

The Biden Administration and U.S. Global Strategy
Perspectives on the US and the Middle East

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Joint seminar organized by:

Department of Area and Global Studies, Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, University of Warsaw; Centre for Strategic Studies, Victoria University of Wellington, Center for National Security Studies, National Security Studies Center, University of Haifa, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (México), Department of North American Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University; Polish European Academic Center for Exchange and Research – PEACER at NEIU

Programme:

15.00 – 15.10 Introduction:

- Prof. Daniel Przystek, Dean of the Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, University of Warsaw;
- Prof. Jakub Zajączkowski, Head of the Department of Area and Global Studies, Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, University of Warsaw

15.10-16.00 Presentations:

- Prof. F. Gregory Gause, III, Head of the International Affairs Department, Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University
- Prof. Shibley Telhami, Department of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland, College Park, Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution
- Prof. Avraham Ben Zvi, School of Political Sciences, University of Haifa

- Prof. Benny Miller, Head the Center for National Security Studies, School of Political Sciences, the University of Haifa
- Prof. Edward Halizak, Department of Area and Global Studies, Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, University of Warsaw; president of the Polish Association for International Studies

16.00 – 17.00 Q&A session

Chair: Dr Jan Hornat, The Head of the Department of North American Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University

Prof. F. Gregory Gause, III

Joined the Bush School in 2014 as the head of the Department of International Affairs and holds the John H. Lindsey '44 Chair. He was previously at the University of Vermont, where he was professor of political science from 1995 to 2014 and, from 2010 to 2013, chair of its Department of Political Science. He served as director of the University's Middle East Studies Program from 1998 to 2008. He was a Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Doha Center from 2012-2015. Dr. Gause received his PhD in political science from Harvard University (1987) and studied Arabic at the American University in Cairo (1982-83) and at Middlebury College (1984). Prof. Gause has focused his research on the international politics of the Middle East, with a particular interest in the Arabian Peninsula and the Persian Gulf. He has published three books, the most recent of which is *The International Relations of the Persian Gulf* (Cambridge University Press, 2010). His articles have appeared in *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *Security Studies*, *Middle East Journal*, and *The National Interest*, as well as in other journals and edited volumes. He has testified on Persian Gulf issues before the Committee on International Relations of the US House of Representatives and the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Prior to his tenure at the University of Vermont, Prof. Gause served on the faculty at Columbia University (1987-1995) and was Fellow for Arab and Islamic Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York (1993-94). He was the Kuwait Foundation visiting professor of international affairs at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (2009-10), and a Fulbright scholar at the American University in Kuwait (spring 2009). In spring 2010, he was a research fellow at the King Faisal Center for Islamic Studies and Research in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Prof. Shibley Telhami

Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development at the University of Maryland, College Park, Director of the University of Maryland Critical Issues Poll, and nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. Before coming to the University of Maryland, he taught at several universities, including Cornell University, the Ohio State University, the University of Southern California, Princeton University, Columbia University, Swarthmore College, and the University of California at Berkeley, where he received his doctorate in political science. Professor Telhami has also been active in the foreign policy arena. He has served as Advisor to the US Mission to the UN (1990-91), as advisor to former Congressman Lee Hamilton, more recently as senior advisor to George Mitchell, President Obama's United States Special Envoy for Middle East Peace (2009-2011) and as a member of the US delegation to the Trilateral US-Israeli-Palestinian Anti-Incitements Committee, which was mandated by the Wye River Agreements and has served as an advisor to the United States Department of State. He also served on the Iraq Study Group as a member of the Strategic Environment Working Group. He has contributed to *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, and the *Los Angeles Times* and regularly appears on national and international radio and television. He has served on the US Advisory Group on Public Diplomacy for the Arab and Muslim World, which was appointed by the Department of State at the request of Congress, and he co-drafted the report of their findings, [Changing Minds, Winning Peace](#). He has also co-drafted several Council on Foreign Relations reports on US public diplomacy, on the Arab-Israeli peace process, and on Persian Gulf security. His best-selling book, [The Stakes: America and the Middle East](#) (Westview Press, 2003; updated version, 2004) was selected by Foreign Affairs as one of the top five books on the Middle East in 2003. His other publications include *Power and Leadership in International Bargaining: The Path to the Camp David Accords* (1990); *International Organizations and Ethnic Conflict*, ed. with Milton Esman (1995); *Identity and Foreign Policy in the Middle East*, ed. with Michael Barnett (2002), *The Sadat Lectures: Words and Images on Peace, 1997-2008*, ed. (2010), *The Peace Puzzle: America's Quest for Arab-Israeli Peace, 1989-2011*, co-authored with Dan Kurtzer, et al. (2013), *The World Through Arab Eyes: Arab Public Opinion and the Reshaping of the Middle East* (2013) and numerous articles on international politics and Middle Eastern affairs. He has been a principal investigator in the annual Arab Public Opinion Survey, conducted since 2002 in six Arab countries. He is a member of the [Council on Foreign Relations](#) and serves on the board of the [Education for Employment Foundation](#), several academic advisory boards, and has served on the board of Human Rights Watch (and as Chair of Advisory Committee of Human Rights Watch/Middle East). He has also served on the board of the United States Institute of Peace. Professor Telhami was given the Distinguished International Service Award by the University of Maryland in 2002 and the Excellence in Public Service Award by the University System of Maryland Board of Regents in 2006. He was selected by the Carnegie Corporation


of New York with *The New York Times* as one of the "Great Immigrants" for 2013. He is also a recipient of the University of Maryland's Honors College 2014 Outstanding Faculty Award and was selected as a 2018-2019 Distinguished Scholar-Teacher.

