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# NESA Update

August 2022 – September 2022

## NESA Region Trends – AFGHANISTAN

- **15 August 2022 marked the first anniversary of the Taliban rule in Afghanistan.** During the past year, the country has slipped further and further into political and economic decline with little hope for a quick recovery. Now, more than one year after the fall of Afghanistan to the Taliban, the country remains politically unstable, economically bankrupt, and socially fragmented. The clerics' regime continues to monopolize power with no intention of including non-Taliban elements in key government positions or in the security forces. Returning to their repressive rule of the 1990s, the Taliban Emirate has tightened control by restricting independent media, banning women from most government positions, and closing high school education for girls.
- **The international community, including the United States, continues to raise serious concerns over the presence of global Jihadist groups,** including al-Qaeda in Afghanistan. The threat of terrorism is seen as more real following the appearance of the al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri in Kabul, who was killed by a U.S. drone strike on 31 July 2022. The United States has stopped transactional talks with the Taliban following the killing of Ayman al-Zawahiri, who was sheltered by the Taliban in Kabul. Contrary to their earlier commitments, the Taliban have maintained relations with al-Qaeda and other regional Jihadi groups. Meanwhile, Islamic State's Khorasan affiliate (IS-K) is gaining strength, and its members are estimated to have grown from 2,000 to 4,000. During the past year, the IS-K has launched more than two hundred attacks across the country, with some reported attacks across the Afghan border.
- **Afghanistan has domestic unrest and fears of civil war.** The breakdown of state institutions and the lack of the Taliban's capacity to govern has created a deepening economic and hu-

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## NESA Region Trends

manitarian crisis. Most of the thirty-eight million population are at risk of sinking into poverty, while some twenty-three million people are in desperate need of food. The country is faced with human insecurity and sustainable peace. Despite international humanitarian aid, the people continue to face food insecurity as the economy is in a *free fall*, the banking system is not fully functional, unemployment is rampant, and foreign development assistance is dried out.

- **With widening division within the Taliban faction and the rise of Daish-led acts of terrorism, the security situation continues to deteriorate across the country.** Several terrorist bombings of civilian institutions and target attacks on Hazara-Shia minority in early October triggered major protests spearheaded by women and girls across the country. Unless the Taliban make profound changes in their policies, the risks of further domestic unrest could escalate, generating the specter of civil war.
- **No country, including its all-seasons patron Pakistan, has recognized the Taliban government** pending responsible behavior in their domestic politics and foreign relations. While the distant countries took a position of *wait and see*, the frontline nations – Afghanistan’s near and regional neighbors – showed more urgency in engaging the Taliban. The presence of regional terrorist groups in Afghanistan that may target neighboring countries, plus regional trade and economic ties, are behind such urgency.
- The differences between conservative elements, led by Taliban supreme leader Mullah Haibatullah Akhunzada in Kandahar, and relatively pragmatic Taliban elements in Kabul, are becoming more intense as financial pressures on Kabul are mounting. Islamic State in Khurasan (ISK) attacks targeting both Taliban installations and minority Muslim groups (Shia and Sufi) groups are also continuing. In the midst of these challenges, Taliban officials (especially its interim foreign minister Amir Khan Muttaqi) are regularly conducting meetings with regional states as well as EU officials, among others. Chinese and Russian officials/diplomats assigned to their embassies in Kabul remain actively engaged with Taliban. **In that sense, some level of engagement with the Taliban, the de facto government of Afghanistan, is happening.**
- **While the Taliban government defy international calls for change and moderation, the future of Afghanistan looks uncertain, bleak, and hopeless for most of the Afghans.** Local armed resistance to the Taliban is in the beginning stages, while political groups and fronts inside and outside the country call for peaceful change and political transition in the country. **Unless the Taliban make meaningful changes in their practices, including widening the base of the government, respecting human rights, including women’s rights, and breaking ties with regional Jihadist groups, stability and economic normalcy may not return to Afghanistan.**

