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Due to unforeseen circumstances the lecture on Arctic Security, scheduled for April 9 has been canceled. Thank you for your participation in the lecture series this year.

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BREXIT with Dr. Mark Dunckenfield as he 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 American with Dr. Evan Ellis. Ellis discusses 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 with Christopher Bolan. He outlines 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.

Gray Zone Conflict on the Homeland with Prof. Nathan Freier, defines 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.

Hong Kong National Security and Taiwan – China relations with Dr. Roger Cliff discusses 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.

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