



MINERVA RESEARCH INITIATIVE

2020 Minerva Program Review and the Next National Defense Strategy
October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29
Start time: 1:00 ET (10:00 PT)

NB: Held under the Chatham House Rule

Thursday, October 1	1:00-2:00	Session I – Welcome and Research for the NDS
	2:00-2:15	Break
	2:15-4:00	Session II – Global Influence
Thursday, October 8	1:00-2:45	Session III – Regional Balances of Influence
Thursday, October 15	1:00-2:45	Session IV – Global Freedom of Maneuver
Thursday, October 22	1:00-2:45	Session V – Regional (Military) Balances of Power
Thursday, October 29	1:00-2:45	Session VI – Cross-Domain Engagement
	2:45-3:00	Break
	3:00-4:30	Session VII – Aggregation, Assessment, and Wrap-up

Thursday, October 1

1:00-2:00	Session I: Welcome and Research for the NDS David MONTGOMERY, Director, Minerva Research Initiative, OUSD-Research and Engineering, Basic Research Office, and OUSD-Policy, Strategy Bindu NAIR, Director, Basic Research Office, OUSD-Research and Engineering James ANDERSON, Acting Under Secretary for Policy Andrew FORNEY, OUSD-Policy, Strategy
2:00-2:15	Break

2:15-4:00 Session II: Global Influence

Lucy LILLEY (OUSD-Policy, Strategy and Force Development) - Chair

Adam STULBERG (Georgia Institute of Technology) – Asymmetric

Interdependence and Statecraft: Building Knowledge to Explicate Great Power Coercion Dilemmas at the Security-Economy Nexus

Mihaela PAPA (Tufts University) – Rising Power Alliances and the Threat of a Parallel Global Order

Lincoln PRATSON (Duke University) – Assessing the International Risk to National Economies Posed by a Marine Chokepoint Shutdown

Kathleen CARLEY (Carnegie Mellon University) – Multi-Source Assessment of State Stability / Dynamic Statistical Network Informatics

Neil SHORTLAND (University of Massachusetts, Lowell) – Bio-markers and Counter-messages: Measuring Individual Differences in the Influence of Extremist Propaganda and Counter-Messages

Thursday, October 8

1:00-2:45 Session III – Regional Balances of Influence

Hannah WHITE (OUSD-Policy, Strategy and Force Development) – Chair

Scott ATRAN (University of Oxford) – Addressing Resilience in the Western Alliance against Fragmentation: Willingness to Sacrifice and the Spiritual Dimension of Intergroup Cooperation and Conflict

Marina ZALOZNAYA (University of Iowa) – Informal Economies and Societal Stability in China and Russia

Parfait ELOUNDOU-ENYEGUE (Cornell University) – Africa’s Youth Bulge and National Security

Eric MCGLINCHEY (George Mason University) – Russian, Chinese, Militant, and Ideologically Extremist Messaging Effects on United States Favorability Perceptions in Central Asia

Erik HERRON (West Virginia University) – The Central Eurasian State Capacity Initiative: Assessing Threats to Geopolitical Stability along Russia’s Periphery

Thursday, October 15

1:00-2:45 Session IV – Global Freedom of Maneuver

Michael DONOFRIO (OUSD-Policy, Strategy and Force Development) – Chair

Michael HOROWITZ (University of Pennsylvania) – The Disruptive Effects of Autonomy: Ethics, Trust, and Organizational Decision Making

Jason HEALEY (Columbia University) – Strategic Dynamics of Cyber Conflict

Michael FLYNN (Kansas State University) – The Political, Economic, and Social Effects of the United States’ Overseas Military Presence

Anna BUCZAK (Johns Hopkins University) – Deep Learning Models for Predicting Globally Disruptive Events

James WALSH (University of North Carolina, Charlotte) – Displace, Return, and Reconstruct: Populations Movement and Resilience to Instability

Thursday, October 22

1:00-2:45 Session V – Regional (Military) Balances of Power

Brian STAHL (OUSD-Policy, Strategy and Force Development) – Chair

Erik GARTZKE (University of California, San Diego) – Forecasting Crisis Dynamics with Machine Coded Data: A Model of Power, Projection, Influence, and Escalation

Stephen LOBELL (University of Utah) – Power Projection, Deterrence Strategies, and Escalation Dynamics in an Era of Challenging Near Peers, Rogue States, and Terrorist and Insurgent Organizations

Stephen BIDDLE (Columbia University) – Empirical Analysis for Meeting Great Power Challenges

Devin ELLIS (University of Maryland) – What Actions Deter? Moving from Theory to Casual Understanding of Shaping Decision Calculus

Mia BLOOM (Georgia State University) – Documenting the Virtual Caliphate / Preventing the Next Generation: Mapping the Pathways of Children’s Mobilization into Violent Extremist Organizations

Thursday, October 29

1:00-2:45 Session VI – Cross-Domain Engagement

Grace KIM (OUSD-Policy, Strategy and Force Development) – Chair

Jonathan GRATCH (University of Southern California) – Organizational Implications of Autonomy-mediated Interaction

Arie KRUGLANSKI (University of Maryland) – Refugee Psychology and Its Potential for Refugee Radicalization

Eli BERMAN (University of California, San Diego) – Deterrence with Proxies

Susannah PALETZ (University of Maryland) – The Role of Emotions in Adversarial Information Campaigns

Leonardo ARRIOLA (University of California, Berkeley) – Program on Security Institutions and Violent Instability

2:45-3:00 Break

3:00-4:30 Session VII – Aggregation, Assessment, and Wrap-up

Brian ARAKELIAN, Principal Director, OUSD-Policy, Strategy and Force Development

Andrew FORNEY, OUSD-Policy, Strategy

Daniel GREEN, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, OUSD-Policy, Strategy and Force Development

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