



Foreign Interference with Democratic Institutions

featuring the 2017 Haaga Lecture General Michael Hayden

April 18, 2017

[Home](#)[Watch the Live Stream Here Starting at 12:30pm \(ET\).](#)[Schedule](#)[Registration](#)[Participants](#)[Background Readings](#)[CERL Home](#)

The discovery of widespread attempts to influence the 2016 Presidential election in the U.S. on the part of the Russians has sent shockwaves through the public and has forced us to begin to re-evaluate the current nature of the threats to democratic values and adherence to the rule of law on behalf of foreign governments that do not share the U.S. commitments to the integrity of basic democratic institutions. Drawing lessons from the recent revelations of Russian cyberhacking, as well as Russian involvement in the dissemination of fake news, there is a growing awareness that our reliance on computerized communications and data processing has created vulnerabilities for foreign interference that we had previously overlooked or underestimated.

Cyberattacks or interference with the elections of rival nations is thus emerging as a threat to national security of epic proportions. This program will be divided into two panels: the first panel will consider the nature of the threat posed by Russian hacking and cyber intelligence operations more generally, and will seek an understanding of the legal status of these activities. Does cyberhacking and targeted interference in the U.S. election constitute an act of war? If not, then how should we understand our relationship with countries that regularly engage in these activities? If so, then what actions are permissible under the law of armed conflict to forestall or prevent such attacks on our institutions and those of our allies? Is kinetic action ever justified as a response or in anticipation of a cyber attack? The second panel will address the implications of the flooding of social media with fake news by foreign powers.

Even without security breaches and the hacking efforts on the part of the Russians, the impact of false information disseminated as credible news on social media has implications both for national security and for the integrity of bona fide news organizations. How should we address the dangers posed by the dissemination of fake news and what can we do to protect against the risk that the public that makes critical political decisions will be misinformed and manipulated? How can we combat the dangers of fake news at the same time that we continue to protect and safeguard first amendment rights of both the press and individuals under the Constitution? What are the implications of these cyber activities for the authority of government leaders when their mandate to rule is partially the product of the espionage and other covert activities of rival sovereign powers?

*This program has been approved for 3.0 ethics CLE credits for Pennsylvania lawyers. CLE credit may be available in other jurisdictions as well. Attendees seeking CLE credit should bring separate payment in the amount of \$120.00 (\$60.00 public interest/non-profit attorneys) cash or check made payable to **The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania.***

[RSVP HERE](#)

This event will be immediately followed by the Distinguished Haaga Lecture, which will be given this year by General Michael Hayden.

*This program has been approved for 1.5 ethics CLE credit for Pennsylvania lawyers. CLE credit may be available in other jurisdictions as well. Attendees seeking CLE credit should bring separate payment in the amount of \$60.00 (\$30.00 public interest/non-profit attorneys) cash or check made payable to **The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania.***

This event is co-sponsored by the [Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication](#) and the [American Enterprise Institute](#).



Foreign Interference with Democratic Institutions

featuring the 2017 Haaga Lecture General Michael Hayden

April 18, 2017

Home

SCHEDULE

Schedule

WATCH THE LIVE STREAM HERE STARTING AT 12:30PM (ET).

Registration

TUESDAY, APRIL 18 FITTS AUDITORIUM

Participants

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Panel 1: *Russian Cyberhacking as an Act of War?*

Background Readings

Moderator: [Prof. William Burke-White](#), Richard Perry Professor of Law and Director, Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania

CERL Home

[Col. Gary Brown](#), Senior Legal Advisor, United States Department of Defense

[Dr. Fred Kagan](#), Resident Scholar and Director, Critical Threats Project, American Enterprise Institute

[Sean Kanuck](#), Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University; former U.S. National Intelligence Officer for Cyber Issues from 2011-2016

[Daniel \(DJ\) Rosenthal](#), Associate Managing Director, Kroll; former NSC Director for Counterterrorism and Senior Counsel at the ODNI and DOJ

