



WILLIAM J. PERRY CENTER FOR HEMISPHERIC DEFENSE STUDIES

PERRY *Quarterly*

The William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies develops and engages the Western Hemisphere's community of defense and security professionals to seek mutually supportive approaches to common challenges in order to develop effective sustainable institutional capacity, and promote a greater understanding of US regional policy.

EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND OUTREACH

Through education, research, and engagement, the Perry Center educates and connects leaders in the US national security community with other partner nation officials in the Western Hemisphere. The Perry Center's programs in FY2019 support the missions and values of OSD, SOUTHCOM, and NORTHCOM.

EDUCATION



Strategy and Defense Policy (SDP)

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The Perry Center's biggest academic course to date, Strategy and Defense Policy (SDP), took place at the Perry Center from October 15 - 26, 2018. Over 90 military and civilian officials representing 17 countries in the Western Hemisphere traveled to Washington, DC for the residential phase of the course. Prior to this, participants completed a rigorous distance-learning phase with their classmates. Directed by Associate Professor, Dr. David Spencer. SDP is designed to provide introductory education about defense and security management to civilians that are principally working in defense and security related institutions. The course focused on four areas: policy writing, strategic planning, institutional reform, structural reform, and resource management.

Highlights from the two week seminar included the “charlas” in which students were given the opportunity to share presentations on defense and security matters in their own countries with their colleagues. The teaching methodology of reading, conceptual presentations, case studies, discussion groups, and exercises validated the method of education providing a stimulating and dynamic setting to maximize learning.

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Washington Security and Defense Seminar (WSDS)

WSDS participants are presumed to be upwardly mobile within their governments and may hold senior positions in the future.

The Perry Center’s 2018 Washington Security and Defense Seminar (WSDS), directed by Professor of Practice, Pat Paterson, changed slightly from its previous iterations. Each day of the defense seminar consisted of two panels to provide a more holistic perspective of US strategy. WSDS provided participants with a macro description of US policy and then described a nuanced version of US policies toward the Western Hemisphere.

The course hosted members of Washington DC’s diplomatic community from Latin American and Caribbean nations from November 5 – 9, 2018. WSDS also represents an opportunity for WJPC to serve as a liaison between other governmental institutions such as State, USAID, DOD, and OSD serving as an important measure of effectiveness for not only the success of the program, but also the Perry Center.

RESEARCH

Dr. David Spencer

San Salvador, El Salvador

Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) deemed the Salvadorian gang study project a policy priority due to its implications for Salvadorian national security planning and its potential export to other Central American countries.

Perry Center Professor Dr. David Spencer travelling in region to conduct a study on gangs at the request of the Salvadorian Ministry of Defense. For this project, Dr. Spencer interviewed members of the Embassy team, partner nation defense and security authorities, and made several site visits across the country. The study will help inform strategic planning in El Salvador.



OUTREACH

Collective of Analysis of Security with Democracy Seminar (CASEDE)

The CASEDE seminar seeks to improve the professionalism of Mexican police forces.

From October 18 – 19, 2018 and October 25 – 26, 2018 Perry Center professors Boris Saavedra and Celina Realuyo traveled to Mexico City, Mexico for a subject matter expert exchange for police and intelligence officials on cybercrime, security, combating transnational organized crime, and counterterrorism.

Bilateral Transnational Threats Engagement (UNAM)

This bilateral engagement served to deepen the relationships with academic and government counterparts and the Perry Center alumni network.

From November 11-15, 2018, the Perry Center conducted a bilateral engagement program with institutional counterparts in Mexico City. The week was filled with a series of institutional activities including the signing of a cooperation agreement with the Universidad de las Americas Puebla (UDLAP) at UDLAP's Jenkins Graduate School in Mexico City. This signing ceremony marked the first such agreement between the Perry Center and a private university in Mexico.

Hosted by UNAM, CASEDE, Elcano Royal Institute, and the Center for Superior Naval Studies (CESNAV), topics analyzed included the cocaine market and organized crime and US Strategies and Cooperation with Latin America regarding Illicit Networks.

Hemispheric Defense Governance Series

-Guatemala City, Guatemala (Security Studies Institute of Galileo University)

-Bogota, Colombia (Ministry of Defense)

***Security Challenges in Latin America Hemispheric Forum***

The forum focused on the current security challenges in Latin America most notably the crisis in Venezuela, Central American insecurity, and the Russian and Chinese political influence in the region.

Co-hosted with Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), the Hemispheric Forum took place on 29 November, 2018. This event was the first hemispheric forum in which the Perry Center partnered with another university institution in an effort to enhance not only the Perry Center's reputation as a first-class academic institution but to also generate additional

interest in other WJPC events. Partnering with SAIS, expanded the Perry Center's profile not only within the Western Hemisphere, but also the academic, NGO, and governmental community in DC.

Caribbean Nations Security Conference (CANSEC)

Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

December, 2018

US Southern Command Humanitarian Aid/Disaster Relief (HA/DR) Conference

Miami, Florida

December 2018

DISTINGUISHED VISITS

- *Peruvian Air Force Superior War College*
- *Honduran National War College*
- *Guatemalan Army Superior Command of Education (COSEDE)*
- *Argentina – American Dialogue Foundation*
- *Inter-American Air Forces Academy (IAAFA)*

LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

FY2019 will continue to see us engage with our counterparts across the Western Hemisphere. We look forward to continuing our dynamic collaboration with our participants, graduates, and partner institutions in the future.

Second quarter events will include:

-BILATERAL SEMINARS

Cybersecurity Seminar

This seminar will delve into issues of cybersecurity strategy and policy and is tailored for specialists at the Central Bank and financial and governmental institutions who provide essential cybersecurity services in the Dominican Republic.

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
January, 2019

Caribbean Defense and Security Seminar

The seminar seeks to promote understanding and communicate the contours of current US defense and security policies towards the region by analyzing national security and defense, transnational threats and organized crime, an evolving and future trends in the Western Hemisphere.

Kingston, Jamaica
January, 2019

Argentina National Security Planning Workshop (NSPW)

Buenos Aires, Argentina
February, 2019

Transnational Threats Engagement Seminar

This seminar, conducted with the Colombian War College (ESDEG), will be a collaborative institutional engagement with Colombia as part of the Bilateral Transnational Threat Network program that proactively builds and strengthens relationships through academic exchanges and networking opportunities.

Bogota, Colombia
February, 2019

-RESIDENT COURSES

Combating Transnational Threat Networks Course (CTTN)

CTTN seeks to identify and analyze strategies policies that help assess the defense and security threats by Transnational Criminal Organizations (TCOs) and illicit networks in Latin America.

Washington, DC
March, 2019

Strategic Implications of Human Rights and Rule of Law Course (HR/ROL)

HR/ROL seeks to identify and develop methodologies and techniques that will improve human rights policy writing and facilitate and accelerate the acceptance of human rights norms within the security and defense sectors of democratic systems.

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