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The Looming Issues in U.S.-China Trade Relations

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Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

11:30 am registration begins ~ noon luncheon ~ 1-2 program

The United States and China share one of the most important trade relationships in the world. Domestic politics in both the United States and China, however, have exacerbated economic tensions between the world's two largest economies. Mounting pressures among Americans over Chinese trade practices has led some observers to speculate that a trade war could be in the offing.

Professor Thomas Hout will analyze the trade issues for us, including the charges that the Chinese government unfairly limits market access and engages in currency manipulation. He will also discuss the pros and cons of trade policy options for the Trump administration.

Thomas Hout is an adjunct professor at



the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, and a Visiting Professor at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey. For 12 years Professor Hout also taught one semester per year in the School of Business at the University of Hong Kong and Fudan University (Shanghai). His current research interests are China and global industrial competition.

Before teaching, Professor Hout was a partner at The Boston Consulting Group for 22 years and lived and worked in Boston, London, Hong Kong and Tokyo. He received a BA in Economics from Yale University and an MBA from Stanford University. He was a Reserve Officer in the U.S. Navy and is a Vietnam Veteran.

(Please see page 3 for reservations.)

Calendar of Events

Thursday, April 6	Board meets in Conference Room, McCone building, MIIS. Open to members.	4:30 pm
Monday, April 10	Discussion Group meets in Room 101, Social Science building, MPC.	4-5:30 pm
Mondays, April 10 & 24	Great Decisions Discussion Group meets at CSUMB Ryan Ranch.	4-5:30 pm
Wednesday, April 12	WAC Book Club meets at Monterey Public Library, Community Room reviewing <i>Strangers in Their Own Land</i> , by Arlie Russell Hochschild.	5-6:30 pm
Wednesday, April 26	<i>U.S. China Trade Relations</i> . Luncheon and presentation at Rancho Canada.	11:30-2 pm

February program report

Turkey on the Brink

At our February luncheon, Dr. Ryan Gingeras from the Naval Postgraduate School gave a fascinating talk that was as richly informative as it was depressing on current political trends in Turkey, a key US NATO ally. Gingeras stressed that Turkey had undergone fundamental changes in the past few years, which accelerated with the attempted coup last summer. Under President Erdogan, Turkey has adopted a “majoritarian” approach to ruling the country. The AKP Party, under Erdogan, enjoys a bare majority support, but uses that slight majority to ram through policies in the absence of any sensibility of minority rights and proper democratic processes. The AKP used to be a reform party; now it is mostly concerned with holding on to power with little accountability. This political dynamic has helped create greater instability, both inside Turkey and inside the region. Perhaps most worrying for the US and Europe is that Erdogan and the AKP have called Turkey’s historical alliances into question. Falsely blaming the US for the coup and many other ills plays well to the AKP base and its sense of victimhood, but it does little to advance regional security. Dr. Gingeras was pessimistic that these negative dynamics would change course any time soon.

Glenn Robinson

American Umpire

Although George Washington declared the U.S. ideologically neutral (no military alliances, no standing army, no intervention) for the past 150 years America has been the world’s policeman. Is it time now for the world to step up and share that military and economic burden? The film screening, sponsored by WACMB and the Middlebury Institute of International Studies Veterans Organization on March 7 at MIIS, didn’t delineate our foreign policy future, but it went a long way toward explaining how the US emerged from dedicated neutrality to constant intervention. (Truman Doctrine, NATO). Interviewed in the film, former Secretary of State Madeline Albright asked “How do you motivate other countries to step up and support their own interests?” Hers was just one of several interviews with prominent policy makers, military leaders, and journalists who all offered balanced suggestions about isolationism or militarization for America . But there were no conclusions drawn.



ANDRE LEWIS, Associate Vice President for University Affairs, has just been appointed liaison from California State University at Monterey Bay (CSUMB) to the Board of Directors of the World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area.

According to Eduardo Ochoa, President of CSUMB, “Mr. Lewis has a tremendous background in world affairs and government relations. Over the span of 20+ years, Mr. Lewis has demonstrated his commitment to public service and his background and experience reflect his passion. He served in both Clinton Administration Departments of State. Additionally, he was my Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Education in the Obama Administration.”

Mr. Lewis will be replacing Holly White, who served for several years as the CSUMB liaison. He joins representatives from the Defense Language Institute, the Naval Postgraduate School, Middlebury Institute of International Studies and Monterey Peninsula College on the World Affairs Council Board.

Welcome!

Marie Colbert, (wacmbbookclub@gmail.com) reports that there was a stimulating meeting in March to review George Orwell’s 1984. The April 12 meeting at Monterey Public Library will discuss *Strangers in Their Own Land: Anger and Mourning on the American Right* by Arlie Russell Hochschild. In May the book selection has been changed to *America’s War for the Greater Middle East* by Andrew J. Bacevich.

(This program is not sponsored or endorsed by the Monterey Public Library or the City of Monterey.)

RESERVATION FORM

*April 26, 2017
Registration 11:30 am
Luncheon at noon
Program 1 pm*

Reservations due April 21, 2017
Mail form & check or credit information to:
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NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS

Middlebury Institute Speaker Series continues with *World Views, the First 100 Days*. Anna Vasilieva speaks on *Our Evolving Relationship with Russia*. April 12, 6-7 p.m. McGowan 102. 411 Pacific St. \$10 per person. Waiting list. Phone 831-647-4151.

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*Setting the Course: California Leadership in the Age of Trump* at Irvine Auditorium, MIIS on April 13, 6-7:30 pm. Free. Register at cbe@miis.edu or 831-647-6615, ext. 1.

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Dr. Walter Tribbley, MPC Superintendent/President delivers the *11th Annual Presidents Address to the Community*. April 28, 11:30 am-1:30 pm. Monterey Marriott, 350 Calle Principal, Monterey.

SUGGESTED READING

Our liaison with the Defense Language Institute, COL Roger Bowman, kindly offered to share the Master Regional Reading List, common to all Foreign Area Officers, with our members. Among its suggestions for books are: Kurt Campbell's *The Pivot: The Future of American Statecraft in Asia*; Herando DeSoto, *The Mystery of Capital*; Shawn Dorman, *Inside a U.S. Embassy*; Robert Heilbroner's *The Worldly Philosophers*; Samuel P. Huntington's *The Clash of Civilizations*; Robert Kaplan's *Asia's Cauldron* and *The Coming Anarchy* and William Lederer and Eugene Burdick's *The Ugly American*.

LUNCHEON MENU

Apple Cider Salad

With

Grilled Chicken

Pecans, Cranberries & Blue Cheese Crumbles

Chef's Choice Dessert

(Vegetarian)

Apple Cider Salad



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