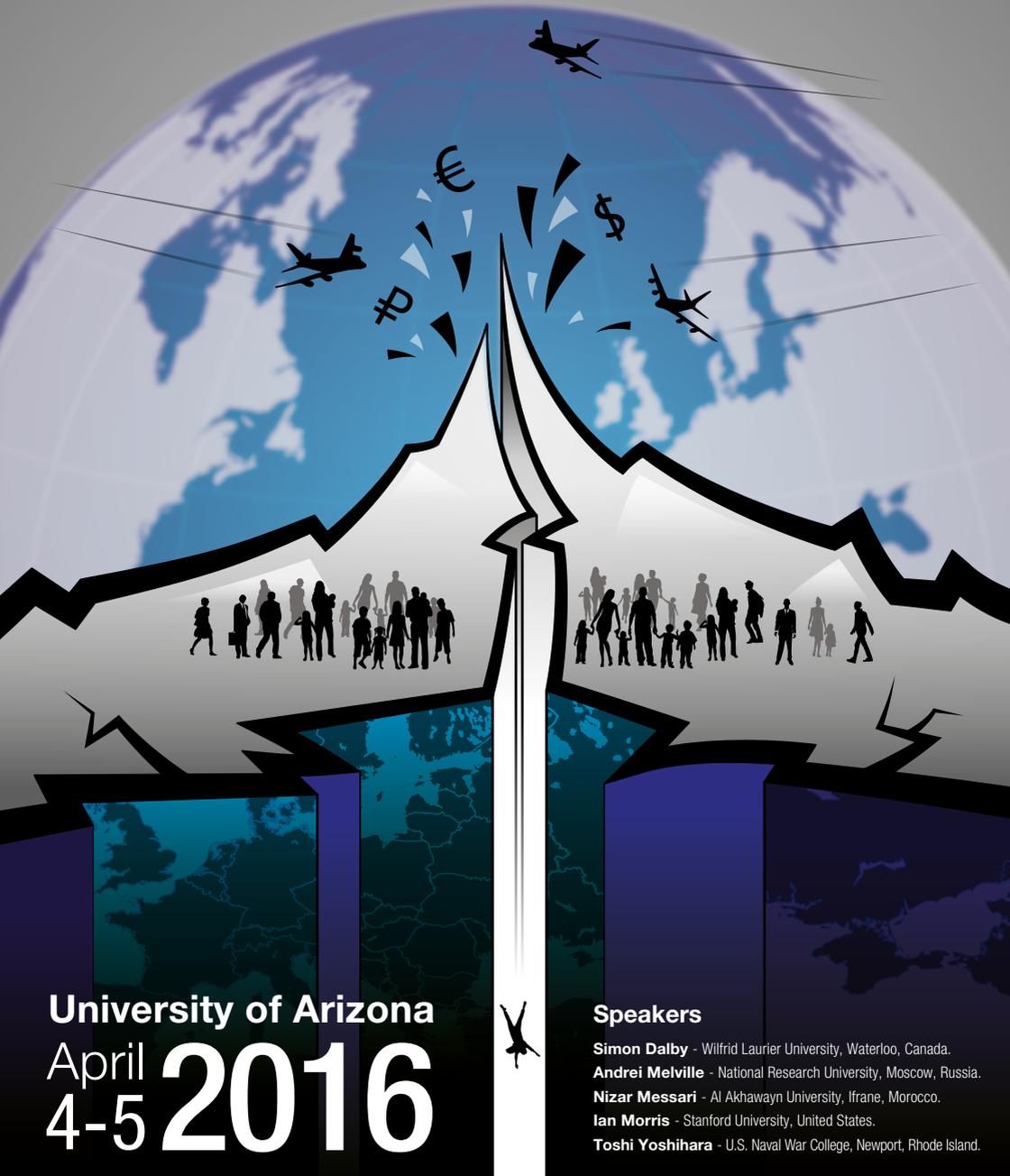


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Speakers

- Simon Dalby** - Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Canada.
- Andrei Melville** - National Research University, Moscow, Russia.
- Nizar Messari** - Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco.
- Ian Morris** - Stanford University, United States.
- Toshi Yoshihara** - U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island.

