Crowded Orbits: International Challenges in Space

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11:30 am: Registration  12:00 pm: Luncheon  12:45 pm: Program

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

Space has remained peaceful since 1957, but safety in orbit will face new challenges. First, there is renewed great power competition among China, Russia, and the United States. Second, commercial actors like SpaceX are launching huge mega-constellations with thousands of satellites, making space traffic management much more difficult. Third, the volume of dangerous orbital space debris is growing and may become more uncontrollable. How will the international community manage these threats, and what is the possible role of the United States? Professor Clay Moltz will review these issues and consider possible solutions.

Clay Moltz is a professor in the Department of National Security Affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), where he also holds a joint appointment in the Space Systems Academic Group. From September 2020 to March 2022, he served as Dean of the Graduate School of International and Defense Studies at NPS. His books include *The Politics of Space Security: Strategic Restraint and the Pursuit of National Interests* (Stanford University Press, 2008, 2011, and 2019 editions) and *Crowded Orbits: Conflict and Cooperation in Space* (Columbia University Press, 2014). A prolific writer, Dr. Moltz has published op-eds in the *Boston Globe*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *New York Times*, and the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

Professor Moltz holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley, and an MA and BA (with Distinction) from Stanford University.

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Changes on the WACMB Board

Every year in April, the WACMB Nominating Committee proposes a slate of new and returning Board members. The current Board votes on that slate in May, and newly elected Board members take their seats in June.

WACMB is delighted to welcome Judy Sloan back to the Board. Judy stepped down last year after six years on the Board (as required by the bylaws). During her hiatus, she continued to serve as the Chair of the Program Committee, for which we are all grateful!

Joining the Board is Suzanne Safar, a mathematician, statistician, and educator. Born in Tehran, Iran, Suzanne studied at Washington State University, UC Berkeley, Pepperdine University, and CSU Northridge. She holds three master’s degrees and multiple credentials, and taught at CSU Hayward (now CSU East Bay), Tehran Polytechnic University, Moorpark College, and the Oxnard High School District. Since retiring, Suzanne has been an active community volunteer.

Lori Sanders is also joining the Board. A resident of the Monterey Bay Area since she matriculated at UC Santa Cruz, Lori had a 34-year career as an educator in Salinas. She began as a classroom teacher, then worked in English Language Development before moving into administration, first as a principal and then as an assistant superintendent. Lori focused on student success and support by developing partnerships and creating cultures of collaboration.

Glenn Robinson, WACMB President for the past two years, is stepping down from the Board. He will be replaced as president by Judith Glickman, who has served WACMB as a Board member, Discussion Group moderator, and chair of the Nominating Committee. Also leaving the Board are Gary Ohls, Douglas Porch, Elizabeth Robinson, and Doug Wilhelm. Many thanks to all for your service to our organization!
Discussion Groups

The WACMB monthly Discussion Group will meet on Monday, June 6, at 5:00 pm. This month’s topic will be “The Changing World of German Politics.” The meeting will be held on Zoom, and all WACMB members are invited to participate. If you are interested and have never attended this Discussion Group, just send a request to info@wacmb.org to receive log-in information and related background materials.

(Note: this Discussion Group has been having occasional in-person socials, where members have been able to interact in real life instead of only via screens. Doesn’t that sound appealing? Sign up now to learn whether plans are afoot for future gatherings!)

The WACMB/OLLI Discussion Group is currently on hiatus, but will begin again this fall. Watch this space for further information.

Come join the conversation!
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- All those attending luncheons (or any other WACMB in-person events) must show proof of full Covid-19 vaccination, including a booster.

- To prove your vaccination status, you can present either your vaccination card or your State of California QR code.

- You only need to present such proof once. Your documentation will be noted, and that box will be automatically checked for future meetings.

- For the time being, no auditors will be permitted to attend any WACMB in-person meetings. This is to ensure that every person in the room has been vaccinated and boosted.

- Thank you for your cooperation with our efforts to keep our members healthy!

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