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World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (www.wacmb.org)

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THE EVOLUTION OF ISIS:

The State, the Transnational Terrorist Threat, and Lone Wolves

Professor Heather Gregg,

Naval Postgraduate School (NPS)

Thursday, August 25, 2016

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

Rancho Canada, Carmel Valley Road

In 2014 ISIS rolled over Iraq's border, captured several major cities and declared itself the Islamic State. ISIS is more than just a state, however. Within months of declaring a caliphate, like-minded terrorist and insurgent groups around the globe declared allegiance to the Islamic State, presenting a new challenge to regional and global security. ISIS has also inspired "lone wolves," actors that appear to have no direct affiliation with the Islamic State, but carry out violent acts in the name of ISIS.

Professor Gregg will provide a brief overview of the conditions that led to the rise of ISIS, its ideology, its spread, and its different manifestations. Her presentation will conclude with a discussion of how the United States and partner countries can work together to diminish the appeal of ISIS moving forward.

Heather Gregg is an associate professor at the Naval Postgraduate School's Department of Defense Analysis, where she works primarily with Special



Operations Forces. Prior to joining NPS, Dr. Gregg was an associate political scientist at the RAND Corporation. In addition to academic experience, she has spent time in several regions of conflict including Palestine/West Bank and the former Yugoslavia. She has also worked in Qatar, Japan, and, most recently, Tajikistan.

Professor Gregg earned her PhD in Political Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Her dissertation work was on historic and contemporary causes of religiously motivated violence. She earned her MA degree from Harvard Divinity School, where she studied Islam, and a BA in Cultural Anthropology from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

She is author of *The Path to Salvation: Religious Violence from the Crusades to Jihad*. (Potomac, 2014).

(Please see page 3 for reservation details.)

Calendar of Events

Thursday, August 4	Board meets in Conference Room, McCone building, MIIS. Open to members.	4:30 pm
Monday, August 8	China—What's Next, Domestically and Internationally? Discussion Group meets in room 101, Social Science bldg., MPC .	4 pm
Thursday, August 25	<i>The Evolution of ISIS</i> . Luncheon and presentation at Rancho Canada, Carmel Valley Road	11:30-2 pm

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On the horizon are trips to Colombia with Ambassador Heather Hodges in February and *Cultural Cuba* with Megan Torrey in March. Brochures are available at the luncheon reception desk, or by contacting Joan Russell, 215-561-4700, ext. 209 or Shoshana Altrichter, 215-561-4700, ext. 217 in Philadelphia.

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LOOK AHEAD!

August 22, 5-6:30 pm Monterey Public Library for the kick-off of WAC's new Monthly Book Club. Come help design our newest program—times, dates, formats, meeting locations, etc. Doug Wilhelm's in charge. Refreshments at 5 pm.

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July 27, 2016 registration opens for the Fall Olli/Great Decisions program csumb.edu/olli or (831) 582-5500. Meetings will be Sept. 19, Oct. 3 & 24, Nov. 7 & 21, and Dec. 5 from 4-5:30 pm at OLLI@Ryan Ranch. Sept. 19, *The Future of Venezuela*. Everyone's welcome and it's free!

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September-October-November WAC luncheons:
Sept. *America's Foreign Language Competitiveness*, Dino Pick, former Commandant, DLI now Deputy City Manager, Monterey.
Oct. *The Presidential Candidate's Foreign Policy Platforms*, Professor John Arquilla, NPS.
Nov. *The Politics of the South China Sea*, Professor Michael Glosny, NPS.

RESERVATION FORM

**August 25, 2016
Registration 11:30 am
Luncheon at noon
Program 1 pm**

Reservations due August 22, 2016

Mail form & check or credit information to:
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LUNCHEON MENU

Caesar Salad

*Braised
Chicken Tarragon*

Rice Pilaf & Vegetable Medley

Chef's Choice Dessert

*(vegetarian)
Vegetable Stir Fry*



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