



The Passport

World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (www.wacmb.org)

July 2020

Issues Around the World in the Age of Covid-19

Check your email on the scheduled days for links to these videos.

July 15, 2020: Mike Clancy, Citizens Climate Lobby

The Effect of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Climate Change: A Silver Lining?



Economic fallout from the Covid-19 pandemic has produced the largest drop in global energy demand since the Great Depression of the 1930s. This drop in energy demand has translated directly into a drop in global CO2 emissions. If some restrictions on economic activity stay in place worldwide until the end of the year, global emissions will likely drop by about 7%, 6 to 10 times larger than during the 2008 global recession. Is this falloff in emissions a “silver lining” of the pandemic that will help the world achieve the goals of the Paris Climate Accord? Mike Clancy of

Citizens Climate Lobby examines this question in the context of the science of climate change and of current global economic and political challenges. Mr. Clancy is the former Technical and Scientific Director of the Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center in Monterey.

July 30, 2020: Philipp C. Bleek, MIIS

Helping People Help Themselves: How Prepared Were Governments to Meet Their Constituents' Expectations Regarding Covid-19?

In 2007, Philipp Bleek co-authored a report that examined how well prepared governments at the local, state, and federal levels were to meet their citizens' expectations in the wake of a biological weapons attack. Drawing on that research, he reflects on the degree to which authorities in the United States were prepared to meet the Covid-19-related needs of their constituents. To the extent that their preparations fell short, he considers what might have been done and, more important, what might now be done, to avert similar shortcomings in the future. Dr. Bleek is Associate Professor of Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies in Monterey. He previously served as Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs.



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The following is the tentative schedule and list of topics for upcoming episodes of WACMB's "Quick Takes" video program. On the scheduled day, you will receive an email with a link that will take you to the video.

August 15: Emily Meierding, NPS:
Update on the Oil Market.

August 30: Robert Tomlinson, NWC at NPS:
Covid-19 and the National Security Strategy.

September 15: Anshu Chatterjee, NPS:
India Under the Government of Prime Minister Modi.

September 30: Jonathan Czarnecki, NWC at NPS:
Globalization and Governance.

Video Library

If you missed an episode of our "Issues Around the World in the Age of Covid-19" series, fear not! You can find that video, along with many videos of previous luncheon talks, by going to <https://www.wacmb.org/speakers-topics-videos/>. Here's what you'll find:

- Craig Whiteside's "Quick Take" on *ISIS*
- Glenn E. Robinson's "Quick Take" on *Global Jihad*
- Isebill Gruhn on *Europe in Turmoil*
- Jeffrey Knopf on *Chemical Weapons: Lessons from Syria*
- Boyd Haight on *Global Challenges for Food and Agriculture*
- Larry Diamond on *Saving Democracy from Russian Rage and Chinese Ambition*
- Francis Fukuyama on *The Global Rise of Populist Nationalism*

. . . and many more!

In Memoriam: Mary E. Boyken

The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area announces with sadness the passing of Mary E. Boyken on June 2 in Monterey after a long illness. Many will remember Mary as a dedicated Board member of the World Affairs Council who designed and produced this newsletter, *The Passport*.

Mary was born in San Francisco in 1930, grew up in Burlingame, CA, and graduated from Stanford University. She worked for *Time* magazine in New York for a time, and then moved to Washington, DC, to begin a long career as an editor with the US Information Agency (USIA).

Mary was kind and generous, intelligent and witty. Her absence will be felt by all who knew her.



Welcome to Our New Members

The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area extends a warm welcome to our newest members!

Jennifer Acuff
Peter and Anne Albano
Jill Cody and Jerry Grimes
Patrick Nevis
Ann Pendleton
Andrea Quihuis
Cynthia and Frederick Riebe
Frank Shields
Katherine Spitz

A Correction - and an Introduction

June's *Passport* reported that former president Larry Johnson will become the new moderator of the OLLI/WACMB discussion group. This is incorrect. While Larry will become the new *liaison* between OLLI and WACMB, the discussion group *moderator* will be John Hetz. John is no stranger to this position: he stepped up as moderator when Fred Lawson became ill last fall, and moderated the OLLI *Great Decisions* program earlier this year.

John is a retired Silicon Valley executive who was employed by the Xerox Corporation for more than 20 years. He spent the first half of his tenure at Versatec, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary in Santa Clara, where he created and managed the Human Resources Department and rose to the position of vice president. John then transferred to Xerox's Palo Alto Research Center, where he managed the administrative, technical, and informational staff support for more than 300 world-class scientists and engineers. John has held numerous leadership and board positions with nonprofit community service organizations. He holds a BA from Rutgers University and did graduate work at Santa Clara University.

CRYPTOGRAMS!

For your shelter-in-place entertainment, *The Passport* presents WACMB's first-ever cryptograms. These cryptograms are all quotations that are (at least somewhat) relevant to world affairs. Each quotation is followed by its author's name. Each cryptogram has its own code, so you'll need to figure them out individually.

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-UPUIVYH HYYKUTUPN

2. YVH BXWWHG RW MVRPV SWH HWLQGHC MVXY BQCY TH HWLQGHL RC BSGH

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-LHXW XPVHCSW

3. VG JDX OSIBQ SC Z KXIN CZTSPQ BXZB HXIQSG, "Z GZJVSG JDZJ BSXQ GSJ UGSO

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Answers will appear in next month's *Passport*.

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