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In April, the Foreign Policy Research Institute is offering programs in Philadelphia, Princeton, NYC, Washington, DC, and on the Web. We briefly describe each program below, with a hyperlink for more details.



[Tuesday, April 1 at FPRI and on the Web: Geopolitics with Granieri](#) -

Exclusively for FPRI Members. Join FPRI's Ron Granieri, as he "interrogates" Hal Brands of Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy and author of the new book *What Good is Grand Strategy?* In this session, we will explore why grand strategy is a concept that is so alluring—and so elusive—to those who make American statecraft amid the turbulence of global affairs and the chaos of domestic politics. This event will also be webcast live, so be sure to register online if you cannot make it to Philadelphia. For more information on how to become an FPRI Member, please [click here](#).



[Sunday, April 6 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Philadelphia: FPRI's Annual Champagne Brunch Sponsored by Beneficial Bank](#) -

Exclusively for FPRI Partners. Join the renowned world traveler and author, Robert Kaplan, as he discusses his new book, *Asia's Cauldron: The South China Sea and the End of a Stable Pacific*. In his book, Kaplan, the Chief Geopolitical Strategist for *Stratfor*, offers up a vivid snapshot of the nations surrounding the South China Sea, the conflicts brewing in the region at the dawn of the twenty-first century, and their implications for global peace and stability. For more information on how to become a partner of FPRI, please [click here](#).



[Tuesday, April 8 at the National Liberty Museum: Robots and the Future of War](#) -

Part of the Stanley and Arlene Ginsburg Lecture Series. Join Michael Horowitz, Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania, as he discusses why the United States' technological lead may not be assured forever. Just back from spending a year as a Council on Foreign Relations Fellow at the Pentagon, Horowitz will assess the "game-changing technologies" that we need to maintain that military advantage.



[Saturday, April 12 at FPRI: Transforming Study Abroad](#) – Do you know a student planning to study abroad this year, or travelling for an extended period of time? If so, you will definitely want to alert them to this one-day course specially designed to prepare students to learn, research, and study abroad confidently amid uncertainty. Learn to make the most of your travel abroad from professional researchers who have worked in unstable environments worldwide. The course is \$90 per student, but space is limited to 50 seats, so make sure to reserve as quickly as possible.



[Wednesday, April 16 at the BNY Mellon Building: The Eagle and the Dragon: China's Place in U.S. Defense Strategy](#) – The inaugural Foreign Policy Round Table for Rising Philadelphians Sponsored by BNY Mellon Wealth Management. Join Jacqueline Deal, President and CEO of the Long Term Strategy Group, as we kick off this new initiative to provide a venue for rising Philadelphians to engage with leaders, policy experts, and – most importantly – each other about the most pressing foreign policy issues of the day. In this talk, Deal will address the validity of the

President’s “Pivot to Asia”, China’s continuing aggression in the East and South China seas, and the implications for US Defense Policy.



[Thursday, April 17 in Princeton, NJ: The Terrorists’ Dilemma: Managing Violent Covert Organizations](#) – Exclusively for FPRI Members at the \$250 Level (and above). Join Princeton University’s Jacob Shapiro, as he constructs an unusual picture of terrorist organizations – and the weaknesses they share with other bureaucratic institutions as well as the dilemmas they face in maintaining control and secrecy simultaneously. Using captured al Qaeda documents and the techniques of organizational studies, Shapiro will explore how terrorist groups operate and how their weaknesses may be exploited. For more information on how to become an FPRI Member, please [click here](#).



[Wednesday, April 23 at the Philadelphia Country Club in Gladwyne: Understanding Iran – and its New President](#) – Exclusively for FPRI Members at the \$500 Level (and above). With the election of Hassan Rouhani in 2013, the US and Iran are closing in on a new relationship. Join Princeton University’s Kevan Harris, as he lays out the political battlefield inside the Islamic Republic, how the 2013 election occurred, and what Rouhani’s politics means for the United States. For more information on how to become an FPRI Member, please [click here](#).

[Saturday and Sunday, April 26-27 at the First Division Museum in Wheaton, IL: America and Modern War: The American Military Post-Vietnam](#) – In this installment of the Butcher History Institute, FPRI is bringing 40 High School history and social science teachers from around the country to learn about modern American foreign policy, defense policy, military technology, and societal-military relations. Participants will hear from some of the nation’s preeminent military historians, including Ronald J. Granieri, Michael Horowitz, BG John Sloan Brown, James J. Writz, Janine Davidson, Stephen Biddle, Leonard Wong, and Paul Springer, whose talks will cover the uses of force from the post-Vietnam era up through today.

Tuesday, April 29 in Washington, D.C. and on the Web: New Thinking on the Origins of World War I – Join us as we assemble a panel of experts to shed new light on the causes of World War I. The panel will be moderated by Mackubin T. Owens, Editor, Orbis, and will feature Michael Neiberg, US Army War College; John Schnindler, US Naval War College; and Kate Epstein, Rutgers University. 1:45 pm registration; 2:00 program; and 4:00 pm adjournment. More details to follow.

If you have any questions regarding these events, please don't hesitate to contact us directly at (215) 732-3774 x 103, or by email at events@fpri.org.

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We hope to see you soon.

With best regards,

Alan Luxenberg