# NESA Programs & Events

## **NESA Center Provides Support for GAMI Visit to National Defense University**

On 28 September 2022, NESA Center leadership and faculty supported a visit to National Defense University (NDU) by a delegation from Saudi Arabia's General Authority for Military Industries (GAMI) and the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Washington, D.C. NESA Center Deputy Director COL David Lamm, USA (Ret.), along with NDU President Lt Gen Michael Plehn, and other NDU component leaders, welcomed His Excellency Ahmad Al-Ohali, Governor of GAMI, along with eight other delegation members. Following that official reception and office call, NESA Center Professor Richard Wiersema joined the Eisenhower School Commandant, Brigadier General Joy Curriera and her faculty team for a round-table discussion. Deputy Governor for Military Acquisition, Mohammed Alethea and Deputy Director Lamm agreed to discuss opportunities for collaboration between GAMI and the NESA Center in future, ideally during the Center's frequent visits to the kingdom.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/nduaudiovisual/albums/72177720302465306/with/52389749402>

## **NESA Center Provides Support for GAMI Visit to National Defense University**

28 September 2022



*A delegation from Saudi Arabia's General Authority for Military Industries visit to NDU on 28 September 2022.*

# NESA Programs & Events

## **Iraqi General Officer Capstone Seminar II**

From 23 August – 1 September 2022, the Near East South Asia Center’s professional military education (PME) team conducted the second iteration of the CAPSTONE strategic leader education program for a select audience of rising Iraqi senior leaders. The seminar was held in Washington, D.C., and provided a unique opportunity for participants to forge professional, international relationships. There was an excellent opportunity for policymakers, military officers, and academics to have first-hand exposure to participants’ perspectives and experiences. Course Directors NESA Center Professor Richard Wiersema and NESA Center Dean Charles Marks focused on 14 sessions during the first week and a week-long crisis management Strategic Simulation exercise at the National Defense University’s Center for Applied Strategic Learning (CASL) during the second week. The two-week seminar required support from the entire NESA Center team, including faculty and program staff. Professor Richard Wiersema and Dean Charles Marks also served as moderators throughout the sessions that included topics such as Climate Change and a World Without Oil, Leading Change in a Strategic Environment, Iraq’s Future and the Indo-Pacific by NESA Center Assistant Professor Jeffrey Payne, U.S. – China: Which is the Great Satan?, Cyber Warfare and Cyber Strategies, Securing Iraq’s Borders, U.S. Foreign Policy Challenges. Experts were invited in to speak from CASL, The Middle East Institute, The National World War II Museum, The Eisenhower School, RAND Corporation, The Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington, and The Washington Institute. <https://nesa-center.org/iraqi-general-officer-capstone-seminar-ii>

## **Iraqi General Officer Capstone Seminar II**

23 August – 1 September 2022



*Iraqi General Officer Capstone Seminar II group photograph in Washington D.C. at National Defense University.*

# NESA Programs & Events

## **Dynamics of Countering Human Trafficking in Southwest Asia & the Gulf Seminar**

From 28 August – 1 September 2022, the NESA Center conducted a seminar titled “Dynamics of Countering Human Trafficking in Southwest Asia and the Gulf.” The four-day hybrid workshop was held in Muscat, Oman. The seminar started with welcomes by Course Director Distinguished Professor Dr. Hassan Abbas, NESA Center Deputy Director COL David Lamm, USA (Ret.), and Omani Representative Assistant Prosecutor Ahmed Talib Al Jabri. Each day began with a panel presentation from a multinational panel of experts analyzing the nature of the challenge and a guided discussion with the entire group. In the second session of each day, participants learned from practitioners’ perspectives and focused on problem-solving analytical tools. On the final day of the workshop, participants collaborated through a guided conversation on utilizing the knowledge gained, and analytical skills learned to develop a strategy to counter human trafficking in the region. Participants included representatives from Bahrain, Iraq, Maldives, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Turkey, and UAE. <https://nesa-center.org/dynamics-of-countering-human-trafficking-in-southwest-asia-and-the-gulf-seminar>

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28 August – 1 September 2022



*Dynamics of Countering Human Trafficking in Southwest Asia and the Gulf Seminar Group Photo.*



# NESA Programs & Events

## **Malaysian Armed Forces Director General of Defence Training Meets with the NESA Center**

Brigadier General Fadzillah bt Abdullah, RMAF, Director General of Malaysian Armed Forces Defence Training, and a delegation of five Malaysian military training staff officers representing the various branches of the Malaysian Ministry of Defence visited National Defense University (NDU) and the Near East South Asia (NESA) Center for Strategic Studies in Washington, D.C. on 6 September 2022.

