

# WELCOME



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## AIR UNIVERSITY LANGUAGE, REGIONAL EXPERTISE, AND CULTURE SYMPOSIUM

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# Wednesday, November 15th 2023

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Location:	AWC - Jones				
700	Registration Welcome Remarks <i>Featured Speaker: CMSgt Wendell J. Snider</i> Introduction to Symposium Day 1: AFCLC Director				
<b>745</b>					
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910					
	<i>Break</i>				
Location:	AWC - Brocks	AWC - Burchinal	AWC - Jones	AWC - Kelly	ACSC - Barnes
<b>930</b>	Cultural Fluency Unveiled: Bridging Historical, Contemporary, and Future Worlds	Strategic Cultures in China and Japan	Designing Integration: Uniting Cultures and Capacities through Air Advisors	Contextualize Language Learning with Metaverse and Immersive Interactivity	Visual Culture and Strategic Competition/War
930	Cultural Fluency Unveiled: Bridging Historical, Contemporary, and Future Worlds  Fatemeh Towhidi and Ms. Jasmine Pringle	Strategic Cultures in China and Japan  Dr. Jessica Jordan and Dr. Lukas Filler	Designing Integration: Uniting Cultures and Capacities through Air Advisors  Lt Col Ryan McCaughan, Lt Col Phil Sakamoto, Mr. Brian Broekemeier, Lt Col James Sinclair, Lt Col James 'Dave' Pearce, and Lt Col Rob Chance Jr.	Contextualize Language Learning with Metaverse and Immersive Interactivity	China's New Cold War: The Visual Culture of Chinese Communist Party Imagefare, Political War, and Strategic Deterrence of the United States Dr. Daniel Garrett
955					
1000					Unlocking Latvia: Strategies for Effective OCONUS Immersion in the Baltics  Ms. Anna Morton
1025					
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1055	<i>Break</i>				

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<b>1100</b>	<b>Empowering Autonomous Military Linguists: DLIFLC's E-Learning Tools for Language Proficiency Enhancement</b>	<b>Leveraging Cultural Expertise to Understand State-Society Power Dynamics in the PRC</b>	<b>From Words to Worlds: Unleashing the Power of Virtual Reality and 360 Videos for Language and Cultural Learning</b>	<b>Cultivating Cultural Proficiency: Task- and Project-Based Approaches to Teach Middle Eastern Culture at DLI</b>	<b>Language Learning Challenges and Strategies</b>
1100		Leveraging Cultural Expertise to Understand State-Society Power Dynamics in the PRC Lt Col Marc Marmino			Creating Socially Engaging Classroom Environments: Fostering Language Communities through Blended Approaches Dr. Sungup Moon
1125					
1130	Empowering Autonomous Military Linguists: DLIFLC's E-Learning Tools for Language Proficiency Enhancement Ms. Sabine Wolpers, Dr. Sun-Kwang Bae, and Dr. Dima Almoamin	Exploring the Effects of Phonological and Phonetic Variations on English and Arabic Learners Nadia Hessin	From Words to Worlds: Unleashing the Power of Virtual Reality and 360 Videos for Language and Cultural Learning Major Wayne Mowery, Major Jesse Vela Jr, and Dr. Andrew Clayton	Enhancing Cross-Cultural Competence through Culturally Responsive Teaching Kara Mac Donald, Chia-Ning "Jenny" Liu, and Yi-Yuan "Joan" Liao	Transcending Interpretation to Facilitation Maj Thomas Jun Hong
1155					
1200					
1225	<i>Lunch</i>				
Location:	AWC - Jones				
<b>1330</b>	<i>Featured Speaker: MG (ret) Suzanne Vares-Lum</i>				

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<b>1445</b>	<b>LEAP Panel</b>	<b>Building Partnerships and Alliances in the Arctic</b>	<b>Leveraging Mixed Reality to Extend Language Learning beyond the Classroom</b>	<b>Technological Impacts in LREC Spaces</b>	<b>Two Tales of Target Language Use</b>
1445	LEAP-to-FAO Perspective Panel  Col John Szczepanski Lt Col Lyndsey Banks Lt Col Michael Ball	Building Partnerships and Alliances in the Arctic  Dr. Elizabeth Peifer, Dr. Douglas Peifer, and Col Joseph Musacchia	Leveraging Mixed Reality to Extend Language Learning beyond the Classroom: The 6-Gen Day Rooms Project  Dr. Sara Smith and Dr. Leah Graham	Sociolinguistics in the Digital Age: Understanding Language Variation and Change in Online Communication Platforms Fatemeh Towhidi	Two Tales of Target Language Use: Should the Target Language be Used Exclusively or Judiciously?  Dr. Gyseon Bae and Ms. Mi-Kyoung Ryu
1510				Global Fluency Integrated by Design for Adult Learners  Avner Even-Zohar	
1515				El Salvador- Road to Ruin or Revolution: Bitcoin, Volcano Energy, and its Influence in the "Ring of Fire" Capt Matthew Smith	
1540					
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1600

