



# The Passport

World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area

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## Venezuela's Crisis: Chavez, Maduro, and Beyond?

Dr. Harold Trinkunas  
Stanford University  
Friday, June 21, 2019

11:30 am: Registration ~11:50: Luncheon ~12:45 pm: Program

\*\* Hilton Garden Inn, 1000 Aguajito Road, Monterey \*\*

Venezuela finds itself mired in an unprecedented political and economic crisis. Its economy has contracted nearly 50% since President Nicolas Maduro first took office in 2013; oil production has declined to levels below those of 1950; estimated annual inflation rates have been above 1.3 million percent. Millions have fled abroad in search of better lives, which has made Venezuela's migration crisis the second worst in the world after Syria's.



In 2019, the Maduro regime faces new challenges at home from an opposition that has declared it to be illegitimate. There is also unrest from within its own ranks and from abroad, due to a lack of diplomatic recognition by more than 50 governments and US opposition to its remaining in power.

In his talk, Dr. Harold Trinkunas will examine the apparently intractable political and economic crisis facing Venezuela. He will discuss the role played by the military in keeping the present government in power and the impact of the latest domestic and international pressures on the Maduro regime.

Harold Trinkunas is both Deputy Director and a Senior Research Scholar at the Center for International Security and Cooperation at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University. Prior to arriving at Stanford, Dr. Trinkunas served as the Charles W. Robinson Chair and Senior Fellow and Director of the Latin America Initiative in the Foreign Policy Program at the Brookings Institution in Washington,

DC. Dr. Trinkunas has written on emerging powers and the international order, ungoverned spaces, terrorism financing, borders, democratic civil/military relations, drug policy, and internet governance. His latest book is *Militants, Criminals, and Warlords: The Challenge of Local Governance in an Age of Disorder* (Brookings, 2017). He received his doctorate in political science from Stanford University. He was born in Maracaibo, Venezuela.

*(Reservation information can be found inside the back cover of this Passport)*

## WACMB In Profile: Judy Sloan

*The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area is full of interesting people who have done and are doing interesting things. WACMB In Profile will let you get to know some of them better.*

If you enjoy the WACMB luncheon programs, Judy Sloan is the person to thank. She's headed up the Programs Committee for 14 years, and enjoys finding great speakers who can enlighten us about world affairs.

A second-generation San Franciscan, Judy decided early in life that she wanted to see the world. When she was sixteen, her dream came true when her high school selected her to be its foreign exchange student. Off she went to Sweden, where she lived with a family on a farm on Gotland, an island in the Baltic Sea. This magical experience launched her into a lifetime of international work and travel.

Judy spent her freshman year of college in Japan on a Lions Club exchange through Tokyo's Kojimachi Lions Club. Her sponsor family introduced her to all things Japanese, from Zen temples to sumo wrestling. Judy fell in love with East Asia. She earned a BA in International Relations at UC Davis (and a Phi Beta Kappa key), and was awarded a full scholarship to Stanford, where she obtained an MA in East Asian Studies. Along the way, she returned to Japan to study for a second time.

Judy's career began in San Francisco at the Asia Foundation, a grant-making international development organization. While there, Judy met Lin Sloan, an executive with the Foundation. They married in 1978, and immediately resigned their jobs to . . . you guessed it: travel around the world. During their year-long odyssey, Judy and Lin spent time in Asia, Egypt, and Europe, living on a shoestring and having a grand time. In Goa, India, they stayed for three weeks in an old Portuguese house on the beach, which they rented for fifty cents a day. Judy says it was more interesting and fun than any five-star hotel could have been.

Upon their return to the US, Judy and Lin settled in Washington, DC, where she joined the staff of the International Rescue Committee, a refugee resettlement organization. Eventually, she made her way to the DC office of the Asia Society, a non-profit, public education organization founded by John D. Rockefeller III and based in New York City. (Don't confuse the *Asia Society* with the *Asia Foundation*.) As the Director of the DC office for 18 years, Judy did a little bit of everything – developed programs, recruited and trained staff, raised funds, balanced budgets – and thrived on the diversity. Meanwhile, Lin worked in Congress for the House Foreign Affairs and the Senate Foreign Relations Committees.