NESA Center's Professor Richard Wiersema and Dean Charles Marks hosted the delegation to explore potential future Professional Military Education interactions such as faculty development, curricula review, subject matter expertise to enhance existing programs, and the provision of electives appropriate to senior staff officer education. The visit is part of a review of U.S. Professional Military Education and training programs in order to explore deepening of the relationship between Malaysia and the United States. The delegation was escorted by LTC Lemar A. Farhad, USA, the Chief of the Office of Defense Cooperation at the American Embassy in Kuala Lumpur. <https://nesa-center.org/malaysian-armed-forces-director-general-of-defence-training-meets-with-the-nesa-center-about-professional-military-education>

### **Malaysian Armed Forces Director General of Defence Training Meets with the NESA Center About PME** 6 September 2022



*Professor Richard Wiersema and Dean Charles Marks during a discussion with the Director General of the Malaysian Armed Forces Defence Training Brigadier General Fadzillah bt Abdullah and a delegation of the Malaysian Ministry of Defence military training staff officers.*

# NESA Programs & Events

## **NESA-USAFRICOM North Africa Senior Leaders Workshop**

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The Near East South Asia (NESA) Center for Strategic Studies, in partnership with U.S. Africa Command (USAFRICOM), conducted a “North Africa Senior Leaders Workshop” from 7–14 September 2022 in Washington, DC, ending the 2022 NESA-AFRICOM Workshop Series. The focus of the Workshop was on the crises and evolving global trends that will shape the world in decades ahead and how these factors will affect stability and other security issues. Factors such as how demographic changes, mobilization of populations, emerging technology (Artificial Intelligence [AI]), types and quality of governance, the nature of the world order, etc. will continue to demand governments and civil societies radically evolve to meet this new “disorder.” The program adopted a “whole of society” approach as it examined stacked crises and impacts on societies in the region. The Workshop had 25 participants from Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, and Turkey. Presentations were provided by a variety of experts from the U.S., Canada, Israel, Mexico, and Turkey. Tabletop exercise presentations from the two Dr. Eman Ragab from Egypt and Dr. Aslam Souli from Tunisia. The workshop was led by NESA Center Course Director Professor Anne Moisan and NESA Center Alumni Coordinator Fahad Malaikah. <https://nesa-center.org/nesa-usafricom-north-africa-senior-leaders-workshop>

## **NESA-USAFRICOM North Africa Senior Leaders Workshop 7–14 September 2022**



*Group photo from the NESA-USAFRICOM “North Africa Senior Leaders Workshop” conducted from 7–14 September 2022 in Washington, DC.*

# NESA Programs & Events

## Eastern Mediterranean Sea Security Roundtable

From 12–14 September 2022, the Near East South Asia (NESA) Center for Strategic Studies organized a roundtable discussion on security in the Mediterranean Sea in Rabat, Morocco. Scholars and representatives of civil society from Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, and Turkey attended the meeting. NESA Center Professor Dr. Gawdat Bahgat led the discussion focused on energy security, economic development, investing in human capital, counter extremist ideologies, regional conflicts, global power competition and American policy in the Mediterranean Basin. A follow-up meeting will be held next year. <https://nesa-center.org/eastern-mediterranean-sea-security-roundtable>

## Eastern Mediterranean Sea Security Roundtable

12–14 September 2022



*Professor Gawdat Bahgat and participants of the Eastern Mediterranean Sea Security Roundtable conducted from 12–14 September 2022 in Rabat, Morocco.*



