

January 6, 2016

Dear St. Edward's University Students, Faculty, Colleagues, and Friends:

We are delighted to share with you a preview of our major events scheduled for the spring 2016 semester. We hope the highlights and dates offered below might be helpful to you in planning for upcoming semester schedules and courses. We encourage St. Edward's University students and faculty to participate in our events, and we strongly appreciate the efforts of our faculty in assisting us with informing students of the opportunities to attend the lectures and meet with visiting experts to our campus, particularly including events on syllabi and bringing classes to events when appropriate.

On **Monday, February 8**, the Kozmetsky Center will host a distinguished panel of specialists representing China, Russia, the United States and Europe to discuss **Shifting Geopolitics and Security among Major Powers: China, Russia, and the United States**. The panel will feature the following participants: Dr. Artyom Lukin, Professor, Far Eastern Federal University, Vladivostok; Dr. Gao Fei, Professor, China Foreign Affairs University, Beijing; Dr. Igor Zevelev, Director, MacArthur Foundation, Moscow; Dr. Alexei Voskressenski, Dean, Moscow State Institute of International Relations; Dr. Matthew Rojansky, Director, Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center; Dr. Paul Bolt, Professor, United States Air Force Academy; and Dr. Detlef Puhl, Senior Advisor, North Atlantic Treaty Organization NATO. The event will take place from 6:30 – 9:00pm in Carter Auditorium.

On **Monday, March 21**, we will host Dr. Jeffrey Haynes to present a lecture on **Religion and International Security**. Dr. Haynes is Director of the Centre for the Study of Religion, Conflict, and Cooperation at London Metropolitan University, Convener of the European Consortium for Political Research's Religion and Politics Standing Group, and chair of the International Political Science Association's Research Committee on Religion and Politics. This event will take place from 12:00-1:00pm in Carter Auditorium.

On **Wednesday, April 13**, we will host a conference on **Comparative Perspectives on Migration and Displacement**, with panels considering the academic and policy dimensions of contemporary migration challenges from a comparative perspective, focusing particularly on issues and case studies in Europe, Eurasia, and U.S.-Mexico/Central America. Experts will present research findings from these regions and consider the moral and security dimensions of migration management. Speakers will be announced in the coming weeks including St. Edward's and University of Texas, Austin faculty as well as other distinguished experts of the United States, Europe, and Eurasia. This will be the second conference event on transatlantic security funded by a U.S. Department of Education Title VI National Resource Program grant in cooperation with the Center for European Studies and Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies at University of Texas, Austin. The conference panel sessions will be held throughout the day with opportunities for students and members of the community to participate.

In addition, the Kozmetsky Center will continue to offer the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) conference call series. Please see the list of spring 2016 conference calls below and in the "upcoming activities" section of our website [<http://think.stedwards.edu/kozmetzky/upcoming-2016>].

Please check our website [<http://think.stedwards.edu/kozmetzky/>] often for additional details on these major events, and other activities supported by the Kozmetsky Center in spring 2016. Kozmetsky Center events are free and open to the community. Please contact Mr. David Mowry (#512-233-1678 or dmowry@stedwards.edu) in the Kozmetsky Center should you have any additional questions regarding our activities for the fall academic semester.

We look forward to working with you during the upcoming spring 2016 semester!

Sharyl Cross
Director, Kozmetsky Center

**Council on Foreign Relations Academic Conference Call Series
Spring 2016**

Sponsored by the Kozmetsky Center of Excellence

These conference calls are open to all students but you must RSVP

RSVP to dmowry@stedwards.edu or (512) 233-1678

Thursday, February 11th

1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m., Lucas Room RAGS 301

Red Team: To Know Your Enemy and Yourself

Micah Zenko, Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations

Wednesday, February 24th

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Lucas Room RAGS 301

U.S.-India Relations

Alyssa Ayres, Senior Fellow for India, Pakistan, and South Asia, Council on Foreign Relations

Thursday, March 10th

1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m., Lucas Room RAGS 301

The Future of Cybersecurity

Robert K. Knake, Whitney Shepardson Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations

Wednesday, March 23rd

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Lucas Room RAGS 301

Countering Transnational Threats

Michael R. Fenzel, 2015-2016 U.S. Army Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations

Thursday, April 7th

1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m., Lucas Room RAGS 301

What to Expect in Myanmar

Priscilla A. Clapp, Senior Advisor, United States Institute of Peace

Wednesday, April 20th

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Lucas Room RAGS 301

The Role of the United Nations

Esther Brimmer, Adjunct Senior Fellow for International Institutions, Council on Foreign Relations