After 23 years in DC, Judy and Lin moved back west to care for her parents. They landed in Monterey, where Judy fairly quickly found her niche at WACMB. She also seized the opportunity to study calligraphy and watercolor. In fact, she just had her first watercolor show at the Carmel Foundation. Clearly, Judy continues to find new and exciting worlds to explore!

### ***Want to Get Involved?***

*WACMB is always looking for volunteers to help keep the organization running smoothly. If you'd like to get more involved with your organization, whether on a committee or on the board, we welcome you! Please let us know by sending an email to [wacmb@redshift.com](mailto:wacmb@redshift.com).*

### **Speaker's Book**

At October's luncheon, Tom Bruneau, Distinguished Professor Emeritus from the Naval Postgraduate School, spoke about the implications of the US military's increasing use of private contractors. If you'd like to learn more about Professor Bruneau's topic, you might be interested in his book *Patriots for Profit: Contractors and the Military in U.S. National Security*, published by Stanford University Press in 2011. It is available from the publisher in both hardcover and paperback ([www.sup.org](http://www.sup.org)), and from Amazon in hardcover, paperback, and Kindle editions.

# Ill Winds: Saving Democracy from Russian Rage, Chinese Ambition, and American Complacency

Professor Larry Diamond  
Stanford University

Thursday, July 11, 2019

11:30 am: Registration ~11:50 am: Luncheon ~12:45 pm: Program

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Larry Diamond is a leading contemporary scholar in the field of democracy studies. He has made it his life's work to secure democracy's future by understanding its past and by advising dissidents who are fighting autocracy around the world. During his talk, Professor Diamond will discuss his latest book, *Ill Winds: Saving Democracy from Russian Rage, Chinese Ambition, and American Complacency* (Penguin Press, 2019), which is a personal and passionate call to action against the rising authoritarianism that is occurring today. In his remarks, he will analyze the challenges confronting liberal democracy in the United States and around the world, and will offer an agenda for strengthening and defending democracy both at home and abroad.



more than six years, he directed FSI's Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, where he now leads its Program on Arab Reform and Democracy and its Global Digital Policy Incubator. He is the founding coeditor of the *Journal of Democracy*. Dr. Diamond is a prolific author; his other books include *In Search of Democracy* (2016), *The Spirit of Democracy* (2008), and *Developing Democracy: Toward Consolidation* (1999). He has also edited or coedited more than forty books on democratic development around the world. Dr. Diamond was educated at Stanford, with a BA in Political Organization and Behavior, an MA from Stanford's Food Research Institute, and a PhD in Sociology.

Larry Diamond is a Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution and at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI), both at Stanford University. For

*Ill Winds: Saving Democracy from Russian Rage, Chinese Ambition, and American Complacency* will be available for purchase at the luncheon.

## Discussion Groups: Topics for June

### **MPC:** *Afghanistan: Prospects for Peace or Endless War?*

What are the prospects for peace in Afghanistan, given recent developments in the current draft peace framework? Is the United States involved in an endless war?

The MPC Discussion Group will meet on Monday, June 10, at 4:00 pm in the Social Science Building, Room 101, Monterey Peninsula College, 980 Fremont Street, Monterey. Parking is available in Lot D for \$3.00.

### **OLLI/CSUMB:** *Brexit*

The OLLI Discussion Group will meet on Monday, June 17, at 4:00 on the second floor of the CSUMB building at Ryan Ranch, 8 Upper Ragsdale Drive, Monterey. Free parking is available in front of the building.