# NESA Programs & Events

## **NESA Center Seminar on Academia, Media, & National Security in Pakistan**

On Tuesday, 13 September 2022, to better understand the relationship between media and security, as well as ways academia can play a role, the Near East South Asia (NESA) Center for Strategic Studies, in collaboration with the Islamabad-based, think tank Jinnah Institute, convened a day-long event on “Academia, Media, and National Security in Pakistan” at the Marriott Hotel Islamabad. NESA Center Distinguished Professor Hassan Abbas served as the Course Director and co-chaired the seminar with Jinnah Institute Program Director Salman Zaidi. The event was attended by senior practitioners (both from police and military), policy experts, and media persons who weighed in on each session’s themes. A detailed report based on seminar findings with short papers from panelists will be jointly published by Jinnah Institute and the NESA Center in January 2023. <https://nesa-center.org/nesa-center-seminar-on-academia-media-national-security-in-pakistan>

## **NESA Center Seminar on Academia, Media, & National Security in Pakistan**

13 September 2022



*Group photograph of the “Academia, Media, and National Security in Pakistan” seminar on 13 September 2022. Course Director Professor Hassan Abbas (center left) and special invited speaker Ambassador Robin Raphel (center right) from the Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS) in the front row.*

# NESA Programs & Events

## **Combating Transnational Threats Senior Executive Seminar: Information Warfare**

From 12–16 September 2022, the Near East South Asia (NESA) Center for Strategic Studies hosted a Combating Transnational Threats Senior Executive Seminar (CTSES) titled “Information Warfare” in Washington, D.C. The seminar kicked off with an introduction and welcome from NESA Center Deputy Director COL David Lamm, USA (Ret.), and NESA Center Academic Dean Dr. Roger Kangas. The five-day hybrid seminar focused on a range of topics, from the impact of information warfare on the region to strategically combating terrorism to American National Security. The participants also dove into issues like radicalization and terrorist recruitment as well as the current state of Al Qaeda and other terrorist groups. There were eleven sessions that began with prominent guest speakers followed by question and answer sessions with the participants held under Chatham House rule. The seminar was led and discussions were moderated by Course Director Professor Dr. Richard Russell. The CTSES engaged with 26 participants from 16 countries, with a number of attendees participating virtually. <https://nesa-center.org/combating-transnational-threats-senior-executive-seminar-information-warfare>

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12–16 September 2022



*Dr. Richard Russell welcoming the seminar participants with Dr. Roger Kangas (far left) and COL David Lamm, USA (Ret.), at the speaker table.*

# NESA Programs & Events

## Washington Seminar

On Wednesday, 21 September 2022, the Near East South Asia (NESA) Center for Strategic Studies hosted a Washington Seminar Discussion in Washington, D.C. The seminar was titled “A Superpower Awakens: Managing Security in Ukraine and the Middle East in the Modern Age.” NESA Center Director LTG Terry A. Wolff, USA (Ret.) had an engaging discussion with the group, which included foreign attendees (diplomats and military attaches) and NESA Center Faculty. The participants asked challenging questions about U.S. policies in the Middle East and in the Ukraine war, as well as about key issues such as relations with Iran, the persistence of conflict in Syria and Yemen, the challenges of supporting the Ukrainian military, and the challenges of defeating and then deterring Russia in Ukraine. The Washington Seminar discussion series is a flagship NESA Center program designed to provide senior diplomatic officials from the NESA region and U.S. partner countries with a forum for candid and substantive discussion on issues of critical importance to national and regional security. The not-for-attribution discussion was moderated by NESA Center Associate Professor David Des Roches. <https://nesa-center.org/washington-seminar-a-superpower-awakens-managing-security-in-ukraine-and-the-middle-east-in-the-modern-age>

### Washington Seminar: “A Superpower Awakens: Managing Security in Ukraine & the Middle East in the Modern Age”

21 September 2022



*Professor David Des Roches speaking to the group on 27 September 2022 in Washington, D.C.*

