

NEAR EAST SOUTH ASIA

CENTER FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES



April Highlights——

Professors **Ali Jalali**, **Robert Boggs**, **Dan Curfiss**, and **Jack Gill** participated in **Director David Barno**'s roundtable for newly appointed U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan, **Karl Eikenberry**.

Ahmed Nilam (ES 02-06, CT 01-09) of the Maldives has been promoted to **colonel**. He is now the **Commanding Officer of the Special Assessment Unit (Intelligence) in the Maldives National Defense Force**.

Talal Mohammad Bani Melham (ES 03-02) of Jordan has been promoted to the rank of **brigadier general**.

Ms. Wassane Zailachi (SES 01-06) from Morocco, has been appointed the **Deputy Chief of Mission** in the **Moroccan Embassy** in Washington, D.C.

NESA Director **Lt. General David Barno**, USA (ret.) continued testimony about Afghanistan before the House Armed Services Committee.

Jordanian alumnus **Colonel Fayez Shdaifat** (ES 03-05) has been promoted to the rank of colonel and named **Director of Military Intelligence** in the Armed Forces Headquarters.

NDU Professor Named NESA Dean

Lt. General David W. Barno, USA (ret.), Director of the Near East South Asia (NESA) Center for Strategic Studies, has announced that John R. Ballard, professor of strategic studies at the National Defense University, has been selected as the new academic dean at NESA, replacing Professor Michael Yaffe, who is on sabbatical.

Noting that nearly two dozen highly-qualified applicants had been considered for the position, Lt. General Barno said that the new dean will “strengthen faculty representation at the leadership level.”

A retired Marine officer, Dean Ballard brings to NESA a strong combination of academic and military experience. Prof. Ballard has taught in several academic settings, including Massey University in New Zealand, where he served as the inaugural Chair of Defence Studies, managing a department of 25 academics and support staff.



For further information, including a complete biography, please go to “Senior Leadership” under the “About Us” tab on our web site: <http://nesa-center.org>.

Coming Events

18–29 May
U.S. –Pakistan Strategic Dialogue
(DC and Tampa)

7–12 June
Senior Executive Seminar

16 June–2 July
CT Executive Seminar

14–30 July
Strategic Communications
Executive Seminar

5–9 October
New Embassy Officer Orientation

13 Oct–5 November
Executive Seminar

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Lebanon Engagement Series Concludes

Dean John Ballard and Professor Dan Curfiss participated in the third workshop Visiting Professor Sami Hajjar designed to assist the newly installed Lebanese Armed Forces



Prof. Sami Hajjar (sixth from right) poses with LAF officers

(LAF) leadership. The workshops were designed to increase the strategic thinking capacity of the officer corps and help launch the LAF Strategic Studies Center. The participants — 38 LAF College Command & Staff Students (rank of lieutenant colonel and higher) and the school's command and staff officers — have remained largely consistent throughout the three workshops.



CT Course Concludes

THE COMBATING TERRORISM EXECUTIVE Seminar, with 34 participants from 16 countries and the Palestinian Authority, ended 16 April. Ambassador Richard Roth (ret.) was the commencement speaker.

NESA holds three counterterrorism seminars each year to engage current and emerging leaders in direct dialogue on international security issues in the NESA Center area of interest. Seminar participants learn about the institutions of the United States

government and their impact on U.S. foreign and counterterrorism policy formation through lectures, discussion and observation. They visit the Pentagon, and participate in discussions with senior U.S. government officials, scholars and advisors. The seminar facilitated discussion and debate on regional and international security issues pertaining to transnational security threats, particularly terrorism. The course director for the seminar was Prof. Tyler Rauert. It was facilitated by Professors William Olson, Richard Russell and Murhaf Jouejati.

Professor James Clad

- was a speaker and panel moderator at the Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute's Conference on Stability Operations.
- was a speaker and panel moderator for the Institute for National Strategic Studies Global Strategic Assessment conference held at NDU. This panel examined regional issues related to the Middle East and Eurasia. One panel speaker observed that while the US Navy is still a "two-ocean" force, its focus has shifted, importantly, from the Atlantic and Pacific to the Pacific and Indian oceans.
- addressed the quarterly board meeting of the University of Virginia's Critical Incidents Analysis Group (CIAG) at Fluor townhouse on Capitol Hill, Washington D.C..
- addressed the U.S.-Indonesia Bilateral Relations workshop hosted from 0730-1100 by the Embassy of Indonesia.
- addressed a conference at the US Institute of Peace entitled "Future Prospects in Afghanistan and the Region," opened by US Presidential Envoy Richard Holbrooke.

Professor Murhaf Jouejati

- was a panelist on the Arab-Israeli conflict and on Syria and Lebanon in a NESA Executive Seminar.
- lectured on Middle East politics at the Foreign Service Institute.
- participated in a round-table discussion at the Institute for National Strategic Studies on "Engagement in the Middle East and the Potential for Greater Anglo-US Cooperation."

Professor Larry Velte

- addressed approximately 40 U.S. members of the NATO Staff Officers' Course at NDU concerning the Mediterranean Dialogue and other NATO engagement programs with countries in the Middle East and North Africa.

Also This Month...