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<b>1615</b>	<b>Enhancing Regional Competences Through Teaching Pragmatic Proficiency</b>	<b>Social Science Perspectives on Culture and War</b>	<b>Enhancing Cross-Cultural Competence through Culturally Responsive Teaching</b>	<b>Foreign Language Teaching, Learning, and Testing: To ChatGPT or Not to ChatGPT</b>	<b>Cultural Understanding Strengthens International Relations and Partnerships</b>
1615	Enhancing Regional Competences Through Teaching Pragmatic Proficiency: Pragmatic Competence Can be Taught and Learned!  Dr. Bozo Dzakula and Dr. Maida Dzakula	Social Construction and Design Thinking: A Culture of Inquiry for Creating Shared Meaning for Better Social Outcomes Dr. Barton Beuchner		Foreign Language Teaching, Learning, and Testing: To ChatGPT or Not to ChatGPT  Sofya Alexander and Iryna Van Dyk	Technical Experts in International Relations  Capt Dominic Celiano
1640		War as an Act of Culture			
1645		Dr. Angelle Khachadoorian			

SOS - Husband Auditorium Foyer

1700

*Ice Breaker*

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800	<b>Featured Speaker: Gen Mike Minihan</b>				
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<b>930</b>	<b>Culture and Creativity in Language Teaching</b>	<b>Building Reading Decoding Skills: Three Stages to Enhance Comprehension in Chinese</b>	<b>Lasting Strategic Importance of the Middle East in a GPC Era</b>	<b>Understanding the Development of Intercultural Sensitivity of Personnel in the U.S. Armed Forces</b>	<b>Leveraging KRIO: A First Area Studies for Multidimensional Insights</b>
930	Turning Teacher Centered Culture Hour into a Collaborative, Dynamic, Intercultural One  Hazem Osman	Building Reading Decoding Skills: Three Stages to Enhance Comprehension in Chinese  Dr. Sherry H Liang, Ms. Sin-Huei Wang, and Mr. Chao Xie	GPC in CENTCOM: Understanding Partner Nation Interests in Diversifying beyond US Partnership Dr. Kristin Bashir	Understanding the Development of Intercultural Sensitivity of Personnel in the U.S. Armed Forces  Dr. Maria Sheila Arado and Mr. Joemer Ta-ala	Leveraging KRIO: A first area studies for multidimensional insights  Maj Ekemini Emah, Maj Moshood Yinusa, and 1st Lt Osasumwen M. Edomwandagbon
955					
1000			Saudi Arabia at the Crossroads: Foreign Military Engagement and Intelligence Barriers Capt John Birkentall		
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1030			A Failure to Integrate: Lessons Encountered from America's Lost War in Afghanistan Lt Col Will Selber		

1055	<b>Break</b>				
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<b>1100</b>	<b>LEAP Panel</b>	<b>Foreign Academy Visits - Short Visits, BIG Impacts</b>	<b>Teaching Language Through Technology and Culture</b>	<b>SOUTHCOM Languages and Cultures</b>	<b>Cultural Competence and Integration Defence: Dealing with Diverse Constituencies</b>
1100	LEAP Scholar Perspective Panel I  1st Lt Michael McLaughlin SMSgt Alejandro Velez Capt Joshua Santini	Foreign Academy Visits - Short Visits, BIG Impacts  Lt Col Sabine Peters, C1C Shira Litman, and C1C Aubrey Miller	Unlocking the Potential: Innovative Approaches to Teaching and Learning in the Digital Age Ghaith G Al Dayni	Understanding the Historical and Cultural Context of Lula's Doctrine in the SOUTHCOM AOR  Dr. Dan Uribe	Between Preservation and Adaptation: The Role of Culture in Integration Defence  Muallim Yakubu
1125					
1130			Using Yammer to Promote all Foreign Language Skills in the Classrooms! Iman El-Ahmadih and Jihad Ahmadieh	Language Learning to Create Deeper Relationships  Dr. Consuelo Quijano	Cultural Competence in the Squadron and the World  Capt Skyler Sharp
1155					
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<b>1330</b>	<i>Featured Speaker: Maj Gen Linda Hurry</i>				