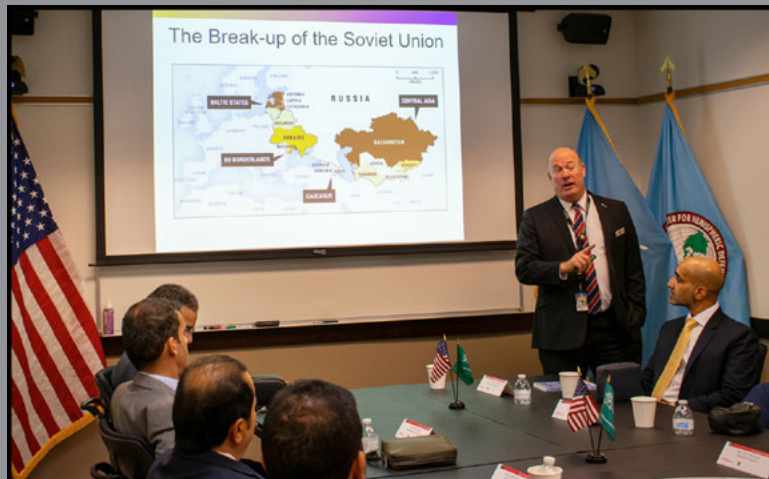
# NESA Programs & Events

## Royal Saudi Air Defense Forces Executive Leadership Program

From 23 September until 7 October 2022 the NESA Center, in partnership with Raytheon, conducted the eighteenth iteration of the Royal Saudi Air Defense Forces (RSADF) Executive Leadership Program. As in other programs, this course brings senior military officers (all on this specific program were general officers) from the RSADF to the United States to discuss critical security issues. This program was held in Washington D.C. and Boston. Highlights included presentations on Syria from the Middle East Institute's Charles Lister, on U.S. Future Security Concerns from former Air Combat Command General Mike Holmes (USAF Ret), and on Iranian Strategy from the Washington Institute's Mike Eisenstadt. NESA Center Associate Professor David Des Roches contributed talks on Great Power Competition and U.S. Strategy as well as on the Russian War in Ukraine. Participants also visited the U.S. Capitol with former Representative Dennis Hertel, visited the U.S. Early Warning Radar at Cape Cod, received an in-depth guided tour of the National Museum of the U.S. Army from LTG PT Mikloshek (USA Ret), and visited the Raytheon radar and PAC 2 missile plants in Boston. This program was run at no cost to the NESA Center and has educated every general staff primary officer and regional commander in the RSADF. <https://nesa-center.org/royal-saudi-air-defense-forces-executive-leadership-program>

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23 September – 7 October 2022

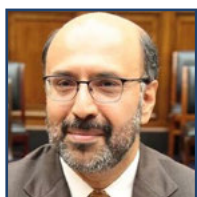


*Professor David Des Roches speaking to the group on 27 September 2022 in Washington, D.C.*



# NESA Faculty & Staff Engagement

## Dr. Hassan Abbas



**14–15 September 2022** – Spoke at the 16<sup>th</sup> International American Studies Conference in Islamabad, Pakistan. The conference was organized by the Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad in collaboration with the U.S. Embassy Islamabad.

This was also to commemorate 75 Years of US-Pakistan relations. <https://asc.qau.edu.pk/conference>

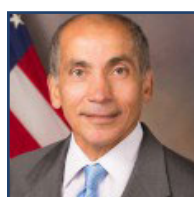


**29 September 2022** – Speaker at International Conference titled, “The World is Changing” organized by Rafidain Centre for Dialogue in Baghdad, Iraq. Discussed developments in Afghanistan with an audience of about 500–600 people.



**30 September 2022** – Served as a panelist at a Department of State’s Office of Analytic Outreach (INR) virtual seminar titled, “Assessing Taliban Governance One Year After U.S. Withdrawal.” The seminar hosted a total of 60 participants.

## Dr. Gawdat Bahgat



**22–23 August 2022** – Gave a talk on U.S.-Iran relations at a conference sponsored by Georgetown University in Doha, Qatar. About 50 scholars from the U.S., Europe, and Middle East participated.

**29 August 2022** – Gave a presentation to about 80 Omani military officers on the topic of cyber security.

**14 September 2022** – Spoke at the Mohammed IV Polytechnic University regarding U.S. foreign policy in Rabat, Morocco to about 40 faculty and students.