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Sunday, April 3, 2016

Ventana Room, Marriott Hotel

06:00 P.M. OPENING RECEPTION

Monday, April 4, 2016

Environment and Natural Resources 2 Building, Room S-107, UA campus

08:00 – 08:25 A.M. BREAKFAST

08:25 – 08:35 A.M. WELCOME

J.P. Jones, Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, UA

Christian Suter, President, World Society Foundation, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland

08:35 – 08:50 A.M. OPENING REMARKS

Albert J. Bergesen, Professor, School of Sociology, UA

08:50 – 09:20 A.M. PLENARY ADDRESS: FORTRESS-RUSSIA: GEOPOLITICAL DESTINY, UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES, OR POLICY DECISIONS?

Andrei Melville, Professor and Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia

09:20 – 09:35 A.M. Q&A

09:35 – 10:05 A.M. MODERATED PANEL: RUSSIAN GEOPOLITICS

Andrei P. Tsygankov, Professor at the Departments of Political Science and International Relations, San Francisco State University

Peter Turchin, Professor, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Connecticut

Andrei Melville, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow

10:05 – 10:20 A.M. Q&A

10:20 – 10:35 A.M. COFFEE BREAK

10:35 – 11:05 A.M. PLENARY ADDRESS: MIDDLE EASTERN GEOPOLITICS

Nizar Messari, Professor and Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco

11:05 – 11:20 A.M. Q&A

11:20 – 11:50 A.M. MODERATED PANEL: THE GEOPOLITICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST

Faten Goshn, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Arizona

Mansoor Moaddel, Professor of Sociology, University of Maryland

Nizar Messari, Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane

12:15 – 12:30 P.M. Q&A

11:50 – 12:50 P.M. LUNCH

12:50 – 01:20 P.M. PLENARY ADDRESS: CHINESE GEOPOLITICS TODAY

Toshi Yoshihara, John A. van Beuren Chair of Asia-Pacific Studies, U.S. Naval War College

01:20 – 01:35 P.M. Q&A

01:35 – 02:05 P.M. MODERATED PANEL: THE GEOPOLITICS OF EAST ASIA

T.V. Paul, James McGill Professor of International Relations, McGill University; President, International Studies Association (ISA)

Chris Demchak, RADM Grace M. Hopper Chair of Cybersecurity, U.S. Naval War College

Toshi Yoshihara, U.S. Naval War College

02:05 – 02:20 P.M. Q&A

02:20 – 02:35 P.M. COFFEE BREAK

02:35 – 03:05 P.M. PLENARY ADDRESS: ON WAR

Ian Morris, Jean and Rebecca Willard Professor of Classics and Professor of History, Stanford University

03:05 – 03:20 P.M. Q&A

03:20 – 03:50 P.M. MODERATED PANEL: CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF WAR

William R. Thompson, Distinguished Professor and Donald A. Rogers Professor of Political Science, Indiana University

Peter Turchin, Professor, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Connecticut

Ian Morris, Stanford University

03:50 – 04:05 P.M. Q&A

04:05 – 04:35 P.M. PLENARY ADDRESS: GEOPOLITICS IN THE ANTHROPOCENE

Simon Dalby, CIGI chair in the political economy of climate change at the Balsillie School of International Affairs (BSIA), Wilfrid Laurier University

04:35– 04:50 P.M. Q&A

04:50 – 05:20 P.M. MODERATED PANEL: GEOPOLITICS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Diana Liverman, Co-director, Institute of the Environment and Regents Professor, School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona

Franck Poupeau, Co-Director of the UMI iGLOBES CNRS/UA, and Senior Researcher, National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), Paris, France

