Great Power Competition Seminar Series: Disinformation and Influence Operations

Please join Virginia Tech’s Hume Center for National Security and Technology, and the Hume Fellows, as we present a four part seminar series focused on Great Power Competition, aimed at furthering the dialogue around the topics of 5G security, artificial intelligence and machine learning, space, and disinformation and influence operations in a world where America is competing for dominance in key technology domains.

The first event, Great-Power Competition: Disinformation and Influence Operations takes place Monday, January 27, 2020, from 2 pm - 4 pm on Capitol Hill, 101 Constitution Avenue, Suite 600E, Washington, DC 20001. Registration is free, please reserve your seat.

Keynotes

Jane Holl Lute, President and CEO of SICPA North America and Former Deputy Secretary for Homeland Security
Ms. Jane Holl Lute is the President and CEO of SICPA North America, a company that specializes in providing solutions to protect the integrity and value of products, processes, and documents. Ms. Lute also serves as Special Advisor to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, where she has held several positions in peacekeeping and peace building. Previously, Ms. Lute served as Deputy Secretary for the United States Department of Homeland Security from 2009 - 2013. She also served as Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Internet Security (CIS), an operating not-for-profit organization and home of the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) providing cybersecurity services for state, local, tribal and territorial governments.

Richard H. Ledgett, Jr. (Rick), Senior Advisor for Hakluyt Cyber
Mr. Ledgett has four decades of intelligence and cyber experience, including 29 years with the National Security Agency (NSA), where he served as Deputy Director from January 2014 until his retirement in April 2017. He was the Agency’s chief operating officer, responsible for providing foreign intelligence and protecting the nation’s most important national security-related networks and information. Mr. Ledgett is a Senior Advisor for Hakluyt Cyber. In addition, he is a Senior Visiting Fellow at The MITRE Corporation, a Director on the Board of M&T Bank, a Trustee of the Institute for Defense Analyses, a Distinguished Visiting Professor of Cyber Studies at the US Naval Academy, a member of the National Academy of Sciences Intelligence Community Studies Board, and a member of the National Infrastructure Advisory Council.

Panel Discussion

◆ Aaron Brantly, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Virginia Tech; Cyber Policy Fellow, The Army Cyber Institute
◆ Jennifer Mathieu, Chief Technologist for Social Analytics and Integrity, MITRE
◆ Shelby Pierson, Intelligence Community Election Threats Executive
◆ Tom Warrick, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council

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