Professor Tyler Rauert

- facilitated and participated in a meeting between Combating Terrorism Executive Seminar participants and BG Michelle Johnson, Joint Staff J-5 and her staff.
- lectured on "International Responses to Piracy" to a 40-person NATO Staff Officer Orientation Course.
- participated in an American Foreign Policy Council conference on "How to Engage Syria: Policy Options for the New Administration."

Professor Ali Jalali

- spoke at the Center for American Progress on "A New Way Forward in Afghanistan."
- participated in the Emerald Express conference in Quantico, VA, and spoke on a panel on Afghanistan at the U.S. Marine Corps University.
- was interviewed by Phil Zabriskie, of *Fortune Magazine*, on counter-narcotics efforts in Afghanistan.



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Publications

Sri Lankan alumnus **Ranjith Gunaratna** (NESA ES 01-07) published an article in the *Harvard International Review* entitled: "Retiring the LTTE: Ending the Conflict in Sri Lanka." You can access the article at <http://hir.harvard.edu/index.php?page=article&id=1830>.

Force Experience and U.S. Stability Operations in the Twenty-First Century," for *India and Counterinsurgency* (ed. Sumit Ganguly and David Fidler, Routledge, April 2009).

Professor Ali Jalali's article "Afghanistan: The Struggle to Regain Momentum," was published in the Asian Security Conference proceedings from last year in New Delhi.

Professor John (Jack) Gill wrote a chapter on "The Indian Peacekeeping

David King Joins NESA

DAVID KING COMES TO NESA WITH extraordinary credentials. The U.K. native is also a U.S. citizen with a bachelor's degree in social and political sciences from Cambridge University and a master's in security studies from Georgetown University.

David is working as a research associate and assistant to Distinguished Professor Ali Jalali, formerly Afghanistan's Minister of the Interior.

David's work experience includes doing research for a professor at Georgetown University, the Henry Stimson Center, Quiller Consultants, Trimedia Harrison Crowley and the British Parliament.

His experience outside of work includes a month-long trek in the Himalayas and helping to rebuild and renovate school and temple structures in Jodhpur, India.



Young Kim Joins NESA Registrar's Office

THE NEWEST MEMBER OF NESA's registrar's office is Young Kim, a native of Seoul, Korea, who was raised mostly in Hawaii where her family moved when she was seven.



After earning a degree in technical journalism, with a concentration in public relations, at Colorado State University, Young worked as a public relations/information officer at the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, where she worked with a range of water resource issues and conflicts.

Before coming to NESA, Young has worked in media relations and program management, with a particular interest in water conservation issues. This spring, she began working on a master's in International Peace and Conflict Resolution at American University. Her thesis will focus on environmental resource conflicts and resolution analysis.

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Additional Activities...

Professor Michael Lemmon

participated in an INSS Roundtable with the Deputy Director of Iraq's National Security Council, Safa Hussein Al-Shekh.

Professor Robert Boggs

presented a lecture and discussion on India and US-India relations to about 40 retirees at a program organized by the American Foreign Service Association and Elderhostel.

Professor Jack Gill

participated in a seminar on Afghanistan and Pakistan at the Rohatyn Center, Middlebury College, VT, speaking on the military dimensions of the Afghan situation to an audience of approximately 90 students, faculty and interested members of the local community.

Professor Roger Kangas

- lectured to the Marshall Center's Program on Advanced Security Studies on the topic of The Shanghai Cooperation Organization and Regional Security Organizations.
- was a subject matter expert for EUCOM's exercise, "Austere Challenge 09." His participation has been to assist Command Group and White Cell entities.

TRANSITIONS

Egyptian alumnus **Mr. Salah Eldin Soliman** (NESA ES 01-06), has been promoted to **brigadier general** and made **Chief of International Relations with the European Union and NATO; Chief, Counterterrorism Department** within the **Military Intelligence Directorate**. He used to be a Political Analyst.

In June, American alumnus **Mr. W. William Jordan** (PanSahel CT Workshop) will become **Deputy Chief of Mission to Algeria**.

Iraqi alumnus **MG Hussain Jassim Dohi Al Abody** (IW 01-04) is now the **Director of M9** in the **Ministry of Defense**.

Iraqi alumnus **Mr. Sabah Noori Abood** (CT 01-06) is the **Director of the Strategic Planning Section** in the **Counter Terrorism Bureau**.

Sri Lankan alumnus, **Mr. M. R. Latiff** (ES 02-06) is the **Director of Training** at the **Sri Lanka Police Academy**.

Mr. Ranjith Gunaratna, of Sri Lanka (ES 01-07) is the **Deputy Chief of Mission** of

the **Sri Lankan Embassy in Italy**.

Ambassador Jamal Shamayleh (ES 01-06) has been appointed the **Jordanian Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates**. He previously served as the Director of the Office of the Prime Minister.

Mr. Mohammed Al-Haisami (ES 01-07) is now the **Deputy Chief of Mission in the Embassy of Yemen in Egypt**. Formerly, he served in the Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Ambassador Dinesh Bhattarai (ES 01-04) currently serves as both the **Ambassador of Nepal to Switzerland** and as the **Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Nepal to the United Nations**. He previously served as the Joint Secretary of the North, East, Southeast Asia and Pacific Division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Narayan Thapa (CT 02-09) is now **Battalion Commander** in the **Armed Police Force of Nepal**. He previously served as the Superintendent of the Armed Police Force.