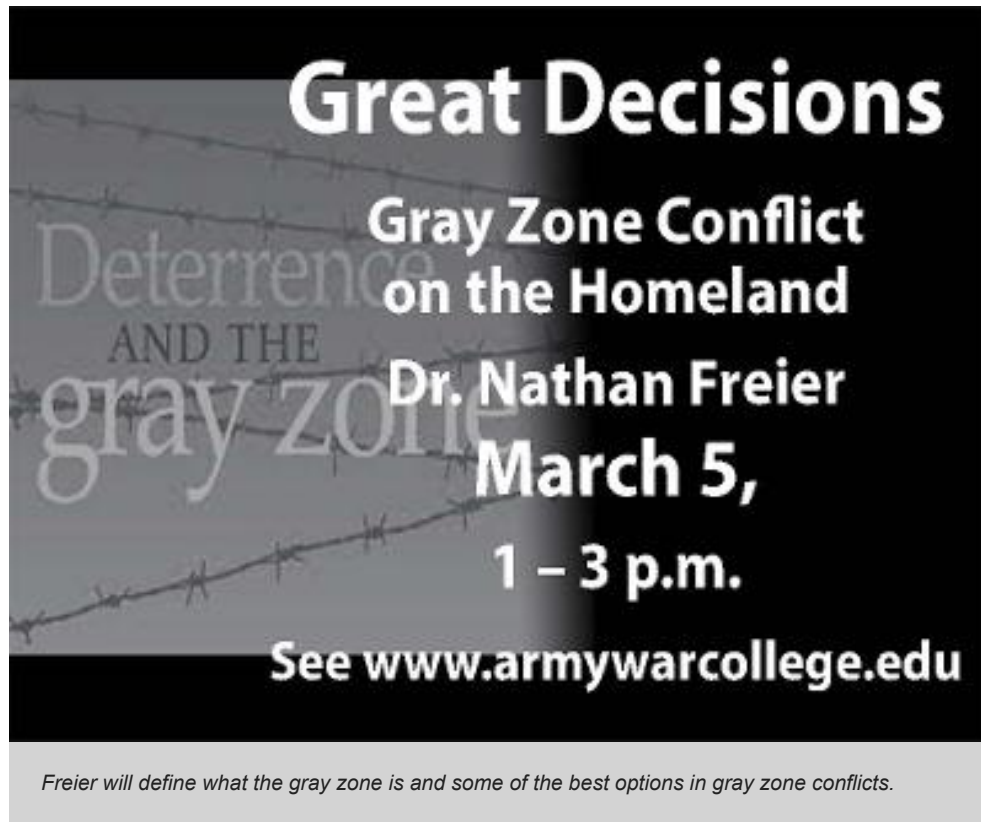


## USAWC Prof. Nathan Freier - Gray Zone Conflict on the Homeland - Great Decisions Lecture Series online

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**Great Decisions**  
**Gray Zone Conflict on the Homeland**  
**Dr. Nathan Freier**  
**March 5,**  
**1 – 3 p.m.**  
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Due to Covid19, the presentation series is held on Carlisle Barracks this year and is open to the military and civilian DoD ID cardholders,

All the presentations will be on Zoom, and the links are to the right of this article.

Gray Zone Conflict on the Homeland Friday, March 5, 1 – 3 p.m.

Speaker: Nathan Freier, Associate Prof. of National Security Studies, U.S.

## Army War College

Freier will define what the gray zone is and some of the best options in gray zone conflicts.

Mr. Freier also served as a visiting research professor in strategy, policy, and risk assessment at the U.S. Army War College's Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute. Mr. Freier is widely published on a range of national security issues and provides expert advice to the national security and defense communities. His areas of expertise are defense and military strategy and policy development and strategic net and risk assessment. He holds master's degrees in both international relations and politics.

Arctic Security Friday, March 12, 1 – 3 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Trey Braun, Prof. of Nat'l Security Strategy & Leadership, U.S. Army War College

Braun will discuss the recent changes in the arctic security environment and the implications for the US Army.

U.S. Army War College Prof. "Trey" Braun is a Professor of Practice with the Strategic Studies Institute. Braun's research includes national strategy and policy analysis, land forces employment, senior military leadership, and military-society relations. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Alfred University and a master's degree from the USAWC in Strategic Studies, School of Advanced Military Science, and Webster University.

Hong Kong National Security and Taiwan – China relations, Friday, March 19, 1 – 3 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Roger Cliff, Professor Indo-Pacific Studies, U.S. Army War College

In his presentation, he will discuss recent political developments in Hong Kong and Taiwan and their implications for conflict over Taiwan.

Dr. Cliff has also worked for the Center for Naval Analyses, Atlantic Council, Project 2049 Institute, RAND Corporation, and Office of the Secretary of Defense. He holds a Ph.D. in international relations from Princeton University, an M.A. in Chinese studies from the University of California, San Diego, and a B.S. in physics from Harvey Mudd College. He is fluent in spoken and written Mandarin Chinese.

China's Belt and Road Initiative and Its Implications for the U.S.: Friday,

March 26, 1 – 3 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Lami Kim, Prof. of Asian Studies at the U.S. Army War College

Dr. Kim is also serving as a Wilson China Fellow at the Wilson Center and a US-Korea Next Gen Scholar at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. She has served as a research fellow at Harvard's Belfer Center, Pacific Forum, and the Stimson Center; as a Nuclear Scholar at the Center for Strategic and International Studies; as a visiting scholar at Seoul National University; and also as a South Korean diplomat. She holds a Ph.D. degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and a master's degree from Harvard University.

Arctic Security Friday, April 9, 1 – 3 p.m.

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BREXIT update Friday, Feb 5, 1 – 3 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Mark Duckenfield, Chairman, Dept. of National Security and Strategy, U.S. Army War College.

Dr. Duckenfield discusses the current status and consequences of BREXIT, one month after Britain's exit from the European Union.

Prof. Duckenfield has been the Chairman of DNSS at the Army War College since 2015; He holds a MA and Ph.D. in political science from Harvard University, where he specialized in European political economy.

China's relationship with Latin America Friday, Feb 12, 1 – 3 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Evan Ellis, Research Prof. of Latin American Studies, U.S. Army War College.

Dr. Ellis will discuss Chinese engagement in Latin America and the Caribbean, prospects, and challenges in the post-Covid-19 environment.

Dr. Ellis has published over 280 works, including the 2009 book *China in Latin America: The Whats and Wherefores*, the 2013 book *The Strategic Dimension of Chinese Engagement with Latin America*, the 2014 book *China on the Ground in Latin America*, and the 2018 book, *Transnational Organized Crime in Latin America and the Caribbean*.

Persian Gulf Security Friday, Feb 19, 1 – 3 p.m.

Speaker: Christopher Bolan, Professor of Middle East Security Studies, U.S. Army War College

Dr. Bolan will outline the many security challenges confronting U.S. policymakers in the Persian/Arab Gulf with a particular emphasis on Iran.

Bolan is a Professor of Middle East Security Studies at the Strategic Studies Institute of the U.S. Army War College. He served as a foreign policy advisor on the Middle East and South Asia affairs for Vice Presidents Gore and Cheney from 1997-2003. He holds a Ph.D. in International Relations and a Master of Arts Degree in Arab Studies from Georgetown University.