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Feb. 3 Turkey: A Partner in Crises
Nora Fisher-Onar
Of all NATO allies, Turkey represents the most daunting challenge for the Trump administration. In the wake of a failed military coup in July 2016, the autocratic trend in Ankara took a turn for the worse. One year on, an overwhelming majority of the population considers the United States to be their country's greatest security threat. In this age of a worsening “clash of civilizations” between Islam and the West, even more important than its place on the map is what Turkey symbolically represents as the most institutionally westernized Muslim country in the world. CCU welcomes Nora Fisher-Onar, an assistant professor in global politics in the Department of Politics at Coastal Carolina University, to address this topic.

Feb. 10 U.S. Global Engagement and the Military
CPT George Fust
The global power balance is rapidly evolving, leaving the United States at a turning point with respect to its level of engagement and the role of its military. Some argue for an “America first” paradigm, with a large military to ensure security, while others call for a more assertive posture overseas. Some advocate for a restoration of American multilateral leadership and a strengthened role for diplomacy. Still others envision a restrained U.S. role, involving a more limited military. How does the military function in today’s international order, and how might it be balanced with diplomatic and foreign assistance capabilities? CCU welcomes CPT George Fust, a graduate student in Duke University’s American Grand Strategy program and soon-to-be instructor in the Department of Social Sciences at the US Military Academy at West Point, to address this topic.

Feb. 17 Media and Foreign Policy
Misti Williams
State and non-state actors today must maneuver a complex and rapidly evolving media landscape. Conventional journalism now competes with user-generated content. Official channels of communication can be circumvented through social media. Foreign policy is tweeted from the White House, and “fake news” has entered the zeitgeist. Cyberwarfare, hacking and misinformation pose complex security threats. How are actors using media to pursue and defend their interests in the international arena? What are the implications for U.S. policy? CCU welcomes Misti Williams, a lecturer of political communication in the Department of Communication, Media and Culture at Coastal Carolina University, to address this topic.

Feb. 24 Global Health: Progress and Challenge
Fredanna M’Cormack McGough
The collective action of countries, communities and organizations over the last 30 years has literally saved millions of lives around the world. Yet terrible inequalities in health and well-being persist. The world now faces a mix of old and new health challenges, including the preventable deaths of mothers and children, continuing epidemics of infectious diseases, and rising rates of chronic disease. We also remain vulnerable to the emergence of new and deadly pandemics. For these reasons, the next several decades will be just as important—if not more so—than the last in determining well-being across nations. CCU welcomes Fredanna M’Cormack McGough, chair of the Department of Health Sciences and associate professor of public health at Coastal Carolina University, to address this topic.

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