



World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area

The Passport Newsletter

September 2023

Russia's War on Ukraine: An Update



The Honorable William B. Taylor
U.S. Institute of Peace and former
U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Hilton Garden Inn

11:15 AM: Registration

11:45 AM: Lunch

12:30 PM: Speaker Presentation

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Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 continues to cause serious destruction on many levels as the world struggles to find a resolution that will settle the conflict. Is there a path to victory in Ukraine? What are the prospects for a negotiated peace and what are the obstacles? Ambassador Taylor, who served as U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine from 2006 to 2009 and chargé d'affaires in 2019, will draw on his firsthand experience in Ukraine to discuss the current situation. The Ambassador spoke at our forum virtually just a year ago. We are delighted that he will be with us in person on this occasion.

William Taylor is Vice President, Russia and Europe, at the U.S. Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C. In addition to serving in Ukraine, he has coordinated U.S. assistance to the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. He was the American representative to the Mideast Quartet, which facilitated Israel's disengagement from Gaza and part of the West Bank. He also served in Baghdad as the first director of the Iraq Reconstruction Management Office and in Kabul as the coordinator of U.S. and international assistance to Afghanistan.

Ambassador Taylor is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. He most recently visited Kyiv in July 2023.

Location

Big Sur Room
Hilton Garden Inn
1000 Aguajito Road,
Monterey, CA

Menu

Spinach Salad with Mandarin Oranges,
Blueberries, Feta Cheese and
Balsamic Vinaigrette

Bread and Butter

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Honey Dijon Garlic Chicken Breast
over Toasted Almond Couscous
served with Green Beans

Vegetarian Alternative

Colorful Bell Peppers filled with
Toasted Almond Couscous
served with Green Beans

Lemon Bars with Colorful Berries

Tickets

\$36 for Members

\$41 for Guests

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Registrations are due by Friday, September 22, 2023

Vaccination Requirements

**Until further notice documentation of COVID vaccination
will not be required to attend in-person events.**

WACMB will accept auditors to this event, requiring notification to the WACMB office no later than Monday, September 25th to www.wacmb.org / tel 831-643-1855.

Auditors will be allowed entry at 12:20 pm.

SAVE THE DATES

OCTOBER
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Wednesday October 25th (WACMB Luncheon):

David Michael Lampton, Professor Emeritus and former Sadie Hyman Professor and Director of SAIS-China and China Studies at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, will discuss U.S.-China relations.

NOVEMBER
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Monday, November 20th (WACMB Luncheon)

Co-sponsored by Cal Alumni Association:

Barry Eichengreen, Professor of Economics and Political Science, University of California Berkeley, will explore whether the U.S. dollar can remain the world's primary reserve currency.



Come join the conversation!

The [WACMB monthly Discussion Group](#) will meet on Monday, September 11th at 5:00 pm. We will be inviting the OLLI group to join our discussion for the next four months. This month's topic will be "China Then and China Now: The Transition from the Deng Xiaoping Reform Era to the Xi Jinping Era". This topic follows Michael Ipson's lecture at the [August 23rd luncheon event](#). 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 discussiongroup@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!

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Message from Our President

World Affairs Council



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Monterey Bay Area



Join Us!

The energy in the room was palpable at our recent August Luncheon/Lecture featuring Michael Ipson. Following an engaging, well crafted presentation on China's economic and social development over the past 20 years, the Q&A found the audience eager to engage with thoughtful dialogue. This is always my favorite part of our programs, when members get excited about discovering new ideas and perspectives about international issues.

In addition to our monthly lectures, our discussion groups meet regularly to explore these topics in greater depth. It's easy to join in. Just click on the link on our website: www.wacmb.org to sign up. Our next group meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2023.

Please join us at an upcoming event or discussion group and consider becoming a member of the Council or renewing your current membership at <https://www.wacmb.org/membership/>.

Our Regards,

Peter Albano

President of the World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area

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