Simon Dalby, Wilfrid Laurier University

05:20 – 05:35 P.M. Q&A

05:35 P.M. CLOSING REMARKS

Albert J. Bergesen

06:30 P.M. DINNER, meet in the lobby of the Marriot Hotel

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Environment and Natural Resources 2 Building, Room S-107, UA campus

08:15 – 08:50 A.M. BREAKFAST

08:50 – 09:00 A.M. OPENING REMARKS

Albert J. Bergesen, Professor, School of Sociology, UA

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Environment and Natural Resources 2 Building, Room S-107, UA campus

09:00 – 10:15 A.M. SESSION 1: GLOBAL GEOPOLITICAL DYNAMICS

Salvatore Babones, "Sovereignty in the Millennial World-System," University of Sydney
William R. Thompson, "Getting International Structure 'Right': Geopolitics, Political Economy, and Instability – The Unipolarity Myth and Associated Misperceptions," Indiana University

Şahan Savaş Karatasli, "Contentious Conjunctions and Global Waves of Secessionism," Princeton University

Thomas Ehrlich Reifer, "Lawyers, Guns & Money: Wall Street, Geopolitics, & the American Century," University of San Diego

Timothy P. Moran, "The United Nations and Global Governance in the 21st Century: The Nation State, National Borders, and the Future of Geopolitics," Department of Sociology, Stony Brook University

10:15 – 10:30 A.M. Q&A

10:30 – 10:45 A.M. COFFEE BREAK

10:45 – 11:45 A.M. SESSION 2: RUSSIA AND EUROPE

Tomasz Stępniewski, "The Eastern Partnership Held Hostage in a Geopolitical Game between the EU and Russia," Institute of Political Science and International Affairs, Catholic University of Lublin, Poland

Marta Zorko, "The Return of Geopolitics in Europe: Divisions, Wired Fences and Myths of Unity," University of Zagreb, Croatia

Sophia Skupien, "Building a New World Order? Comparing Russian and Chinese Aims for the BRICS," Georgetown University

11:45 – 12:00 A.M. Q&A

12:00 – 01:00 P.M. LUNCH

01:00 – 02:00 P.M. SESSION 3: CHINA AND THE ASIA PACIFIC

Rongxing Guo, "China's New Silk-Road Initiative and the South China Sea Disputes: Toward a New Mutual Deterrence Equilibrium," Regional Science Association, Peking University, Beijing, China

Elizabeth F. Larus, "Alliances and US Sea Power in the Asia-Pacific," University of Mary Washington

Manochehr Dorraj, "The Return of the Middle East to its Asian Home: Expanding Middle East/ Asia Nexus and their Ramifications," Texas Christian University

Robert A. Denemark, "Pre-emptive Decline: The Weakening of Great Powers and Geopolitical Volatility," University of Delaware

02:00 – 02:15 P.M. Q&A

02:15 – 03:15 P.M. SESSION 4: VIOLENCE, TERRORISM, RELIGION

Skander Ben Mami, "The Advent of Saharan Geopolitics," French Ministry of Defense.

Maria Syed, "Crystal Ball Gazing: Alarming Trends and a Collision Course between Iran and Saudi Arabia," Australian National University

Deepika Saraswat, "Revolutionary Shi'ism and Conservative Wahhabism: The Sectarian Axis of Geopolitical Rivalry between Saudi Arabia and Iran," Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Sefika Kumral, "Geopolitics of Anti-Kurdish Violence in Turkey: From Riots to Ethnic Cleansing?," Johns Hopkins University

William F.S. Miles, "African Islamist Terrorism and the Fracturing of Postcolonial Borders," Northeastern University

03:15 – 03:30 P.M. Q&A

03:30 P.M. CLOSING REMARKS — Albert J. Bergesen

06:00 P.M. DINNER, plans to be announced during closing remarks