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Welcome Message

The Graduate Student Mid-Atlantic Conference for Eurasian Studies (MACES) is a Georgetown-George Washington co-sponsored public platform for rising experts in the field of Eurasian studies designed to advance discourse on Eurasia and connect student bodies. This year's conference theme is "Transnational Flows in the Eurasian Space." In modern Eurasia, the movement of people, wealth, and ideas across national borders is deeply shaped by the culture, politics, and economics of the region. Through understanding these movements, our panelists shed light on the dynamism of Eurasian space.
General Information For Presenters

Presenters should send in their presentations tby e-mail to gs.maces@gmail.com by April 1, the day before the conference. In the case of last minute edits need to be made, presenters should load their presentations in their respective rooms as early as possible. This should be done no later than during the break before the session.

Oral Presentation

- **On panels with three participants:** You will have 15 minutes each for your presentation. At the end of all three presentations, the discussant will provide 10-15 minutes of commentary and critique before opening the floor to 30-45 minutes of question-and-answer. To ensure fairness, your discussant will monitor time.

- **On panels with four participants:** You will have 12 minutes each for your presentation. At the end of all four presentations, the discussant will provide 10-15 minutes of commentary and critique before opening the floor to 30-45 minutes of question-and-answer. To ensure fairness, your discussant will monitor time.

#gs.maces on Twitter

You can become involved in discussions and ask questions via Twitter by using the #gs.maces hash-tag. Session chairs are asked to monitor the twitter feed and - time permitting - read out questions.
Keynote Speakers

Amb. John E. Herbst
Director, Dinu Patriciu Eurasia Center

Ambassador Herbst served for thirty-one years as a Foreign Service Officer, retiring at the rank of Career-Minister. He was US Ambassador to Ukraine (2003-06), where he worked to prevent violence during the Orange Revolution. Prior to that, he was Ambassador to Uzbekistan (2000-03), where he played a critical role in conducting Operation Enduring Freedom. He also served as the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization and oversaw the establishment of the Civilian Response Corps of the United States.

Ambassador Herbst served as US Consul General in Jerusalem; Principal Deputy to the Ambassador-at-Large for the Newly Independent States; the Director of the Office of Independent States and Commonwealth Affairs; and at embassies in Tel Aviv, Moscow, and Saudi Arabia.

Ambassador Herbst earned a bachelor of science from Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service and a master of law and diplomacy from the Fletcher School at Tufts University. He also attended the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies Bologna Center.

Dr. Trevor Gunn
Vice President - International Relations, Medtronic

Trevor Gunn is Vice President- International Relations for Medtronic. He was formerly Director of the Commerce Department’s Business Information Service for the Newly Independent States, the clearinghouse for information for doing business in the former Soviet Union.

He has worked with the Chamber of Commerce of Southern Sweden, Dover Elevator Corporation, International Executive Service Corps and on the staffs of the former San Francisco Mayor and two U.S. Senators from California.

He is the Founder and Chairman of the USA Healthcare Alliance. He co-chairs the State Department’s Stakeholder Advisory Board on the OECD Guidelines on Corporate Social Responsibility.

Further, he is a Member of the Board of Directors for the US-Russia Business Council, the Board of Advisers of the Washington International Business Council, and the Board of Directors of the Executive Council on Diplomacy. Equally, he is a member of the National Academy of Sciences/Institute of Medicine (IOM)’s, "Forum on Public-Private Partnerships for Global Health".

He received his B.A. from University of San Francisco. He received his Ph.D. in International Relations from the London School of Economics in 1992.
April 2
Detailed Schedule

09:00 AM - 09:45 AM
6th Floor, FSIA
Registrations & Breakfast

09:45 AM - 10:00 AM
Lindner Family Commons (#602)
Welcome and Introduction

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
Opening Keynote - Hon. John E. Herbst

First Session

11:00 AM - 12:45

Voesar Conference Room (#412Q)
Challenges and Opportunities for Economic Development
Chair - Dr. Benjamin Loring

Understanding and Alleviating Energy Poverty in Central Asia: A Case of Mountain Communities in Tajikistan
Murodbeck Laldjabaev

Illicit Transnational Flows in Eastern Europe
Pikria Saliashvili

Water Resource Management, Climate Change, and Conflict
Rosemary Blanchard

Lindner Family Commons (#602)
Regional Integration Project from Past to Present
Chair - Dr. Marlene Laruelle

Eurasianism in the Historical and Contemporary Context
Armen Sahakyan

Visionaries, Agents, and Collaborators: Imperial Japan's Pan-Asianist Project in Eurasia and the Anti-communist Corridor
Azuma Hidetoshi

Mimicking the Mad Printer: Isomorphism in Contemporary Post-Soviet Legislation
Julian Waller

Room #505
New Technologies and Changing Politics
Chair - To Be Determined

Cyber Weapon: Russia State Policies for Cyber Security
Alison Patch

Russian Data Sovereignty: A Model for Eurasia?
Evangelos Razis

Diasporic Political Movements: What We Can Learn From Group 24
Marintha Miles
01:00 PM - 02:00 PM
Lindner Family Common (#602)
Lunch

02:00 PM - 03:45 PM

Voesar Conference Room (#412Q)
Competing Ideologies and Politics: Dynamics of Western influence
Chair - Dr. Kathleen E. Smith

'Human Rights' and 'Traditional Values': The Ideological Underpinnings of the New Cold War
Kyle Rohrich

The European Union's Supranational Ambitions Meet Russia's State-Actor Ambitions in the Arctic: Theory, Practice, and the Future
Renee Slawsy

The EU's 'Dawn Raids' against Gazprom as a Signal in EU-Russia Relations: Opportunity for Justice, or Business as Usual?
William Fleeson

Room #505
State and Non-State Responses: Emerging Security Threats
Chair - To Be Determined

A Double Edged Sword: An Examination of Ukraine's Volunteer Battalions
Leslie Ann Martin

(IR) responsible Russia: The Role of Eurasian Multilateral Organizations in Changing International Order
Peter Marzalik

Has the SCO Lived Up to It's Potential as a Multilateral Security Platform for Central Asia?
Sarah Lohschelder

04:00 PM - 04:45 PM
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Closing Keynote - Dr. Trevor Gunn

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