



## Air University Language, Region, and Culture Symposium

**21-22 Apr 2016**

**Locations: Building 500, Building 1401 (AWC), Building 1405 (MSFRIC), Building 1400A (LEMAY)**

<b>Day 1: Thu 21 Apr 16</b>	<b>Building 500 (former Holm Ctr bldg., across from Post Office): AFCLC</b>
15:00-17:00	AFCLC Open House & Registration for Symposium
<b>Day 2: Fri 22 Apr 16</b>	
07:00-07:45	<b>Building 1401, Air War College (AWC)</b> <b>Lobby</b> Registration
<b>ROOM 1</b>	<b>Building 1401, AWC</b> <b>Jones Auditorium</b>
07:45-08:45	07:45 Welcome, <i>Maj Gen Tim Leahy &amp; Dr. David Ronan</i> 08:00 Award Ceremony, <i>Dr. Ronan</i> 08:10 Keynote Speech, <i>Dr. Mark Conversino</i>
08:45-09:00	<i>Break</i>
09:00-15:15	<i>Symposium continues in Rooms 2, 3, 4, and 5. See below for details.</i>
<b>ROOM 2</b>	<b>Building 1401, AWC</b> <b>Burchinal Auditorium (Room 1121)</b>
09:00-10:00	<b>Session Title: Military Participation in Humanitarian Aid &amp; Disaster Relief Efforts</b> Session Moderator: <i>Dr. Patricia Fogarty</i>  09:00 Handling Germany's Refugee Crisis, <i>Maj Matt Kaercher</i> 09:15 Language and Culture Success/Failure in United States Response to the 2010 Crisis in Haiti, <i>Capt Robert R. Fannesbeck</i> 09:30 Building USAF Capacity and International Partnerships in the Epidemiology and Public Health Fields. <i>Lt Col Julia Sundstrom</i> 09:45 Discussion
10:00-10:15	<i>Break</i>

10:15-11:30	<p><b>Session Title: New Directions in Culturally-Infused PME</b> Session Moderator: <i>Dr. Susan Steen</i></p> <p>10:15 Building Partnerships Abroad, <i>Capt Ryan Tamez, Maj Joel Scherer</i> 10:30 Lessons Learned: German Language and Cultural Studies Elective at ACSC; <i>Dr. Sandra Schoder</i> 10:45 Using Cultural Training to Improve the Capabilities of RPA and PED Crews, <i>Maj Michael Hardwick</i> 11:00 The Evolution and Role of DLIFLC Language And Culture Training in Officer Professional Military Education, <i>Mr. Rob Miltersen</i> 11:15 Discussion</p>
11:30-12:30	<i>Lunch</i>
12:30-15:15	<i>Symposium continues in MSFRIC Auditorium, Rm 170 and Rm 1005, see below.</i>
<b>ROOM 3</b>	<b>Building 1400A, LEMAY Center Gutschenritter Auditorium</b>
09:00-10:00	<p><b>Session Title: Navigating Changes to EU Defense Strategies at Home &amp; Abroad, Part 1</b> Session Moderator: <i>Dr. Sandra B. Schoder</i></p> <p>09:00 Culture, Memory, and Operational Redlines: Germany, Airpower, and the War Against ISIL, <i>Dr. Douglas Peifer</i> 09:15 Estonia’s Insurance Policy: Investing in Economic and Cooperative Strategies to Strengthen National Defense, <i>Maj Elisabeth White</i> 09:30 Independent European Defence—Oxymoron or Reality?, <i>Wg Cdr Rich Milburn</i> 09:45 Discussion</p>
10:00-10:15	<i>Break</i>
10:15-11:30	<p><b>Session Title: Navigating Changes to EU Defense Strategies at Home &amp; Abroad, Part 2</b> Session Moderator: <i>Dr. Patricia Fogarty</i></p> <p>10:15 The Impact of the Civil-Military Gap on Germany’s Military Effectiveness, <i>Maj Ross Dotzlaf</i> 10:30 How Afghanistan Has Changed the Strategic Culture in Germany, <i>LCDR Alan Roche</i> 10:45 The Evolution Of German Strategy In Afghanistan: From Peacekeeping To Counterinsurgency, <i>Maj Eric F. Prazinko</i> 11:00 USAF and Luftwaffe Pilot Retention, Comparison Study, <i>Maj Ryan B. Ley</i> 11:15 Discussion</p>
11:30-12:30	<i>Lunch</i>
12:30-15:15	<i>Symposium continues in MSFRIC Auditorium, Rm 170 and Rm 1005, see below</i>

