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The Perry Center conducts a Bilateral Transnational Threat Seminar in the Dominican Republic with co-host Escuela de Graduados de Altos Estudios Estratégicos (EGAE); pictured from left to right: Dr. Boris Saavedra, Dean of Academic Affairs Scott Tollefson, and Professor of Practice Celina Realuyo with General Leonel Muñoz, EGAE Director.

Bilateral Transnational Threat Seminars (BTNT)

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Designed as short engagements that are individually tailored to support country-specific priorities, Bilateral Transnational Threat Seminars (BTNT) are targeted academic exchanges with leading partner institutions in the region. Delivered at low cost and with a light footprint, this model allows the WJPC and partners to provide topical and pertinent academic content to a broad range of key security and defense policymakers and practitioners. Partner institutions collaborate on seminar design and share costs and expertise with the WJPC. The Dominican Republic BTNT engagement occurred at the Graduate School of Higher Strategic Studies (EGAE). The Colombia BTNT included engagements at Nueva Granada Military University (UMNG) Sede campus in Cajicá, the

National War College (ESDEGUE), and the Colombian National Police.

BTNTs are co-led by Professor of Practice Celina Realuyo, who focuses on countering transnational threats such as transnational organized crime, illicit trafficking, and threat finance, and Dr. Boris Saavedra, who addresses cyber security and the impact of emerging technologies. These engagements also include events oriented to a broader community of interest in defense and security policy, including the host nation’s WJPC alumni network.

Visit to William J. Perry Center by U.S. Representative John Delaney,

*Washington, D.C.,
6 February 2018*

U.S. Representative John Delaney visited the Perry Center to meet with faculty members to discuss the complex security environment in the Americas and explore implications for US policymakers. Congressman Delaney is a member of the US House Committee on Financial Services and the Subcommittee on Terrorism and Illicit Finance.

Professor of Practice Celina Realuyo discussed transnational criminal organizations in the Americas and the threat posed by the convergence of illicit networks that include criminal, terrorist, and extra-regional state and non-state actors, with a particular focus



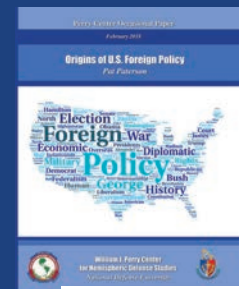
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Research and Publication Highlights

27-28 February, Berlin Germany, Dr. William Godnick was invited by the German Foreign Office to deliver the keynote speech on post-conflict disarmament in Latin America at the “Lessons-Learned Workshop: Disarmament and Cross-Border Anti-Trafficking Efforts.”

28 February, Professor Pat Paterson published a report, “The Origins of U.S. Foreign Policy,” as a Perry Center Occasional Paper.

16 March, Professor Celina Realuyo published, “The Evolving Role of the Security Forces to Counter Transnational Organized Crime in the Americas,” as a Perry Center Regional Insight.



on threat financing and how the United States can disrupt the money flows that serve as critical enablers of these networks.

Associate Professor Dr. David Spencer addressed a number of topics related to the peace accord between the Government of Colombia and the FARC such as the Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP), which is Colombia's transitional justice program covering crimes related to the war, including the actions of guerrillas, state agents, and financiers; Colombia's new counternarcotics policy based on crop substitution; and the upcoming May 2018 presidential elections. Associate Professor Dr. Boris Saavedra provided an overview of the political, economic, and military situation in Venezuela, with special attention to the implications for US defense policy. Dr. Saavedra then explored cyber vulnerabilities among partner nations in the Western Hemisphere, and highlighted the susceptibility of critical infrastructure, the prevalence of attacks by non-state criminal actors, and the potential for indirect, secondhand exposure of US systems.