Prof. Benjamin Miller

Professor of International Relations at the School of Political Sciences, and the Director of the National Security Center, The University of Haifa. Miller is the winner of the 2020 Provost Prize for a Distinguished Senior Researcher. Miller's most recent book focuses on explaining changes in US grand strategy, entitled: *Grand Strategy from Truman to Trump* (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2020); <https://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/chicago/G/bo60920220.html>; His current book project focuses on explaining war and peace in the 21st century in different regions in a comparative perspective, notably the Middle East, East Asia and the post-Soviet region (under contract with Oxford University Press). Among his other publications: *When Opponents Cooperate: Great Power Conflict and Collaboration in World Politics* (Ann Arbor, Michigan: The University of Michigan Press, 2nd ed., 2002); *States, Nations and Great Powers: The Sources of Regional War and Peace* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007); *Regional Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution* (Routledge, 2015; co-edited with Carmela Lutmar; the volume is based on Miller's theory); and *International and Regional Security: The Sources of War and Peace* – a collection of Miller's essays over the years and also new research (Routledge, 2017). Miller received a Ph. D. from the University of California at Berkeley and has held Research Fellowships at Harvard University, MIT, Princeton University (Center for International Studies), McGill University, Sciences Po, Paris and at the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS). He has taught at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Duke University, the University of Colorado, Boulder, Princeton University and Dartmouth College. He also served for many years as the President of the Israeli Association for International Studies (IAIS).

Professor Abraham Ben- Zvi

Graduate of The University of Chicago, where he received his Ph.D. in Political Science in 1973. Professor ben- Zvi lectured in the Department of International Relations at the Hebrew University (1973-1978) ; The Department of Political Science at Tel Aviv University (1979- 2004), and the University of Haifa (2006 to the present). He also spent sabbaticals at Carleton University, Ottawa (1979); Cornell University (1988); and Georgetown University, Washington D.C. (1994-1995; 2004-2006) His main field of expertise and research has been American foreign policy, with a special emphasis on the origins and evolution of American- Israeli




relations. Prof. Ben- Zvi published 12 books, 2 of which were published by Columbia University Press, New York, and 2 by Routledge Press. He served twice as the head of the Department of Political Science, and once (for 5 years) as the head of the Program of security Studies at Tel Aviv University. At Haifa, he founded both the Executive Program in Negotiations and Decision-Making in International Relations (in Hebrew); the Dual Degree Program in International Relations with The University of Warsaw, and the Program in Diplomacy Studies. Prof. Ben- Zvi won several awards for his academic accomplishments. The most recent, and the most prestigious, award which he won was the Israel Prize in Political Science and International Relations for 2020. It is the highest academic prize awarded in Israel for academic excellence. Professor Ben- Zvi is completing a book- manuscript on Israel's foreign and security policy.

Professor Marian Edward Halizak

Graduate of the University of Warsaw. He received his Ph. D. from the University of Warsaw in 1980 on the basis of the thesis: Regionalism in International Relations. He joined Institute of International Relations in 1980 and during 1991 – 2016 served as the Director of this Institute. He was granted Fellowship from Kent State University (1984-85), University of Pittsburgh – 1994, University of California in San Diego – 1997. His main field of interest and research has been regional studies, international political economy, geoeconomics, great power politics. As the head of the Institute of International Relations he initiated many cooperation agreement with the universities from all continents – including University of Haifa. During 1998 – 2006 he cooperated with the University of Teheran and he run PhD seminar for the students from Iran. He is a founder of the Polish International Studies Association – PISA in 2009 and since then has been serving as the chairman.

Prof. Jan Hornat,

Head of the Department of North American Studies. He currently focuses mainly on US foreign policy and transatlantic relations. He has published in academic journals such as Communist and Post-Communist Studies, Cambridge Review of International Affairs, Global Affairs and The National Interest. His most recent book is titled Transatlantic Democracy Assistance: Promoting Different Models of Democracy (London: Routledge, 2019). Jan is also a researcher within the Peace Research Center Prague and a member of the "VirusImpact" team of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, which examines the geopolitical impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the past, he was Head of Unit at the Department of European Programs of the Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic. For the years 2019-2021 he is a member of the Academic Senate of the Faculty of Social Sciences at Charles University.





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