<b>ROOM 4</b>	<b>Building 1405, MSFRIC (Library) Room 1005 (classroom in East wing of building)</b>
09:00-10:00	<b>Session Title: Effects of the Language Enabled Airman Program (LEAP) Training on Total Force Readiness, Part 1</b> Session Moderator: <i>Ms. Rebecca McKenzie</i>
	09:00 Lessons Learned from LEAP Training in Hebrew and a Language Intensive Training Event (LITE) in Israel, <i>Maj Shai Tziony</i> 09:15 From Spanish Language LEAP Training to the International NCOA in Bogota, Colombia <i>TSgt Adrian Gaxiola</i> 09:30 The Application of LEAP Training in French to Missions in EUCOM and AFRICOM, <i>Capt. Roshonda McGruder</i> 09:45 Discussion
10:00-10:15	<i>Break</i>
10:15-11:30	<b>Session Title: Effects of the Language Enabled Airman Program (LEAP) Training on Total Force Readiness, Part 2</b> Session Moderator: <i>Mr. Chris Chesser</i>
	10:15 Leveraging LEAP Training in Italian at the U.S. Embassy in Rome and with the Italian Air Force, <i>Maj Steven Massie</i> 10:30 Utilization of Spanish Language Skills to Contribute to Counter-Terrorism and Counter-Transnational Organized Crime Mission Support in Latin America, <i>MSgt Andres Anello</i> 10:45 Enhancing Operation Continuing Promise in Haiti Through Language Learning and Practice, <i>SMSgt Sheris Poisson</i> 11:00 The Importance of Understanding Culture, Traditions, and Beliefs in Addition to Language Learning: Experience from Japan, <i>1<sup>st</sup> Lt Daniel Bergstresser</i> 11:15 Discussion
11:30-12:30	<i>Lunch</i>
12:30-15:30	<i>Symposium continues in MSFRIC Auditorium, Rm 170 and Rm 1005, see below</i>
<b>ROOM 5</b>	<b>Building 1405, MSFRIC (Library) Room 170, Auditorium (in East wing of library)</b>
09:00-10:00	<b>Session Title: Intersections of Religious and Nationalist Movements</b> Session Moderator: <i>Dr. Scott Edmondson</i>
	09:00 What Does Religion Have To Do With Boko Haram?: Comparative Case Studies in the Region, <i>Dr. Scott Edmondson</i> 09:15 Boko Haram: Changing The Narrative, <i>Maj George L. Chapman</i> 09:30 Buddhist Sinhala Nationalism and the Muslim Boogeyman In The Globalized Milieu, <i>Dr. Ernest A. Rockwell</i> 09:45 Discussion

10:00-10:15	<i>Break</i>
10:15-11:30	<b>Session Title: Local Nations, Global Players</b> Session Moderator: <i>Dr. Angelle Khachadoorian</i>
	10:15 Creating Good ‘Ole Boys: The Building of Soviet Era Elite Networks in Ukraine, <i>Dr. Andrew M. Akin</i> 10:30 Piercing the Russian Mind: Past, Suffering, Utopian Dream, <i>Lt Col Dan Connelly, PhD</i> 10:45 Tipping Point: Peru’s deteriorating social climate and its threat to international order, <i>SMSgt Christopher M. Dwyer</i> 11:00 Natives, Nation-Building, and the Wild Blue Yonder: Indigeneity, Alabama, and the USAF, <i>Dr. Angelle Khachadoorian</i> 11:15 Discussion
11:30-12:30	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>ROOM 4</b>	<b>Building 1405, MSFRIC (Library)</b> <b>Room 1005 (classroom in East wing of building)</b>
12:30-14:00	<b>Panel Discussion: USAF Involvement in Latin America: How Can We Best Meet Changing Mission Needs?</b>  <b>Panel Members:</b> Dr. Howard G. “Hadd” Jones Major Michael B. “Ben” McKenzie Major Wilfredo “Fredo” Ruiz Major Victor Castillo
<b>ROOM 5</b>	<b>Building 1405, MSFRIC (Library)</b> <b>Room 170, Auditorium (in East wing of library)</b>
12:30-14:00	<b>Panel Discussion: Analyzing AFRICOM’s “By, With, and Through” Approach to Partner Nation Capacity Building</b>  <b>Panel Members:</b> Dr. Scott Edmondson Dr. Steve Burgess TSgt Mohamed Swarray
14:00-14:15	<i>Break</i>
14:15-14:45	<b>Symposium Closing Remarks, <i>Dr. Mark Conversino and Dr. David Ronan</i></b>