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National Security Seminar

Established in 1954, the National Security Seminar (NSS) is the final event for the Army War College's Resident Students before graduation. NSS allows students and selected guests to examine national security issues through presentations by distinguished speakers and the exchange of candid dialogue. The three-day event exposes our students to a diverse cross-section of America, allowing them to better understand the society they serve. NSS guests also gain from the experience, as they share in the exploration of issues and are introduced to future leaders of the American armed forces and government departments, as well as International Fellows and the Army War College's Faculty.

Program Overview

Approximately 160 guests are invited each year to attend the NSS. Guests are from all over the country. They are representative of the nation's diversity - in occupations, geographic regions, and other demographic factors. Since this is an outreach program with limited seating available, we intentionally invite guests who do not already have a close association with the military. This approach encourages a free and frank exchange of differing views among the guests and students.

Six or seven NSS guests are assigned to each of the 25 student seminar groups. They are encouraged to actively participate in the discussions, examining ideas and issues creatively and critically. This exchange allows students to gain from the personal experience and perspectives of NSS guests.

Each day features a distinguished speaker who sets the theme for the day's discussions. The focus for each day will be one of the instruments of national power: diplomatic, informational, military and economic (DIME). Generally, on the first day of NSS Week, a keynote speaker will address current security issues. On subsequent days, in the context of the DIME themes, speakers may cover topics such as the challenges of civil-military relations, the role of domestic politics in national security, globalization, foreign policy, international security issues and the future role of the United States. Our speakers are widely recognized and accomplished experts in their respective fields.

Bottom Line: NSS Week provides an outstanding opportunity for professional and social interaction between America's future military and government leaders and you -- civilian leaders of today. We look forward to your participation!



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2021 Virtual National Security Seminar
Schedule of Events

Monday 7 June	Tuesday 8 June	Wednesday 9 June
<p>0930 (9:30 AM) – 1100 (11:00 AM) Seminar Introductions</p> <p>1130 (11:30 AM) – 1230 (12:30 PM) Keynote Speaker</p> <p>1300 (1:00 PM) – 1430 (2:30 PM) Seminar Discussions</p>	<p>1000 (10:00 AM) – 1100 (11:00 AM) Distinguished Speaker</p> <p>1200 (12:00 PM) – 1330 (1:30 PM) Seminar Discussions</p>	<p>1000 (10:00 AM) – 1100 (11:00 AM) Distinguished Speaker</p> <p>1200 (12:00 PM) – 1330 (1:30 PM) Seminar Discussions</p>

** All times are Eastern Standard Time*

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