



The Passport

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

August 2020

Issues Around the World in the Age of Covid-19

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

August 15, 2020: Emily Meierding, Naval Postgraduate School

The Pandemic and the Price War: Oil During Covid-19



As the Covid-19 pandemic intensified, oil markets experienced a rocky ride. Dr. Emily Meierding explores the reasons for the collapse of oil prices in the spring of 2020 and discusses the prospects for recovery. Emily Meierding is an Assistant Professor in the Department of National Security Affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey. Her research examines energy geopolitics and environmental security issues. Dr. Meierding's book, *The Oil Wars Myth: Petroleum and the Causes of International Conflict*, has just been published by Cornell University Press. She holds a BA in history from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and an MA and PhD in political science from the University of Chicago.

August 30, 2020: Robert Tomlinson, Naval War College

National Security Affairs in the Age of Covid-19

Dr. Robert Tomlinson looks at how America's response to the Covid-19 pandemic will dramatically shape our foreign policy and national security choices. He argues for the development and promulgation of a new national security strategy that takes into account the new geopolitical reality of America's role in a post-Covid world. Robert Tomlinson is an Associate Professor of National Security Affairs in the Naval War College's program at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey. Dr. Tomlinson has a BA from the College of the Holy Cross, master's degrees from Golden Gate University and California State University, Northridge, and a PhD from Claremont Graduate University. He served in the US Air Force for 26 years, retiring at the rank of Colonel.



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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.

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

Remember: every past episode of our "Quick Takes: Issues Around the World in the Age of Covid-19" series is available in our video library, along with videos of previous luncheon talks. Use the QR code on the back page or this link (<https://www.wacmb.org/speakers-topics-videos/>) to view the following Quick Takes:

- Philipp Bleek on *How Prepared Were Governments to Meet Covid-19-Related Issues?*
- Mike Clancy on *Covid-19 and Climate Change*
- Craig Whiteside on *ISIS*
- Glenn E. Robinson on *Global Jihad*

Discussion Groups

The MPC Discussion Group is meeting via Zoom. Moderated by Judith Glickman, the group will meet on August 10 and 24. Check the Passport next month for September's schedule.

The OLLI/CSUMB Discussion Group, moderated by John Hetz, will resume on September 14, and will then meet on October 12, November 9, and December 14.

High School Essay Contest Winners

This spring, WACMB launched a new initiative: a high school essay contest. Thanks to the Scholarship Committee - Michelle Amirkhanian, Brett Borden, Jean Hurd, Chris Keehn, and Larry Johnson (ex officio) - for their hard work in creating the contest, which aims to encourage interest in international affairs and global studies among local high school students.

Entrants were required to write an essay that addressed the following: If you could change something in current world affairs, what would it be? Why should it be changed, and how would you change it?

You can read or listen to the winning essays by going to www.wacmb.org and clicking on the High School Essay Contest Results link, which is found on the News and Events menu of the home page.

Congratulations to the winners!

*Jasmine Agha is a junior at York School. Jasmine's essay, "Fear and Hopelessness in the Unknown," addresses the catastrophic civil war in Syria and the plight of Syrian refugees.

*Jane Hoffman is a junior at Santa Catalina School. Jane's essay, "Confronting the Climate Crisis," encourages extensive international collaboration to reduce carbon emissions.

*CJ Hunt is a sophomore at Seaside High. CJ's essay, "The Problem of Capitalism," argues for an international shift to economies that are driven by the common good rather than by profits.

*Angelia Shi is a junior at Santa Catalina School. Angelia's essay, "Our Future: A Religious Melting Pot," recommends the study of comparative religions as a way to increase tolerance and decrease conflicts.

How the World is Approaching Covid-19

At the July WACMB Board meeting (conducted via Zoom to allow for safe social distancing), there was a discussion about the ways that different countries are addressing Covid-19. Here in the US, of course, we're using masks, handwashing, social distancing, and sanitizing wipes, etc. But what practices are encouraged and discouraged elsewhere? Doug Rogers, our Publicity chair, reached out to friends all around the world to ask about what's being done in their countries, and they quickly responded. The poster to the right is from Australia, and emphasizes hand washing for at least 20 seconds. (Sound familiar?) The other responses came as links to videos, which are mostly PSAs. We think you'll enjoy them!



Nepal: The Global Handwashing Song by Almoda Rana Uprety (https://youtu.be/fMENSEDpU_I)

Vietnam: The Corona Virus Song (with English subtitles) (<https://youtu.be/3eWmKQmMoFk>)

. . . and here's the same song, but with live dance moves!

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JV9MeSiRxBI>)

India: the Kerala State Police demonstrate proper handwashing techniques

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9H8MhWhe9Xo>)

South Africa: It's an ad for an insurance company, but . . . (<https://youtu.be/VT2izHKDhmo>)

Thailand: speaking of ads, here's one for Thai Airways (<https://youtu.be/cEJp52O6gCc>)

World Health Organization: WHO partners with Peppa Pig, who washes her hands for 40 seconds!

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAnSkaPgvY>)

Remember: Wash your hands. Wear your mask. Maintain social distancing. We're all in this together.

Answers to the Cryptograms in July's Passport

1. It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it. -Eleanor Roosevelt
2. The manner in which one endures what must be endured is more important than the thing that must be endured. -Dean Acheson
3. In the words of a very famous dead person, "A nation that does not know its history is doomed to do poorly on the Scholastic Aptitude Test." -Dave Barry

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