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AGENDA

Friday, March 8, 2019

TIME	EVENT
0800	Welcoming Remarks: Michael McMahon and Christopher Marsh
0815	Introduction to CTX Journal and Global ECCO Simulations: Libby Skinner
0830	Plenary Session: <i>Getting Russia Wrong and the Consequences in an Era of Great Power Competition</i> — Nikolas Gvosdev
1015	<p>■ Panel 1A: Competition and the Role of SOF I Chair: Russ Howard Evan Palmer and Jordan Smith—<i>Special Forces 2035: Re-Examining The Green Beret's Role In The Next Great Power War</i> Lucas Burke and Thomas G. Pledger—<i>The Emerging Role of SOF: The Great Powers Competition for Shaping Perception</i> Aleks Nesic and Arnel David—<i>Military Strategy for the 21st Century: Operationalizing the Science of the Human Domain in Great Power Competition</i> Charles Barham—<i>The Role of SOF in an Era of Great Power Competition</i> Discussant: Ian Rice</p> <p>■ Panel 1B: Roundtable: The Role of SOF in Great Power Competition Chair: Will Irwin Participants: Christopher Marsh, Charlie Black, Robert Jones, Nikolas Gvosdev, Jeff Goble</p>
1200	Lunch (no host)

1300	<p>■ Panel 2A: Competition and the Role of SOF II Chair: Craig Whiteside Jeff Goodson—<i>Stability Operations in the Era of Great Power Competition: Outlook and Impact on Special Operations Forces</i> Richard Newton—<i>Design and Defense Institution Building: The Case of Romania</i> Ted Reynolds—<i>Impacting Reality: Understanding And Shaping The Virtual Environment</i> Discussant: Leo Blanken</p> <p>■ Panel 2B: Interventions, SFA, and Civil War Chair: Misha Blocksome Martijn Kitzen and Rick Breekveldt—<i>Revisioning From The Ground Up: Innovating Thinking On The Role Of Local Dynamics In International Interventions</i> Sandor Fabian—<i>The Effects of Military Human Capital on Civil War Duration and Outcome</i> Jon Czarnecki—<i>Between the Goalposts of War and Peace: Characteristics and Capabilities</i> Greg Reilly—<i>SFABs and SOF: The Changing Role of Security Force Assistance</i> Discussant: Dave Ellis</p>
1500	<p>■ Panel 3A: International SOF perspectives on US Great Power Competition Strategy Chair: Jeff Goble Jaroslav Jablonsk—<i>Polish Perspective on U.S. Great Power Competition Strategy</i> Gabor Santa—<i>Hungarian Perspective on U.S. Great Power Competition Strategy</i> Royston Lim—<i>Singapore's Perspective on U.S. Great Power Competition Strategy</i> David Whiteside—<i>Australian Perspective on U.S. Great Power Competition Strategy</i> Discussant: Russ Howard</p> <p>■ Panel 3B: Global ECCO (NPS) Simulation</p>
1700	Concluding remarks to Day 1
1730	No-host Social at Knuckles Sports Bar Lobby Level, Hyatt Regency Monterey

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Saturday, March 9, 2019

TIME	EVENT
0830	<p>■ Panel 4A: Islamic Insurgency and the Dutch Colonial Aceh War (1873-c. 1913) Chair: Montgomery McFate Montgomery McFate—<i>Christiaan Snouck Hurgronje as Military Anthropologist</i> Thijs Brocades Zaalberg—<i>Attributing Success In Irregular Warfare: Surgical Force Or Exemplary Force As Decisive Factors In The Aceh War, 1873-1913</i> Martijn Kitzen—<i>Short-Term Solution, Long Term-Liability? A Case Study Of Co-Option Of Local Power-Holders During The Dutch Colonial Aceh War (1873-C. 1913)</i> Discussant: Misha Blocksome</p>
1015	<p>■ Panel 5A: Roundtable: The Future of Special Operations and the Synchronization of Intelligence Chair: Robert Tomlinson Participants: Kevin Rousseau, John Tullius, Michael McMahon, Ted Reynolds</p> <p>■ Panel 5B: Old Problems and New Horizons Chair: Christopher Marsh Martijn Kitzen and Funs Titulaer—<i>Revisioning Interventionist Thinking: Bridging The Gap Between Liberal State Building, Counterinsurgency and Peacekeeping/Building</i> David Ellis—<i>Regime Theory for the Interagency</i> Craig Whiteside—<i>A Darker Side of Special Operations: An Analysis of Islamic State Experimentation</i> Richard Rubright—<i>SOF in Space</i> Discussant: James Wirtz</p>
1200	Lunch (no host)

1300	<p>■ Panel 6A: IO, PolWar, and Proxies in the 21st Century Chair: Kevin Rousseau Andy Maher—<i>Information Age Proxy Warfare</i> Steve Lewis—<i>SOF's Role in Political Warfare</i> G. Stephen Lauer—<i>Clausewitz: Theory and Politics in the Application of State Military Violence in the Limited Wars of the 21st Century</i> Discussant: Steve Bolton</p> <p>■ Panel 6B: SOF Education Panel Chair: Mike Richardson Daniel Fiack, Philip Riglick, and Leo Blanken—<i>Designing Innovation for SOF: The Role of Education</i> Pete McCabe—<i>The State of SOF Education in Era of Great Power Competition</i> Bradley Rhineland—<i>The Special Operations Polymath: Education as a Capability in an Era of Complexity and Competition</i> Discussants: James Kiras and Miriam Wharton</p>
1500	<p>■ Panel 8A: Influence, Resistance, and Countering the Russian Threat Chair: Christopher Marsh Jonathan Fagins—<i>How can USSOF be Utilized to Thwart Russian Nuclear Strategic Objectives?</i> Misha Blocksome—<i>Russian Approaches to Resistance Operations</i> Jonathan Munson—<i>A Covert Communications Concept for the Resistance in Megacities</i> Jim Chen and Gregory Clay—<i>Attribution in Information Operations</i> Discussant: Nikolas Gvosdev</p> <p>■ Panel 8B: Global ECCO (NPS) Simulation</p>
1700	Concluding Remarks

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- **Panel A:** Cypress Rooms I, II, III
- **Panel B:** Big Sur Rooms II, III
- **Publications:** Big Sur Room I



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