Colombia Bilateral Working Group

Bogota, Colombia,

28 January-1 February 2018

Dr. David Spencer was included as part of the delegation of Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Western Hemisphere Affairs Sergio de la Peña that participated in the annual U.S.-Colombia Bilateral Working Group (BWG). The BWG, which this year focused especially on counternarcotics issues and was merged with the normally separate Joint Staff talks, is a ministry-to-ministry meeting during which senior officials discuss security and defense topics and agree on cooperative initiatives for the next 12 months. Dr. Spencer was instrumental in composing the draft agreement and negotiating changes in text with his Colombian counterparts, facilitating quick bilateral approval of the final text.

Guatemala Bilateral Working Group

Guatemala City, Guatemala,

13 March 2018

Professor of Practice Alejandro Alemán represented the Perry Center during the 3rd U.S.-Guatemala Bilateral Working Group, the only ministry-to-ministry level meeting in the Central American Region. Professor Alemán delivered a presentation discussing the concept of defense governance, while emphasizing the role of the Ministry of Defense's professional military education system in supporting institutional development.

Strategic Vision Initiative (SVI) Partners Meeting

Washington, D.C.,

19-20 March 2018

WJPC hosted the fourth and final Strategic Vision Initiative (SVI) partners meeting. An applied research and dialogue project, the SVI seeks to develop realistic, evidence-based global and regional threat scenarios through 2030, thus providing policymakers a tool to resource and forward plan for future security environments. This final meeting was facilitated by Perry Center Professor of Practice William Godnick. Partners from leading academic defense institutions presented their final research approaches and findings. Project partners include the National Academy of Political and Strategic Studies (ANEPE) of Chile, the Center for Higher Strategic Studies (CAEE) of El Salvador, the Center for Higher National Studies (CAEN) of Peru, and the Regional Center for Strategic Studies of Security (CREES) of Colombia. The SVI directly supports an Office of the Secretary of Defense for Western Hemisphere Affairs initiative to define the evolving role of the armed forces in Latin America. WJPC will present the results of this research to Secretary of Defense James Mattis and his regional counterparts at the XIII Conference of Defense Ministers of the Americas (CDMA) in 2018 in Mexico City.

XIII Conference of Defense Ministers of the Americas - Ad-Hoc Working Group on the Evolving Role of the Armed Forces in Defense and Security

Washington, D.C., 22 March 2018



Perry Center Director LTG (Ret) Frederick S. Rudesheim (first row, third from right) welcomes a group of delegates from across the Western Hemisphere to attend the ad-hoc working group convened by Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Western Hemisphere Affairs Sergio de la Peña (first row, fifth from left) about The Evolving Role of the Armed Forces in Defense Security in preparation for the XIII Conference of the Defense Ministers of the Americas (CDMA).

WJPC supported the Office of the Secretary of Defense in the convening Ad-Hoc Working Group on the Evolving Role of the Armed Forces in Defense and Security as part of the mandate of the Conference of Ministers of Defense of the Americas (CDMA). Representatives from 19 countries of the Western Hemisphere plus the Inter American Defense Board came together and engaged in dialogue on the following issues: The Role of the Armed Forces in Efforts to Neutralize Organized Crime and Support Public Security; The Role of the Armed Forces in Cyber Defense and Security; Efficient Ministries of Defense: Improving Outcomes; and Other Areas Where the Armed Forces May Play a Role: Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response, Civic Action, and the Environment. The points of view expressed in this meeting by participating governments will be taken forth by the CDMA Secretariat led by the Government of Mexico in the June 2018 deliberations to establish the agenda of the XIII Conference of Defense Ministers of the Americas (CDMA) in 2018 in Mexico City.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Washington, D.C., 14-25 May, Resident Phase of Combating Transnational Organized Crime and Illicit Networks in the Americas course.

Washington, D.C., 14-25 May, Resident Phase of The Strategic Implications of Human Rights and the Rule of Law course.

Panama City, Panama, 5-7 June, Regional Transnational Threats Seminar.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 12-16 June, Managing Security and Defense Seminar.

Tunis, Tunisia, 25-29 June, NESA/WJPC/ACSS/AFRICOM Illicit Commons Workshop.

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