam and Cambodia as a military intelligence officer and in Iran as the last foreign area officer there. He participated in the aborted Operation EAGLE Claw mission to rescue the U.S. embassy hostages in Tehran in April 1980. In 1989, he joined the newly formed Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict.

Roberts left the Army in 1992 to accept a senior civilian appointment in the Office of Secretary of Defense. From 1999 to 2000, he served as director of NATO policy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. In 2000, he was assigned as the first defense policy advisor to the U.S. Mission to the European Union. In 2003, he returned to the Pentagon and to the Special Operations and Combating Terrorism Office where he was the principal director.

## Virtual Visits to State Dept., EU

You won't want to miss our virtual, on-line visits to the U.S. Department of State (6 p.m. May 11) and to the European Union Delegation to the United States (6 p.m. May 12). The connection information will be e-mailed to you in the next few days. Watch for it.

## Past FPA Speaker Wormuth Named to be Secretary of the Army

Christine Wormuth, who spoke to the Foreign Policy Association in October 2019, is President Biden's choice to be the next Secretary of the Army. If confirmed by the Senate, she would be the first woman to occupy that high-level Pentagon post.

Wormuth, 52, appeared at our fifth annual Keystone Speaker Series at the West Shore Country Club. She addressed the national security issues facing the 2020 presidential candidates.

Now with the RAND Corp., Wormuth has held multiple senior civilian-level positions at the Pentagon, including Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. At one time, she was a special assistant to President Obama.

She is the second former FPA speaker to be named to a top federal post by President Biden. In January, he appointed career diplomat William J. Burns, 64, to be director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Burns addressed the FPA in November 2015 at the first of what then was called the President's Speaker Series, now dubbed Keystone. His topic: American foreign policy in the 21st century.

## Name Change, Officers for 2021-2022

FPA members have voted by e-mail to change the name of the organization to the Foreign Policy Association of Central Pennsylvania.

Formerly known as the Foreign Policy Association of Harrisburg, the Board of Directors recommended the change to better reflect the organization's expanded membership in recent years.

The membership also re-elected officers for the 2021-2022 program year. They are Howard Davison, president; Dan Sim, vice president; Stuart Snyder, treasurer, and Matthew Smith, secretary.

The members elected a new director to the board, Hissie Guida, and re-elected the following: William Anderson, Bob Glasscock, Phyllis Skok, Cathy St. Pierre, Alan Stolberg, John Taylor, and Sam Wilder.

## Bon Voyage, Matt!

Matt Smith, FPA secretary, is leaving us to enter the University of Oxford in the fall to complete a master's degree in Middle Eastern Studies. He graduates this month from Elizabethtown College. Matt has helped the FPA in many ways, including recruiting our scribes and making sure our webinars go well. We send Matt off to the UK with our best wishes.

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**Turkey at the Crossroads**  
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Turkey's bad behavior in recent years has strained its relations with the United States and has blocked its acceptance into the European Union, says Dr. Oya Dursun-Ozkanca, a noted scholar on Turkish foreign policy, transatlantic security, and the EU.

She spoke to the Foreign Policy Association via webinar on April 22. FPA members may remember her from January 2019 when she was part of a panel discussion on the leadership struggle in the Middle East.

Born in Turkey, Dr. Dursun-Ozkanca has spent most of her adult life in the West. She currently teaches political science at Elizabethtown College and has written extensively on Turkish-West relations.

She cited several examples of Turkey, a NATO member since 1952, engaging in actions that the West finds troubling, including Turkey's:

- poor human rights record toward its Kurdish minority.
- harshness in dealing with citizen protests.
- belief that the U.S. was behind a 2016 coup to bring down the government.
- hostility toward Greece and Cyprus, both NATO members.
- purchase of an air defense system from Russia.
- military incursion into Syria.

Dr. Dursun-Ozkanca said tensions between Turkey and the U.S. are likely to worsen with President Biden's recognition of the 1915 massacre of Armenians as genocide, the first U.S. president to do so. Turkey insists the dead were merely victims of war.

She said Turkey's Erdogan government appears to have adopted a foreign policy of keeping all options open rather than fully commit to the West, but in her opinion, that is a serious mistake.

The webinar also featured a talk by Dora Betts, \$600 winner of the FPA-sponsored Global Studies competition. She addressed the subject: "Sweatshops, A Global Issue."

She said consumers of goods manufactured overseas should be aware of the low pay and poor working conditions in many of the foreign factories.

Ms. Betts, a senior at Manheim Township High School, Lancaster County, plans to attend Boston University to study international relations and journalism.

**FPA 2020-2021**  
**Program Schedule and Topics**

**Please note several changes in the schedule.**  
**All events via webinars.**  
**We hope to return to the West Shore Country Club in the fall, but only if it is safe to do so.**

<b>May 11</b>	U.S. Department of State Visit (virtual)
<b>May 12</b>	European Union Delegation Visit (virtual)
<b>May 20</b>	Iran: How Did We Get Here And What Do We Do Now?

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