

Panel:

YEMEN's HUMANITARIAN CRISIS: IS THERE AN END IN SIGHT?

JAMES P MICCICHE

CPT James P. Micciche, a first year MALD student at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, is an Active Duty United States Army Civil Affairs Officer who originally enlisted in 2004 as a Combat Medic before earning his commission and bachelor's degree while on Active Duty in 2010. As United States Army Africa (USARAF) Civil Military Operations Center (CMOC) Chief, he worked with partner nations across the DOD enterprise to identify vulnerable populations and build civil resiliency to mitigate the threats and influences of violent extremist organizations. CPT Micciche has operational experience in Africa, Afghanistan, the Middle East, Korea, and Europe. From 2015 to 2016, he served as the CIV-MIL officer for the Maritime Combined Coordination Cell (MCCC). The Maritime Coalition Coordination Cell (MCCC) operated from June 2015 to June 2016 and served as a de-confliction and information distribution entity to promote the free flow of legitimate, non-lethal commercial shipping and humanitarian aid into Yemeni Sea Ports. MCCC worked by, with and through Republic of Yemen (RoY) Ministry of Transportation (MOT), Coalition forces, United Nations Agencies, Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs), CMF Nations, and commercial shipping agencies in its continued support of humanitarian and commercial activity within Yemen's Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Ports.

SUSANNAH SIRKIN

Susannah Sirkin is Director of International Policy and Partnerships/Senior Advisor for Physicians for Human Rights and Senior Fellow at the Carr Center for Human Rights at the Kennedy School at Harvard University. She oversees PHR's international policy engagement, including their work with the United Nations, domestic and international justice systems, and human rights coalitions. She is also responsible for managing and multiplying PHR's strategic partnerships globally, expanding volunteers from the medical and scientific community, and increasing partnerships with NGOs, medical institutions, and other relationships that can enhance PHR's effectiveness and grow the field of human rights activists. Ms Sirkin joined PHR's staff in 1987, shortly after its founding. She serves as a senior advisor across all areas, particularly PHR's work to stop sexual violence in conflict zones – an initiative she created in 2011. In addition, Ms Sirkin is a past recipient of the Dr Jean Mayer Global Citizenship Award from the Institute for Global Leadership at Tufts University and has spoken at Tufts on multiple occasions.

NIMEP

The New Initiative for Middle East Peace (NIMEP) is a collaborative research group of the Institute for Global Leadership studying the Middle East and North Africa. It is a non-polemical, student think-tank and outreach initiative devoted to finding progressive solutions to historic and emerging conflicts in the Middle East. NIMEP provides a forum for producing dialogue, scholarship, and nuanced explorations of the region. The group is designed to cultivate future leaders and to inspire students to realize the powerful results of its multi-perspectival model of thinking and acting. NIMEP works to foster understanding of the MENA region in the Tufts community through sharing the outcomes of its research initiative and bringing experts to campus.

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PROGRAM

- 12:30pm **Welcome and Introduction**
Uzair Sattar (A'21), Co-President, NIMEP
- 12:35pm **Keynote Address**
Dr Asher Orkaby
- 1:45pm **Panel: Regional Geopolitics and Civil Conflict**
Amb Charles Dunbar
Mr Stephen Kinzer

moderated by Vinicius Freitas (A'22), NIMEP
- 3:15pm **Break**
Refreshments, Hall of Flags
- 3:30pm **Panel: Yemen's Humanitarian Crisis: Is There an End in Sight?**
CPT James Micciche
Ms Susannah Sirkin

moderated by Sara Torres (A'20), NIMEP
- 5:00pm **Concluding Remarks**
Atrey Bhargava (A'21), Co-President, NIMEP

Speaker Biographies

Keynote Address

ASHER ORKABY

Asher Orkaby, PhD is a Research Fellow at Harvard University, where he completed his Ph.D. thesis on *Beyond the Arab Cold War: The International History of the Yemen Civil War, 1962-68*, published by Oxford University Press in 2017. Additionally, Dr. Orkaby was selected as a State Department Franklin Fellow in 2017 and is currently working as an academic fellow with the National Democratic Institute. Over the course of the current conflict in Yemen, he has contributed regularly to *Foreign Affairs*, *The National Interest*, and many other policy publications and has provided commentary for both English and Arabic media. He is currently working on a second book project with Oxford University Press, entitled *What Everyone Needs to Know About Yemen*, which will be published in 2019.

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REGIONAL GEOPOLITICS AND CIVIL CONFLICT

CHARLES DUNBAR

Amb. Charles Dunbar has spent more than 50 years practicing, publicizing and teaching about international relations and diplomacy. He was a State Department Foreign Service Officer for 33 years, 20 of them spent in eight Middle Eastern countries. During that time, he was US Ambassador to Yemen, where he served during the 1990 unification of North and South Yemen. He was also US Ambassador to Qatar and Chargé d'Affaires in Afghanistan. In 1998, he became the Special Representative of UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan for the Western Sahara. After leaving the State Department in 1993, Amb. Dunbar served as President of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs and taught international relations at Case Western Reserve, Cleveland State, and Boston Universities, as well as at Simmons College. He now leads classes as a volunteer at the Midcoast Senior College near his home in Brunswick, ME. He has published more than 25 scholarly articles and book chapters and has been a frequent guest/contributor for electronic and print media in the US and beyond.

STEPHEN KINZER

Stephen Kinzer is a Senior Fellow in International and Public Affairs at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs at Brown University. He is an award-winning foreign correspondent who has covered more than 50 countries on five continents. His articles and books have led the *Washington Post* to place him "among the best in popular foreign policy storytelling." Mr Kinzer spent more than 20 years working for the *New York Times*, most of it as a foreign correspondent. He was the *Times* Bureau Chief in Nicaragua during the conflicts of the 1980s and in Germany through unification in the 1990s. In 1996, he became the first *Times* bureau chief in Istanbul. Among his books are *All the Shah's Men: An American Coup and the Roots of Middle East Terror*, about the overthrow of Prime Minister Mohammad Mossadegh of Iran in 1953; *Crescent and Star: Turkey Between Two Worlds*; *Reset: Iran, Turkey, and America's Future*; and *Overthrow: America's Century of Regime Change from Hawaii to Iraq*. Kinzer writes a world affairs column for the *Boston Globe*.