



India - Pakistan Relations

Two faculty members from the Army War College will discuss the complex and often hostile relations between India and Pakistan at our February 22 meeting. The point-counterpoint discussion, touching on both sides of the dispute, will feature:

- Dr. Patrick Bratton, associate professor of national security and strategy studies, who will outline India's positions on the various issues that divide the two countries, and
- Col. Paul "Mike" Phillips, an instructor in the Department of National Security and Strategy, who will present the Pakistani side.

In 2009 and again in 2011, Dr. Bratton was a visiting international fellow at the Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses in New Delhi, India. His current research focuses on Indian foreign and security policy and strategic studies.

Prior to joining the War College faculty, Dr. Bratton was an associate professor of political science at Hawaii Pacific University where he taught courses on national security, international relations, and Indian foreign policy.

In 2009, Col. Phillips deployed to Afghanistan and Pakistan as International Security Assistance Force chief of liaison to the Pakistan Army. On his return, he served as intelligence advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Staff's Pakistan-Afghanistan Coordination Cell. More recently, he was deputy director for intelligence at the National Military Joint Operations and Intelligence Center.

Col. Phillips served in the Persian Gulf War with the 16th Military Police Brigade and the Third Armored Cavalry Regiment. He later commanded the 57th Military Police Company in Korea and was provost marshal of the Army Medical Department Center and School at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

March Schedule, Topic Change

There has been a change in both the date and topic of our March meeting. It will be on March 15 instead of March 22. The speaker will be Dr. Trita Parsi, who will discuss U.S. - Iranian Relations, a timely topic in view of President Trump's outspoken criticism of the 2015 nuclear agreement involving Iran, the U.S., and other world powers.

Dr. Trita is founder and president of the National Iranian American Council and an expert on U.S.-Iranian relations and Iranian foreign policy. He is an award-winning author and will bring some of his books to the meeting for sale and for signing.

Thursday, February 22 Dinner Arrangements

Place: Radisson Hotel Harrisburg
Governor B (Hotel)
Camp Hill Bypass & Erford Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Time: 5:30 PM: Social Hour (Cash Bar)
6:30 PM: Sit-Down Dinner
7:30 PM: Presentation w/ Q & A

Menu: Mixed Green Salad
Penne Rustica
Peanut Butter Ripple Cake

Those with special dietary needs may request a substitution when making a reservation. If you order a substitute meal, remember to pick up a coded tag at the table and put it by your place. Alternate meals will be chicken unless chicken is the main course – then fish will be the alternate or vegetarian, which will be chef's choice (typically non-meat pasta).

**The cost for FPA members is \$26.
We welcome non-members to attend dinners.
The non-member cost is \$29.**

There is no charge for anyone to attend the program presentation only, beginning at 7:30 PM.

For Reservations Contact: Ron Pontius at:
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You can also click on the reservations link on the FPA web site: www.fpa-harrisburg.org

Reservations by telephone must be made by 10 PM on the Monday before the Thursday meeting; or if by e-mail, by 9 AM Tuesday before the meeting.

When making or canceling a dinner reservation, be sure to give your complete *name, address and phone number*. We need that information to notify you if a meeting is canceled due to inclement weather or for other reasons. If you come for dinner as a walk-in without a reservation, the hotel may not be able to provide you with the meal listed above.

NOTE: We bill no-shows.

No-shows will be billed unless there are sufficient walk-ins to meet the reservation number given to the Radisson.

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