



# The Passport

World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area ([www.wacmb.org](http://www.wacmb.org))

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## **The Changing World of German Politics**

**Professor Carolyn Halladay**

**Department of National Security Affairs**

**Naval Postgraduate School**

**Thursday, May 26, 2022**

**11:30 am: Registration   12:00 pm: Luncheon   12:45 pm: Program**

**\*\* Bayonet Black Horse Club, 1 McClure Way, Seaside. See page 3 for directions. \*\***

When Angela Merkel announced in 2018 that she would not seek re-election as German chancellor in 2021, people spoke, with only a little hyperbole, about the end of an era. Observers of Germany certainly expected changes in Berlin, but which ones? The answer remains unclear, however portentous it may ultimately be. It took two months for a governing coalition to form, with the result a somewhat unlikely three-way “stop light” agreement among disparate parties. While the new government seeks to clarify its domestic priorities, unprecedented international events, notably the Russian invasion of Ukraine, confront the German leadership. It is a very different Germany—and world—for Chancellor Olaf Scholtz. In her presentation, Professor Carolyn Halladay will



explore the promise and potential pitfalls of the current situation.

Carolyn Halladay is a Senior Lecturer in the Center for Civil-Military Relations and in the National Security Affairs Department at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS). She also lectures at the NPS Center for Homeland Defense and Security. An historian

and a lawyer, Dr. Halladay’s academic focus is on contemporary Central Europe.

Before joining the NPS faculty, Dr. Halladay was a lecturer in history at Pennsylvania State University at Erie, The Behrend College. She has also taught history and international relations at the graduate and undergraduate levels at The George Washington University in Washington, DC.

**For more information on WACMB’s vaccination and attendance policies, please see page 4**

# **Liaison Report: Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (MIIS)**

WACMB is delighted to welcome Elizabeth Bone to the Board as the new MIIS liaison. Elizabeth works in the Center for Advising and Career Services, where she is a Career and Academic Advisor for Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies. She has a BA in Political Science from the US Naval Academy and an MA in National Security and Strategic Studies from the US Naval War College, and worked for 18 years in the defense and homeland security intelligence communities. Here is her report on what's happening at MIIS.

- For the first time since the pandemic began, MIIS will have an in-person commencement ceremony! It will take place at Colton Hall on Saturday, May 21, and will be open to the public, with Covid protocols in place. The speaker will be Fatema Zumar, a VP at the US Millennium Challenge Corporation, where she leads efforts to reduce poverty through economic growth.

- MIIS student volunteers worked as language interpreters at the Big Sur International Marathon in April, underlining the “international” part of BSIM.

- Middlebury University undergraduates can now spend a semester at MIIS through the California Climate Semester, a new program focused on climate change and environmental history and justice. Some of these students are taking science classes at CSUMB through an institutional partnership.

- An anonymous donor has gifted Middlebury with a \$25 million grant to support Conflict Transformation initiatives. MIIS will use its portion to fund fellowships, research grants, and community engagement opportunities.

- MIIS and NPS have continued their exchange program through which MIIS students

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take courses at NPS and NPS students take courses—usually language studies—at MIIS.

- MIIS has partnered with DLI in its Chinese Flagship language program. Supported by the US Department of State, this intensive and immersive language program is geared toward students who are planning to work in government service.

- Thom Shanker, journalist and one-time Moscow Bureau Chief for the *Chicago Tribune*, recently spoke at MIIS on the now-dangerous relationship between the United States and Russia. His talk, entitled “Perestroika to Putin,” can be viewed here: <https://tinyurl.com/32bkhd3>

## **Discussion Groups**

The 2022 *Great Decisions* program is finished for the year, but the conversation continues. The WACMB Discussion Group will be meeting on Monday, May 2, at 4:45 pm via Zoom. (This particular meeting's time has been moved forward to accommodate another lecture at the Panetta Institute.) The topic for this month's meeting is China, Taiwan, and the United States. The group is moderated by Boyd Haight and Linda Dilger. If you are interested in joining this Discussion Group, please send an email with your request to WACMB at [info@wacmb.org](mailto:info@wacmb.org).

The WACMB/OLLI Discussion Group, moderated by John Hetz, is currently on hiatus. Check the WACMB or OLLI websites for updates about when the group will begin again.

Come join the conversation!

## **Thank You!**

Many thanks to Michael Simons of Comanche Cellars on Alvarado Street in Monterey for his generous gift of wine for our speakers!

## RESERVATION FORM

***Reservations due May 24. Luncheon is at Bayonet Black Horse in Seaside.***

Registration: 11:30 am

Luncheon: 12:00 pm

Program: 12:45 pm

Mail form and check or credit information to:

WACMB, PO Box 83, Monterey, CA 93942

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*Note: No refunds or credit will be given for cancellations received after the due date*

## New Luncheon Location and Prices

Please note that May's luncheon is at a new location: the clubhouse at Bayonet Black Horse (BBH) Golf Course at 1 McClure Way on what used to be Fort Ord. The easiest way to get there is to exit Highway 1 at Lightfighter Drive. Continue east until you reach the third stoplight, where you will turn right onto Gen. Jim Moore Blvd. After about two miles, you will see the entrance to the golf course on your right. Turn right onto McClure Way and follow it to the parking lot.

As you face the buildings, you'll see a sidewalk that begins at an archway between some planters. Follow the sidewalk toward the bay to the end of the building, where you will enter the building on your left into The Grill. Once inside, continue straight ahead until you reach the end of the building, then turn left into the meeting room. We hope to see you there!

Luncheon prices differ among the various venues we now use. At BBH, the cost for members is \$43 and for guests is \$48.

## LUNCHEON MENU

- Organic Greens with Pine Nuts, Golden Raisins, and Vinaigrette
- Roasted Beef Tenderloin with Bearnaise Sauce
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Fresh Bread and Butter
- Carrot Cake
- Coffee

## VEGETARIAN OPTION

Crispy Polenta Napoleon with Wild Mushrooms, Boursin Cheese, Spinach, and Roasted Peppers

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## Vaccination Requirements

- All those attending luncheons (or any other WACMB in-person events) must show proof of full Covid-19 vaccination, including a booster.
- To prove your vaccination status, you can present either your vaccination card or your State of California QR code.
- You only need to present such proof once. Your documentation will be noted, and that box will be automatically checked for future meetings.
- ***For the time being, no auditors will be permitted to attend any WACMB in-person meetings. This is to ensure that every person in the room has been vaccinated and boosted.***
- Thank you for your cooperation with our efforts to keep our members healthy!

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