[Mr. David Sanger](#), Chief Washington Correspondent, *The New York Times*

2:30pm - 2:45pm

Break

2:45pm - 4:15pm

Panel 2: *Influencing Public Opinion and Exerting Political Leverage from Abroad*

Moderator: [Prof. George Lucas](#), Professor of Philosophy and Public Policy, Naval Postgraduate School

[Hon. Adrian Basora](#), Director Eurasia Program, Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI); former U.S. Ambassador to Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic

[Mr. Douglas Birch](#), Freelance journalist. Former National Security reporter, Center for Public Integrity, Washington, and Moscow Bureau Chief for the Associated Press

[Mr. Tarun Chhabra](#), Visiting Fellow at Brookings Institution and Perry World House; former Director of Strategic Planning and Director for Human Rights and National Security, National Security Council

[Ms. Carrie Cordero](#), Private practitioner and cybersecurity expert; former Director of National Security Studies, Georgetown University Law Center

[Mr. Luke Harding](#), Foreign Correspondent and former Moscow Bureau Chief, *The Guardian*

This program has been approved for 3.0 ethics CLE credits for Pennsylvania lawyers. CLE credit may be available in other jurisdictions as well. Attendees seeking CLE credit should bring separate payment in the amount of \$100.00 (\$50.00 public interest/non-profit attorneys) cash or check made payable to The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania.

4:30pm - 6:00pm

Haaga Lecture:

RUSSIAN MEDDLING IN THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: Implications for the Rule of Law

Speaker: [General Michael Hayden](#)

Moderator: Professor Claire Finkelstein

*This lecture has been approved for 1.5 ethics CLE credit for Pennsylvania lawyers. CLE credit may be available in other jurisdictions as well. Attendees seeking CLE credit should bring separate payment in the amount of \$40.00 (\$20.00 public interest/non-profit attorneys) cash or check made payable to **The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania**.*

6:00pm - 7:00pm **Cocktail Reception, Open to Registered Guests**

Haaga Lounge (the Goat)

(Both panels and Haaga Lecture will take place in the Fitts Auditorium at Penn Law. The reception following the lecture will be held in the Haaga Lounge)



Foreign Interference with Democratic Institutions

featuring the 2017 Haaga Lecture General Michael Hayden

April 18, 2017

[Home](#)

[Schedule](#)

[Registration](#)

[Participants](#)

[Background Readings](#)

[CERL Home](#)

Participants

[Hon. Adrian Basora](#)

Director Eurasia Program, Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI); former U.S. Ambassador to Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic

[Mr. Douglas Birch](#)

Freelance journalist. Former National Security reporter, Center for Public Integrity, Washington, and Moscow Bureau Chief for the Associated Press

[Col. Gary Brown](#)

Senior Legal Advisor, United States Department of Defense

[Professor William Burke-White](#)

Director, Perry World House

[Mr. Tarun Chhabra](#)

former Director of Strategic Planning and Director for Human Rights and National Security at the White House

[Ms. Carrie Cordero](#)

Attorney and Cybersecurity Expert; formerly Director of National Security Studies at Georgetown Law

[Professor Claire Finkelstein](#)

CERL Founder & Director, University of Pennsylvania Law School

[Mr. Luke Harding](#)

Journalist, *The Guardian*

[General \(ret.\) Michael Hayden](#)

former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency

[Dr. Fred Kagan](#)

Resident Scholar and Director, Critical Threats Project, American Enterprise Institute

[Mr. Sean Kanuck](#)

Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University; former U.S. National Intelligence Officer for Cyber Issues from 2011-2016

[Professor George Lucas](#)

Naval Post Graduate School

[Mr. Daniel \(DJ\) Rosenthal](#)

Associate Managing Director, Kroll; former NSC Director for Counterterrorism and Senior Counsel at the ODNI and DOJ

[Mr. David Sanger](#)

Chief Washington Correspondent, *The New York Times*