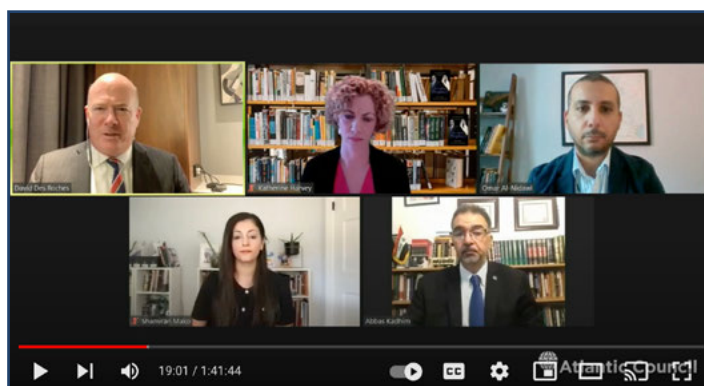
**25–28 September 2022** – Spoke at a U.S. Army Central (US-ARCENT) conference on maritime security in Charlotte, NC.

## David Des Roches



**18 August 2022** – Was invited to The Atlantic Council to discuss security aspects of Iraq’s political crisis and its role in the wider region. The Atlantic Council is one of the foremost think tanks on Middle East and general security issues.

Professor Des Roches noted that Iraq is too big to ignore or isolate and that the GCC states had tried to isolate Iraq but have recently included Iraq in regional groupings, to include the Jeddah summit with President Biden. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=asqXsFz07\\_M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=asqXsFz07_M)



# NESA Faculty & Staff Engagement

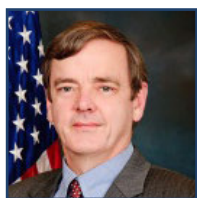
**29 August 2022** – Spoke at the college of William & Mary, given Xi Jinping's forthcoming visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the gyrations of the Biden administration policy towards the Kingdom, there was great interest in a formal presentation on U.S. Saudi relations and the historical and security context for current events. Over 20 undergraduate and graduate students as well as research faculty attended.



**23 September 2022** – Participated along with Professor Gawdat Bahgat in Sacra Cuore (Rome) University Pre-Publication seminar on Iran Russia Relations in light of the Ukraine War.

**28 September 2022** – Commented to CNBC on the defense industrial base and the provision of weapons to Ukraine. Des Roches was asked to comment on the sustainability of Western weapons provisions to Ukraine where he stated that we needed to step up our industrial base if we were to sustain the pace of weapons transfers. <https://www.cnbc.com/2022/09/28/the-us-and-europe-are-running-out-of-weapons-to-send-to-ukraine.html>

## John H. Gill



**19–24 September 2022** – Participated in an International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) visit to Pakistan to conduct a dialogue on nuclear weapons issues with Pakistani think tanks and to launch an IISS-published monograph entitled “Nuclear Deterrence and Stability in South Asia: Perceptions and Realities” of which Gill is a co-author.

## Ali Ahmad Jalali



**11 September 2022** – Interviewed by VOA Ashna and Afghanistan International TV commemorating the 9/11 and U.S. invasion of Afghanistan.

**28 September 2022** – Interviewed by VOA on anti-Taliban protests in major Afghan cities and the security situation in Afghanistan.

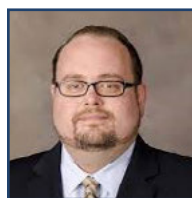
**29 September 2022** – Guest commentator on an international documentary by the London based “OR Media” for a six-part documentary on the U.S.-Afghanistan war of 2001–2021. The documentary was commissioned by al Arabia, featuring many top U.S. and NATO policy makers, Afghan leaders and other international actors.

## Roger Kangas



**14–18 September 2022** – In partnership with the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), lead a team of NESA Center faculty (Distinguished Professor Ali Jalalai, Distinguished Professor Hassan Abbas and Adjunct Professor John Gill) for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual NESA-IISS South Asia Security Conference in Muscat, Oman. Dean Kangas and Professor Gill also used the opportunity to call on the U.S. Embassy for a discussion with the DCM and SAO.

