

WAR STUDIES CONFERENCE
Reassessing Deterrence in the 21st Century
November 13-15, 2016
Conference Agenda

Tomorrow's potential adversaries require a new approach for American strategic deterrence. Fifty years after Thomas Schelling penned *Arms and Influence*, globalization, modernization, interconnectedness and the pervasiveness of non-state adversaries have fundamentally changed our capability as well as our credibility to deter. The Modern War Institute (MWI) will convene a distinguished group of academics, practitioners, business leaders and policymakers to discuss these changes and explore their implications for U.S. national security strategy. The conference will emphasize greater joint, interagency, and multinational integration and readiness of the U.S. military and policymaking communities to meet current and upcoming threats and challenges. Topics under discussion include the challenge of deterring non-state enemies on the cyber battlefield; the viability of NATO and other 20th century alliances to deter; and domestic political challenges – from defense budgeting to strained civil-military relations – to deterring potential adversaries. The purpose of the conference is to gather the world's preeminent thought leaders to discuss and debate the role of strategic deterrence in modern warfare, which will shape our first edited conference volume and help inform the West Point cadet education program.



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Sunday, November 13, 2016

- 12:00-5:00 PM **Guest Arrival**
- 6:00-6:45 PM **Reception**
Ballroom, Thayer Hotel
- 7:00-9:00 PM **Dinner**
Thayer Hotel
- 8:00-9:00 PM **Opening Keynote Address: TBD**
- 9:00 PM **No-Host Mixer**
General Patton's Tavern, Thayer Hotel

Monday, November 14, 2016

- 7:00-8:00 AM **No-Host Breakfast Buffet**
Thayer Hotel
- 8:00-8:30 AM **Movement to Jefferson Hall**
- 8:30-9:45 AM **Panel Session 1**
Haig Room, Jefferson Hall
- Theme: **Revisiting Schelling, Fifty Years On**
- 09:45-10:00 AM **Break**
- 10:00-11:15 AM **Panel Session 2**
Haig room, Jefferson Hall
- Theme: **How to Deter Tomorrow's Non-State Adversaries**
- 11:15-11:30 AM **Movement to West Point Club**
- 11:30-1:00 PM **Lunch**
West Point Club
- 12:00-1:00 PM **Moderated Q&A: TBD**
- 1:00-1:15 PM **Movement to Jefferson hall**



1:15-2:30 PM **Panel Session 3**
Haig Room, Jefferson Hall
Theme: **Are NATO and 20th Century Alliances Still Relevant?**

2:30-2:45 PM **Break**

2:45-4:00 PM **Panel Session 4**
Haig Room, Jefferson Hall
Theme: **How to Enhance U.S. Cyber-Deterrence Capabilities**

4:00-5:00 PM **Transportation to Thayer Hotel or Optional West Point Tour**

6:00-7:00 PM **Reception**
Ballroom, Thayer Hotel

7:00-9:00 PM **Dinner**
Thayer Hotel

8:00-9:00 PM **Keynote Address:** Speaker TBD

9:00 PM **No-Host Mixer**
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Tuesday, November 15, 2016

7:00-8:00 AM **No-Host Breakfast Buffet**
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8:00-8:30 AM **Movement to Jefferson Hall**

8:30-9:30 AM **Keynote Address:** TBD
Haig Room, Jefferson Hall

9:30-9:45AM **Break**

9:45-11:00 AM **Panel Session 5**
Haig room, Jefferson Hall
Theme: **Non-Military Tools of Deterrence**

11:00-11:15 AM **Concluding Remarks:** Colonel Liam Collins, Modern War Institute

11:15 AM **Guest Departure**
Boxed Lunches Provided

