



**Hilton Head World Affairs Council  
Global Trends: Threats to Liberal Democracy  
Speaker Program 2018-2019**

With the end of the Cold War and the expansion of NATO and the EU to virtually all Central and Eastern Europe, as well as other countries around the world joining the rules-based global trading system, liberal democracy seemed dominant as never before in history. However, a backlash to the financial crisis, growing inequality, and increased levels of immigration and migration have exposed many vulnerabilities of liberal democracy and revealed the social and cultural issues that encompass demographic anxiety. Our list of exemplary speakers will provide insights and examples of these troubling trends.

For an up-to-date listing of speakers and their biographies, go to [www.wachh.org](http://www.wachh.org).

- **October 5, 2018: Keynote Speaker-Larry Diamond**, Political sociologist and leading contemporary scholar in the field of democracy studies **Title: The Liberal Democratic Order in Crisis**
- **October 26, 2018- Professor Bruce Hoffman**, a Political analyst specializing in the study of terrorism and counterterrorism and insurgency and counter-insurgency. **Title: Inside Terrorism Today**
- **November 2, 2018 – Enhanced Speaker Program-Ambassador Pierre Vimont**, Senior Fellow at Carnegie Europe.  
**Title: President Macron’s France: on its way to new leadership?**
- **November 16, 2018- Dr. Jennifer Keene**, Professor and History Department Chair, Chapman University **Title: World War I and its effects on Liberal Democracy**
- **December 7, 2018-Michael Auslin**, Inaugural Williams-Griffis Fellow in Contemporary Asia at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University. **Title: Asia and America in the age of Trump: war, retreat or recommit?**
- **January 11, 2019- Josh Michaud**- Associate Director for Global Health Policy at the Kaiser Family Foundation **Title: Global Health**
- **January 25, 2019-Trita Parsi**, Founder and current president of the National Iranian American Council **Title: Iran’s Strategy in the Middle East**
- **February 1, 2019- Dr. Soner Cagaptay**- Beyer Family Fellow, Director, Turkish Research Program at The Washington Institute **Title: The New Sultan and Turkey’s Foreign Policy**
- **February 15, 2019- Open**

- **March 1, 2019- Robert Mallett**, President, and CEO, Africare  
**Topic: Africa: Familiar Challenges, Rewarding Opportunities**
- **March 15, 2019-Ambassador Roman Popadiuk**, former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine  
**Title: The Ukraine Russian Crisis**
- **April 5, 2019- Enhanced Speaker Program-Ambassador Jerzy Pomianowski**- Career Diplomat and former Deputy Foreign Minister to the Republic of Poland; Executive Director of European Endowment for Democracy **Title: Threats to Liberal Democracy in Eastern Europe**
- **May 3, 2019- Alyssa Ayers**-Senior Fellow at Council on Foreign Relations **Title: India's Democracy and it's rise on the World Stage**
- **May 17, 2019- Capstone Speaker-David Eisenhower II, J.D.** -Director of the Institute for Public Service at the Annenberg School of Communication at the University of Pennsylvania. **Title: *World War II's promise for Liberal Democracy: A Retrospective and Prospective***

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