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Defeating evils of extremism around the globe.

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## The Global War on Terrorism: Myths, Realities & Solutions

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Co-sponsored by and held at:

**DATE:** Wednesday, December 6, 2017

**TIME:** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**LOCATION:**

The Elliott School of International Affairs,  
Lindner Family Commons  
1957 E Street, N.W., Room 602  
George Washington University,  
Washington, D.C.



### The Interview Project

Rise to Peace seeks to fulfill its mission with a series of educational efforts. The foundation of these efforts is the "Interview Project," in which we personally interview young people who formerly embraced extremist ideology and became misguided foot soldiers for groups such as the Taliban, al-Shabaab and ISIS – we travel around the globe to conduct these interviews and understand how these youngsters were recruited by these groups and what eventually enabled them to break the chains of extremism.

### The Say Hello Campaign

The purpose of our activity is to bring communities together around the world. Our team of volunteers "Hello" to strangers on the streets, and at school, work, and everywhere they go to promote relationships between communities and to spread the message of hope, change, and peace to the people of the world.

### Active Intelligence Database

The Active Intelligence Database is an initiative created by the Rise To Peace team in an effort to spread information and facilitate education on the threat of global terrorism.





# OUR GOAL



## MISSION OF RISE TO PEACE

Rise to Peace ([risetopeace.org](http://risetopeace.org)) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating others on the dangers of extremism and terrorism, particularly how these groups prey on and recruit the youth. In this discussion, hosted by Rise to Peace, the panelists will examine the Post-9/11 “Global War on Terrorism” and address such questions as: Have military operations in the Middle East and Africa suppressed terrorist safe havens? Have domestic surveillance efforts helped or hindered internal security in the United States? Have diplomatic efforts fostered cooperation among the United States and its allies to thwart the rise of extremism?

*Rise to Peace*  
Empowering peace, education and tolerance as tools to eliminate extremist ideology and its pervasive brutality around the world.

## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



**Ambassador John W. Limbert**

Ambassador John W. Limbert, Distinguished Professor of International Affairs, United States Naval Academy. Ambassador Limbert is the former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Iran in the State Department’s Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs. He is a veteran U.S. and a former official at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, where he was held captive during the Iran hostage crisis.diplomat

Learn More:  
<https://www.usna.edu/PoliSci/faculty/bio/limbert.php>



**Christopher A. Kojm**

Christopher A. Kojm, Former chairman of the National Intelligence Council; former staffer on the House Foreign Affairs Committee; former deputy assistant secretary of state in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research; former deputy director of the 9/11 Commission; visiting professor at the Elliott School, George Washington University.

Learn More: <https://elliott.gwu.edu/kojm>



**Gawdat Bahgat**

Gawdat Bahgat is a professor of National Security Affairs at the National Defense University’s Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Study. He is an Egyptian-born specialist in Middle Eastern policy, particularly Egypt, Iran, and the Gulf region. His areas of expertise include energy security, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, counter-terrorism, Arab-Israeli conflict, North Africa, and American foreign policy in the Middle East. 003).

Learn More:  
<http://www.nesa-center.org/faculty/>



**Ahmad Shah Mohibi**

Ahmad Shah Mohibi, the founder of Rise to Peace brings more than 11 years of experience working with the United States and Afghanistan governments along with the greater international community to fight terrorism and build democratic nations for peace and stability in the world. He and his family were forced to move and live in different villages, observing the severity of terrorism at its worst as it targeted vulnerable children recruited by the Taliban.

Learn More:  
<http://www.risetopeace.org/ahmad-mohibi/>



**Alicia Fawcett, Panel Moderator**

Alicia Fawcett has worked in as an intelligence and research security analyst and as a migrant domestic for the Regional Academy of the United Nations. She also interned for the U.S. Department of State, The International Women’s Democracy Center, The National Council of Women’s Organizations, The Forum Foundation and The US-China Policy Foundation. She received her M.A. International and Diplomatic Studies from the University of Economics in Prague, a B.A. Economics and a B.A. International Studies with an emphasis in Asia.



**Michael R. Sherwin, Panel Moderator**

Michael R. Sherwin, an Assistant United States Attorney with the U. S. Department of Justice, has extensive experience in national security investigations and counterterrorism cases. Prior to becoming a federal prosecutor, Michael was an intelligence officer in the U.S. Navy, where he served throughout the Middle East in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) and Operation Iraqi Freedom.