



August 2023 SDWAC Newsletter

Message from the President Christine Sheckler



Dear SDWAC Members,

Happy August-September 2023! We hope this summer allows you time to enjoy our beautiful San Diego, other great places on this earth, and valuable time with family and friends. Although SDWAC did not host an August event (it's our summer break), we have been very busy lining up an exciting program for the next nine months. In addition to hosting monthly speaker events, by request, we are also varying our speaker venues and times in an effort to accommodate the different schedules and needs of our diverse membership community. We will continue to host evening speaker events, but we are introducing a luncheon speaker series as well. The latter is in response to many members' requests for "earlier in the day" events, minimizing evening commuter traffic and dark roads home. We welcome your feedback regarding our speakers/topics, venues, and times.

We appreciate your patience as we re-tool and adjust to the new post-COVID world. We returned to in-person speaker events last September, a year ago, and we are proud of the

programming we've offered. Currently, we are experimenting with hybrid events (simultaneous/live streaming) vs. recording and posting the event on our website. We apologize for some technical glitches on our hybrid efforts to date at the Hall of Nations. Their internet appears to be too weak to sustain live streaming, so we may just record and post online after the event.

You can review our upcoming program line up below and there's more to come! Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us (and invite your friends to become members with you!)

Warm regards,
Christine M. Sheckler
SDWAC President

UPCOMING EVENTS

The San Diego World Affairs Council is excited to announce its upcoming slate of speaking events, including a new midday "Lunch & Learn" lecture series that is sure to excite and engage our membership! Please join us for this new series of lunchtime events that will allow for a more intimate and lively conversation between local area experts as they share the most timely information and insights from around the world.

We are also excited to be extending our evening "Distinguished Speakers" lecture series with several special speakers including Le Ly Hayslip with Professor Greg Daddis, Ambassador Marc Grossman, and South African environmental advocate, Professor Adam Aron.

Calling all high school students!

Academic WorldQuest is gearing up its programming to offer area high school students the opportunity to compete and test their knowledge of current international politics, geography, global economics, history, and world cultures. Not only is this a great experience to mention on college applications, but the winning team will be invited to represent San Diego in the national competition in Washington DC! Please visit here to learn more: <https://sdwac.org/page-1075241>

Young Professionals Program Launch!

The San Diego World Affairs Council is dedicated to educating and engaging a generation of future leaders who are interested in supporting international opportunities in the San Diego area. SDWAC's Young Professionals (YP) Program tailors dynamic and enlightening events for World Affairs Council members in their 20s and 30s. YP members

come from all professions and backgrounds but share a common interest in international topics – business, culture, politics, economics, and current events.

SDWAC's feature YP networking event is "Global Trivia Night" where we offer a fun opportunity for trivia teams of 3-5 individuals to compete for the title of "San Diego's World Knowledge Champions" during a fast-paced, competitive tournament of trivia focused on global topics including rounds on topics such as world history, current international news and global politics.

REGISTER your team [HERE](#) for the next SDWAC Global Trivia Night event! Questions? Email us at yp@sdwac.org.

SDWAC: Lunch and Learn Series

20 SEPTEMBER 2023: 12:30 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.

The flyer is a promotional graphic for a "Lunch & Learn Series" event. It features a blue background with a large green diamond shape in the center. In the top left corner, there is a logo for the San Diego World Affairs Council, which includes a globe icon and the text "SAN DIEGO WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL" and "GEOPOLITICS MADE CLEAR". To the right of the diamond is a portrait of Dr. Chayanika Deka, a woman with dark hair wearing a black top. Below the portrait is the logo for "Royal India" restaurant, which includes the text "Royal India" in a stylized font and "EXQUISITE INDIAN RESTAURANT" below it. The main text of the flyer, located within the green diamond, reads "LUNCH & LEARN SERIES: DR. CHAYANIKA DEKA, USD" and "THE RISE OF TERRORISM IN AFRICA". At the bottom of the diamond, it provides the event details: "ROYAL INDIA | WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH 2023", "8990 MIRAMAR RD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92126", "12:00PM- 1:30PM", and "\$20 FOR MEMBERS | \$35 FOR NONMEMBERS".

The San Diego World Affairs Council and Royal India present the

Lunch & Learn Series
featuring
Dr. Chayanika Deka

Presenting: "The Rise of Terrorism in Africa"

Wednesday, September 20th, 2023
12:00pm - 1:30pm
Royal India Restaurant
8990 Miramar Road, San Diego, CA 92126

Register here: <https://sdwac.org/event-5372149>

SDWAC: Distinguished Speaker Series
2 NOVEMBER: 12:30 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS SERIES

"BEYOND THE AMERICAN LENS: THE LEGACY OF WAR, TRANSGENERATIONAL TRAUMA, RECONCILIATION, AND HEALING"

FEATURING

LE LY HAYSLIP

IN CONVERSATION WITH SDSU PROFESSOR GREGORY DADDIS

11:30AM - 12:15PM
NETWORKING AND LIGHT LUNCH
12:30 - 1:30PM PROGRAM
1:30PM - 2:00PM
Q & A

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
9388 LIGHTWAVE AVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92123
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 2023
FREE FOR MEMBERS | \$10 FOR NONMEMBERS

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National UNIVERSITY

—SDSU—
Center for War and Society
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The San Diego World Affairs Council and National University present the

Distinguished Speaker Series
Le Ly Hayslip
in conversation with Professor Gregory Daddis

Presenting: "Beyond the American Lens: The Legacy of War, Transgenerational Trauma, Reconciliation, and Healing"

Thursday, November 2nd, 2023
11:30am - 2:00pm
National University
9388 Lightwave Ave, San Diego, CA 92123

Register here: <https://sdwac.org/event-5356256>

SDWAC: Distinguished Speaker Series

11 JANUARY: 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS SERIES

"THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF SOCIAL MOBILIZATION
IN CONFRONTING THE CLIMATE CRISIS:
IMPLICATIONS FOR GLOBAL ACTION"

FEATURING

PROFESSOR ADAM ARON

6:00PM- 6:30PM
NETWORKING AND REFRESHMENTS
6:30 - 7:30PM PROGRAM
7:30PM- 8:00PM
Q & A /BOOK SIGNING

HALL OF NATIONS
2294 PAN AMERICAN PLAZA
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 2024
FREE FOR MEMBERS | \$10 FOR NONMEMBERS

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**THE CLIMATE
CRISIS**
Science
Impacts
Policy
Psychology
Justice
Social Movements
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The San Diego World Affairs Council and National University present the

Distinguished Speaker Series featuring: **UCSD PROFESSOR ADAM ARON**

"The Essential Role of Social Mobilization in Confronting the Climate Crisis: Implications for Global Action"

Thursday, January 11th, 2024
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Hall of Nations, Balboa Park
2294 Pan American Plaza, San Diego, CA 92101

Register here: <https://sdwac.org/event-5372141>

RECENT EVENTS

In July, the San Diego World Affairs Council was pleased to partner with the San Diego Diplomacy Council to host the US Envoy to the Horn of Africa, Ambassador Michael Hammer. This event, held at the Hall of Nations at Balboa Park, focused on the U.S. efforts to advance peace in this east Africa region, specifically the negotiations that led to the November cessation of hostilities agreement for Northern Ethiopia, the security concerns in the region, and the Biden administration's approach toward the African continent. We thank all of the attendees for their participation and support of this special program! This presentation was part of a broader San Diego - State Department mandate by Ambassador Hammer - supporting an Ethiopian Diaspora Peace Conference. [*Special thanks to Ambassador Leslie Bassett for securing this speaker.*]



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[Click here for the survey](#)