Thursday, October 20, 2011

5:00 pm Reception, Boone Center, 500 Rose Street, University of Kentucky
7:00 p.m. Keynote Address, Lexmark Room, 209 Main Building, University of Kentucky

Grand Strategy and the Role of Energy

Dr. Sean Kay, Professor of Politics and Government, Ohio Wesleyan University

Friday, October 21, 2011 ~ Marriott’s Griffin Gate Resort, Terrace Ballroom

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Evan Hillebrand, Associate Professor of Geoeconomic Studies, Patterson School

Dr. Stacy Closson, Distinguished Visiting Lecturer, Patterson School

Dr. Paul F. Herman, Jr., Dean of Academics, Florida State College at Jacksonville, formerly of the National Intelligence Council

9:30 a.m. Panel # 1 – Energy Futures

Will there be enough oil produced to keep energy prices low for the next 30 years? Four energy experts will present contrasting scenarios, with regional and energy source detail, including prospects for alternative energy sources and the impact of climate change policies.

Panel Facilitator: Dr. Paul Herman, Jr.

Alternative Fuels
Dr. Ralph Espach, Analyst, Center for Naval Analysis

Climate Change and Energy-Food-Water Nexus
Dr. Richard L. Engel, Maj Gen USAF (Ret.), Director, Environment and Natural Resources Program, Strategic Futures Group, National Intelligence Council

Peak Oil
Dr. Robert J. Brecha, Professor, Dept. of Physics and Renewable and Clean Energy Program Sustainability & Environment Initiative Coordinator, University of Dayton
Hydrocarbon Supply
Mr. Steve LeVine, Author, Contributing Editor to Foreign Policy and longtime Foreign Correspondent, Schwartz Fellow at the New America Foundation

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Discussion

Noon ~ Lunch Buffet, Bluegrass Pavilion

1:00 p.m. Panel # 2 – Economic Futures

Will world economic growth continue to be strong for the next 30 years or will it weaken? Three macroeconomists will present contrasting scenarios, emphasizing the key drivers and uncertainties behind their projections. Differences between major countries and regions will be explored.

Panel Facilitator: Dr. Evan Hillebrand

Global Economy
Dr. George von Furstenberg, Professor of Economics, Indiana University

Global Economy
Dr. John Garen, Gatton Endowed Professor of Economics, University of Kentucky

Practical Considerations Affecting the Modeling of China
Dr. Robert Aten, Program Economist emeritus, US Agency for International Development

2:00 p.m. Discussion

2:45 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. Panel # 3 – Geopolitical Futures

Will the global trend toward democracy continue or will it reverse? Will 2035 look like a world of harmonious global democratic capitalism or will it be marked by statism, mercantilism, and regional rivalries? Three political scientists will present contrasting scenarios, emphasizing the key drivers and uncertainties behind their projections. Differences between major countries and regions will be explored.

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Future of Democracy in the Middle East
Dr. Audra Grant, Political Scientist, RAND Corporation, Senior Public Opinion and Policy Analyst

Democracy: Prospects and Challenges
Mr. Arch Puddington, Director of Research, Freedom House
Asian Governance  
Dr. Yong Deng, Professor, Department of Political Science, U.S. Naval Academy  

4:00 p.m. Discussion  

4:45 p.m. Wrap-up - Dr. Evan Hillebrand & Dr. Stacy Closson  

5:15 pm ~ Break  

6:30 pm Reception ~ Pavilion Terrace  

7:30 pm Dinner ~ Bluegrass Pavilion  

Keynote Address ~  

Geopolitics of Oil and Russia  

Mr. Steve LeVine, Author, Contributing Editor to Foreign Policy and longtime Foreign Correspondent, Schwartz Fellow at the New America Foundation  

Saturday, October 22, 2011 ~ Patterson Office Tower, University of Kentucky Campus  

18th Floor, Rooms A, B, C, F & G, Lobby, and West End Room  

8:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet  

9:00 a.m. - Noon  

Scenario Break-out Groups  

All Patterson School students are required to attend.
All invited speakers and UK Faculty are invited to attend.