**Calendar of Events**

<b>Thursday, June 6</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>
<b>Board Meeting: McCone Building Conference Room, MIIS. Open to members.</b>	
<b>Monday, June 10</b>	<b>4:00 - 5:30 pm</b>
<b>Discussion Group: MPC Social Science Building Room 101. Parking \$3.00 in Lot D.</b>	
<b>Monday, June 17</b>	<b>4:00 - 5:30 pm</b>
<b>OLLI Discussion Group: CSUMB at Ryan Ranch, 8 Upper Ragsdale Drive</b>	
<b>Friday, June 21, at the Hilton Garden Inn</b>	<b>11:30 - 2:00 pm</b>
<b>Luncheon and Presentation: <i>Venezuela's Crisis: Chavez, Maduro, and Beyond?</i> by Harold Trinkunas</b>	
<b>Thursday in July, specific date TBD</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>
<b>Board Meeting: McCone Building Conference Room, MIIS. Open to members.</b>	
<b>Monday, July 8</b>	<b>4:00 - 5:30 pm</b>
<b>Discussion Group: MPC Social Science Building Room 101. Parking \$3.00 in Lot D.</b>	
<b>Thursday, July 11, at the Hilton Garden Inn</b>	<b>11:30 - 2:00 pm</b>
<b>Luncheon and Presentation: <i>Ill Winds: Saving Democracy</i> by Larry Diamond</b>	
<b>Monday, July 15</b>	<b>4:00 - 5:30 pm</b>
<b>OLLI Discussion Group: CSUMB at Ryan Ranch, 8 Upper Ragsdale Drive</b>	

<p>LUNCHEON MENU for JUNE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Field Greens Salad with Lemon Herb Vinaigrette</li> <li>- Honey Dijon Garlic Chicken over Toasted Almond Couscous</li> <li>- Sauteed Vegetables</li> <li>- Rolls and Butter</li> <li>- Coffee and Decaf</li> <li>- Frosted Lemon Bundt Cake with Blueberries</li> </ul> <p>VEGETARIAN CHOICE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grilled Vegetable Stack with a Classic Pesto</li> </ul>	<p>LUNCHEON MENU for JULY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- California Field Greens with Almonds, Cranberries, and Pears</li> <li>- Maple &amp; Mustard Glazed Salmon</li> <li>- Roasted Root Vegetables</li> <li>- Wild Rice Pilaf</li> <li>- Rolls and Butter</li> <li>- Coffee and Decaf</li> <li>- An Assortment of Chocolate and Double Chocolate Cupcakes</li> </ul> <p>VEGETARIAN CHOICE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Harvest Squash stuffed with Herbs and Mushrooms</li> </ul>
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**JUNE RESERVATION FORM**  
***Reservations due June 17 for June 21 presentation***

Registration 11:00 am	Mail form and check or credit information to:	Members @ \$31 _____
Luncheon 11:50 am	WACMB, PO Box 83, Monterey, CA 93942	Guests @ \$40 _____
Program 12:45 pm	or fax reservation form to (831) 643-1846	Total \$ _____

**Venezuela's Crisis**  
**at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1000 Aguajito Road, Monterey**

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_ Card Holder Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MC \_\_\_\_\_  
Vegetarian? (Requires 72 hours notice) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: No refunds or credit will be given for cancellations received after the due date*

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**Go to [www.wacmb.org](http://www.wacmb.org) and find the News and Events list on the right sidebar.**  
**Click on the link to the next luncheon, then scroll down to Registration.**  
**In the first paragraph, you'll find options to register by phone, mail or fax.**  
**In the second paragraph, you'll find a link to register online.**

**JULY RESERVATION FORM**  
***Reservations due July 6 for July 11 presentation***

Registration 11:00 am	Mail form and check or credit information to:	Members @ \$31 _____
Luncheon 11:50 am	WACMB, PO Box 83, Monterey, CA 93942	Guests @ \$40 _____
Program 12:45 pm	or fax reservation form to (831) 643-1846	Total \$ _____

**Ill Winds: Saving Democracy**  
**at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1000 Aguajito Road, Monterey**

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