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1445	LEAP Scholar Perspective Panel II  TSgt Zahra Karim Zadeh Capt Ekaterina Thormann Maj Thomas Hong	The DPRK Code Breaker: Using LREC to Decipher Today's and Tomorrow's North Korea  Capt Shaquile H. James	Language and Interoperability in West Africa: A Nigerian Perspective Air Commodore Ayodele Akinbuwa	The Road to Synergy: From Branches and Allies, to Agencies and Irregulars, LREC can be the Path, Map, and Compass  Beverly Rouse and Mr. Kevin Tucker	Creating Authentic Immersive Environment in the DLIFLC/AFCLC Classroom with Real-life Military Scenarios  Habib Soumahoro
1510					
1515		Japanese Security Relations: The Evolving Interpretation of "Necessary Minimums"  Capt Emily Stith	Influence of Language and Culture on Military Operations in Nigeria: The Nigerian Air Force Experience from 1999 to 2022 Air Commodore David Olumuyiwa Babalola		
1540					
1545					
1610 <i>Break</i>					

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700	<p>Registration</p> <p>Welcome Remarks</p> <p><b>Featured Speaker: Dr. Montgomery McFate</b></p> <p>Introduction to Symposium Day 3: AFCLC Director</p>				
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<b>Break</b>					
	<b>AWC - Brocks</b>	<b>AWC - Burchinal</b>	<b>AWC - Jones</b>	<b>AWC - Kelly</b>	<b>ACSC - Barnes</b>
<b>930</b>	<b>Building Military Intercultural Competencies and Proficiencies: Lessons Learned from Warriors and Peacekeepers</b>	<b>Colonial Legacies in African Militaries &amp; Implications for Security Cooperation</b>	<b>Voices from the Ground: RDFP and IMET Activities and U.S. Security Cooperation Efforts</b>	<b>Lessons Learned during Operation Allies Welcome at Holloman Air Force Base</b>	<b>Ready, Set, Translate: The Importance of Technical Understanding in Translation to Influence Warfighting Capabilities with US Partners</b>
930	Building Military Intercultural Competencies and Proficiencies: Lessons Learned from Warriors and Peacekeepers  Dr. Maida Dzakula, Ms. Raifa Salman, and Dr. Bozo Dzakula	Colonial Legacies in African Militaries & Implications for Security Cooperation  Dr. Scott Edmondson, Dr. Charles Thomas, Dr. Myles Osborne, and Dr. Ian Edgerly	Voices from the Ground: RDFP and IMET Activities and U.S. Security Cooperation Efforts  Dr. Hyunsoo Hur	Lessons Learned during Operation Allies Welcome at Holloman Air Force Base  Capt Saleha Jabeen and Capt Michael Shields	The Importance of Technical Foreign Language Skills for Integrating Strategic Partnerships  Capt Kerrigan McDonald Ortega and 1LT Joshua Fritzjunker
955					
1000			Medical Officer Experience at the 2023 CIOR/CIOMR Summer Congress in Helsinki, Finland  Maj Miranda Smith		
1025			Risky Business: Why the Air Force needs to increase its risk tolerance to be more closely aligned with partners  Maj Zachary McCarter		
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<b>Break</b>					
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<b>1100</b>	<b>Learning Second and Third Languages (and Cultures)</b>	<b>Iberian Allies and Partners</b>	<b>Integrating by Design with Allies and Partners</b>	<b>Gender, Conflict, and Competition</b>	<b>Engagement, Partnering, Deeper Relationships</b>
1100	Leading Immigrant Airmen SSgt Ramon E Garcia Flores	Atlantis Rising: LREC, the Azores, and the Fate of the Free World Lt Col Shawn Littleton		Gender in Strategic Competition Ms. Charity Borg	The Art of Engagement: Building Effective Partnerships Danica Domokos
1125					
1130	Linguist retraining: Can Second Language Background Predict Long-term Third Language Proficiency Outcomes? David Masters	A Personal Look at the Roots of Spanish National Identity Capt Walter Shearer	The Educational Roadmap for "Integrated by Design" Mr. Howard Ward	LEAP-ACE* Course as a Path to Implement Integrated by Design Model in LREC Realm Aleksandra N. Churinov	
1155					
1200	Modeling Second Language Change Using Skill Retention Theory Lt Col Samuel R. Shearer				
Location:			<b>AWC - Jones</b>		
<b>1230</b>	<b><i>Closing Comments: Mr. Howard Ward - AFCLC Director</i></b>				