

Location: All panels will take place in the Kennedy Auditorium at the Special Warfare Center and School, Ft. Bragg which is located in Fayetteville, NC. The base is open to the public; however, all visitors must possess proof of US citizenship to enter the base. Foreign nationals must be accompanied by persons with either military credentials or base access privileges.

Attendance: The symposium will be open to the public, who are welcome to attend any of the panels. The dinner and keynote address will be by invitation only and limited to actual panel members and invited guests.

The College of International Security Affairs (CISA) is one of the National Defense University's five colleges and the Department of Defense flagship school for education and the building of partnership capacity in combating terrorism and irregular warfare at the strategic level. CISA prepares students for high-level policy and command and staff responsibilities through a graduate education program. CISA has two locations: the main campus at the National Defense University located at Ft. Lesley J. McNair in Washington, DC; and an additional location at the US Army JFK Special Warfare Center and School's Colonel Aaron Bank Hall. More information is available at <http://www.ndu.edu/cisa/index.cfm>.

The John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School (JFKSWCS) is one of the Army's premier education institutions, managing and resourcing professional growth for Soldiers in the Army's three distinct special-operations branches: Special Forces, Civil Affairs and Military Information Support. The Soldiers educated through SWCS programs are using cultural expertise and unconventional techniques to serve their country in far-flung areas across the globe. More than anything, these Soldiers bring integrity, adaptability and regional expertise to their assignments. More information is available at <http://www.soc.mil/swcs>.

The Triangle Institute for Security Studies (TISS) is an interdisciplinary consortium sponsored by three North Carolina research universities - Duke University, North Carolina State University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. TISS organizes events, engages in collaborative research projects, and is involved in public outreach. Its members share an interest in issues of national and international security, broadly defined. TISS' broad definition of security reflects the diversity of its participants: faculty and graduate students from many disciplines, as well as former diplomats, military service members, and other interested citizens. More information is available at <http://www.tiss-nc.org>.

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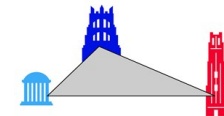
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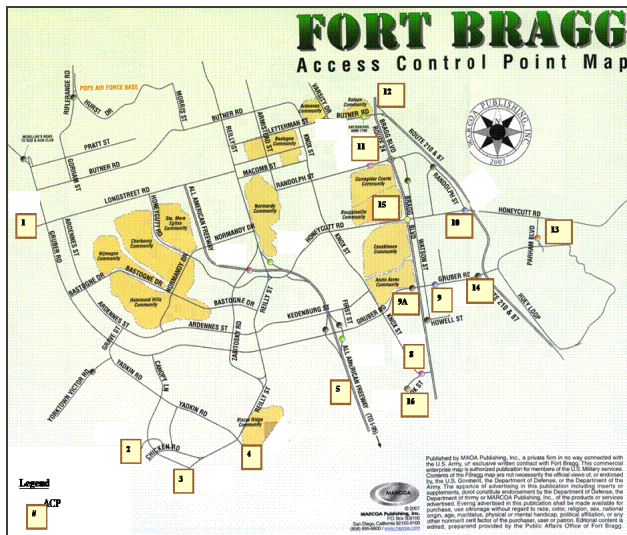
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Challenges in the Contemporary Security Environment: Different Disciplines, Different Approaches

A Graduate Student Symposium

Fort Bragg, NC

May 17-18, 2012



For more information or to submit student nominations or register to attend, contact:

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The Concept: A symposium for Master's degree students

Most academic symposia and conferences highlight the research being conducted by established scholars or doctoral students, well into their dissertation research. Few opportunities exist for master's degree students to present their thesis research in an academic setting with their peers. The goal of this symposium is to provide that opportunity to a select group of graduate students completing master's degrees in a variety of academic disciplines, writing on topics related to the contemporary security environment.

Through the joint sponsorship of National Defense University's College of International Security Affairs, the U.S. Army's John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, and the Triangle Institute for Security Studies, this two-day event will highlight the achievements of civilian and military graduate students pursuing master's degrees in security studies and other disciplines at area schools in Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill, Fayetteville, Greenville, and other communities in North Carolina.

Any student pursuing a master's degree program of study at a regionally-accredited college or university, either on-line or in full or part-time resident status is welcome to participate in this conference. **There will be no Call for Papers.** Rather, faculty advisors will nominate their most qualified students to participate in the conference, based on their demonstrated achievements in writing their master's thesis.

The tentative program for the conference is as follows:

Thursday, May 17th

1245 – 1300 - Welcoming Remarks (CISA/TISS/SWCS)

1300-1430 - Panel I – Topic and Presenters Introduced by Panel Chair (5 min)

- Presenters' Remarks (10-12 min each)
- Discussant Remarks (7-10 min)
- Moderated Q&A (15-20 min)

1430-1445 – Break

1445-1615 – Panel II

1615-1630 – Break

1630- 1800 – Panel III

1800 – 1830 – Reception

1830 – 1945 – Dinner (by invitation)
— **Keynote Speaker:** TBD

Friday, May 18th

0830-0900 – Continental breakfast

0900-1030 - Panel IV

1030-1045 - Break

1045- 1215 - Panel V

1215-1230 - Closing Remarks

Panel Topics: The final panel topics will be determined by the papers being presented

Possible Panel Topics:

- National security and defense policies
- Environmental security and resource wars
- International security and international institution building
- Public safety and security
- Crime and terrorism
- War and conflict resolution

Nomination Process: To nominate a student or to self-nominate, the following materials are required to be submitted:

- Student bio/c.v.
- Thesis title, abstract and completion date
- Faculty sponsor contact information and nomination endorsement (if self-nominated)

Panel Chairs and Discussants: Faculty members sponsoring students to attend are also encouraged to serve as panel chairs or discussants.

Registration: There is no cost to attend the conference either as a presenter or attendee. Any transportation or lodging costs must be assumed by the participants. Those wishing to attend should register by contacting the conference point of contact listed on the back of the brochure.