## Jeffrey Payne



**22 September 2022** – Joined the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) Podcast Series, Bridging the Oceans, to discuss the Indian Ocean Region. Led by RUSI's Veerle Nouwens and joined by RUSI's lead, Aaditya Dave, on a NESA-RUSI joint research project on the Indian Ocean Region. <https://rusi.org/podcasts/bridging-the-oceans/episode-42-rising-tide-competition-indian-ocean-region>

# NESA Faculty & Staff Engagement

## Michael Sharnoff



**22 September 2022** – Invited speaker for the Council of Former Federal Executives & Associates (COFFE) virtual event titled, “The Abraham Accords: Challenges and Opportunities.” Explored how the countries arrived at the

Abraham Accords, assessed the regional impact since 2020, and considered options to deepen trust and coop-

eration between Israel and its neighbors. [https://www.littlefallsvillage.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=4002&club\\_id=560791&item\\_id=1774357&event\\_date\\_id=255](https://www.littlefallsvillage.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=560791&item_id=1774357&event_date_id=255)

**30 September 2022** – Journal article published in the Fall 2022 edition of the Journal of South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at Villanova University titled, “Changing Attitudes Toward the West Bank in Jordan.”

<https://muse.jhu.edu/article/865905>

# NESA Alumni Activities & Contributions

29 August – **Shanthie D’Souza (India)** co-authored an article for the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP): [“Bolstering the India-Germany Strategic Partnership.”](#)

01 September – **Mustafa Fetouri (Libya)** wrote an Op-Ed for the Middle East Monitor: [“Who fought who in Tripoli last week, and why.”](#)

02 September – **Arslan Chikhaoui (Algeria)** wrote an article for the NESA website: [“Algeria – U.S. Strategic Partnership.”](#)

03 September – **Shahab Khan (Bangladesh)** was interviewed by the Daily Star: [“Tough ‘balancing’ act awaits South Asia, Bangladesh.”](#)

15 September – **Asanga Abeyagoonasekera (Sri Lanka)** wrote an article for the NESA website: [“Ayman Al-Zawahiri’s Death and Political-Economic Fragility in South Asia.”](#)

19 September – **Shanthie D’Souza (India)** co-authored a policy brief for Mantraya: [“The Killing of Ayman al Zawahiri: Impact on al Qaeda-linked Terror Groups in Africa.”](#)

23 September – **Antonia Dimou (Greece)** and Oded Eran (Israel) were interviewed for an article in Middle East Eye: [“Israel-Lebanon maritime talks ripple across eastern Mediterranean.”](#)

27 September – **Eman Ragab (Egypt)** published an Op-Ed in Arabic for Masrawi: [“Don’t exaggerate the importance of social media.”](#)

29 September – **Uttam Kumar Sinha (India)** co-authored an Op-Ed for Hindustan Times: [“To protect the Sundarbans, Delhi and Dhaka must unite.”](#)

29 September – **Eman Ragab (Egypt)** published an article in Arabic for Trends Research and Advisory: [“European Security Arrangements amidst the Russia-Ukraine War.”](#)

29 September – **Eman Ragab (Egypt)** published an Op-Ed for Ahram Online: [“Africa on the climate agenda.”](#)

# NESA Alumni Activities & Contributions

**Total Center NESA Alumni: 12,576**

**Total Countries: 138**

**New Alumni in FY22: 1,025**

NESA Center added 1,025 new alumni in FY22. Click on the link below to view how many alumni are from each country and reference other countries of interest.

Visit the NESA Center Alumni Interactive Map:  
<https://nesa-center.org/alumni-map/>



## NESA Upcoming Events

**Engagement with the Omani Academy of Defense & Strategic Studies** | 4 October 2022 | Washington D.C.

**Washington Embassy Orientation** | 17–21 October 2022 | Washington D.C.

**Saudi Conflict Termination Program** | 22–26 October 2022 | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

**NESA-AFRICOM Transnational Threats Roundtable** | 26 October 2022 | Virtual

**Royal Jordanian National Defense College Collaboration** | 24–27 October 2022 | Washington D.C.

**SANDU Joint Professional Military Education Research Workshop** | 7–20 November 2022 | Washington D.C.

**Senior Executive Seminar** | 14–18 November 2022 | Virtual

**Saudi Peacekeeping Seminar** | 4–8 December 2022 | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

**Executive Seminar** | 5–16 December 2022 | Virtual

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