



## **47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations**

**June 30-July 3, 2017  
Marconi Conference Center  
18500 State Highway One  
Marshall, CA 94940**

### **“Revolutions” in the Late 20<sup>th</sup> and Early 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries**

Our chosen conference theme could not be more appropriate today. The world has faced and is facing revolutions on a wide range of scales: local, national, international, and theoretical. Politics, passions, and sentiments run high. Let’s meet together; hear from each other; listen to each other and learn from each other at our ISCS C 47<sup>th</sup> International Conference.

Conference Chair: Lynn Rhodes  
Program Chair: Laina Farhat-Holzman

**A Sessions in Cypress Lodge  
B Sessions in Pine Lodge.**

**Friday, June 30, 2017**

**6:00 – 7:30 pm  
Dinner, Redwood Dining Hall**

**7:30 pm  
Hosted Welcoming Reception  
Cypress Lodge**

**Welcome and Introduction, Toby Huff, President, ISCSC.  
Brief history of Marconi Center and the facilities we will use, Lynn Rhodes.  
The Program, the Abstracts, and instructions on length of presentations  
and sessions, Laina Farhat-Holzman.**

**Saturday, July 1, 2017**

**7:00 to 8:30 am  
Breakfast, Redwood Dining Hall**

**9:00 to 10:15**

**Session A: Plenary Keynote 1:**

**Toby Huff: Can Civilizational Analysis Contribute to our Understanding of a  
World in Disarray?**

**10:15-10:45 am  
Break**

**10:45-12:00**

**Session A: The Nature of Revolutions**

**Laina Farhat-Holzman: A Survey of How Revolutions Shaped Modernity**

**Ernest B. Hook: Political Revolutions: A Typology of Concepts, Causes,  
and Consequences**

**Session B: Cultural Survival and Challenges (Climate Change).**

Michael Andregg: The Caterpillar Metaphor for Rapid Change During “Interesting Times.”

Lynn Rhodes: Cultural Resource Protection: Navigation Through Climate Change.

12 – 1: 15 pm  
Lunch, Redwood Dining Hall

1:30-3:00

**Session A: “Civilizational” Issues**

Michael Palencia-Roth: Reviewing Madhuri S. Sondhi: *Intercivilizational Dialogue on Peace: Martin Buber and Basanta Kumar*.

Michael Palencia Roth: Reviewing *Classical Indian Thought and the English Language: Perspectives and Problems*.

John Grayzel: Reviewing Sasson Sofer, *The Courtiers of Civilization: A Study of Diplomacy*

Chair: Michael Palencia Roth

3:00 – 3:30  
Break

3:30-5:00

**Session A: Plenary Keynote 2.**

**Eric Trager: The Failure of the Arab Spring**

Our guest speaker this year is Eric Trager, an Esther K. Wagner Fellow at the Washington Institute in Washington, D.C. He is the author of the widely acclaimed, *Arab Fall: How the Muslim Brotherhood Won and Lost Egypt in 891 Days* (Georgetown University Press, 2016). Dr. Trager is an

expert on the Middle East, was in Egypt during the revolts, and continues to conduct field research during periodic returns to Egypt. His writings have appeared in numerous publications, including the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Foreign Affairs*, the *Atlantic*, and the *New Republic*. We are excited to have him as our guest speaker at this 47<sup>th</sup> ISCS Conference. More information about Mr. Trager can be found here: <http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/experts/view/trager-eric>.

**6-7:30 pm**

**Dinner, Redwood Dining Hall**

**7:30-9:00 pm**

**Session A: Books**

Peter Hecht: Reviewing David W. Anthony, *The Horse, the Wheel and Language: How Bronze-Age Riders from the Eurasian Steppes Shaped the Modern World*.

Laina Farhat-Holzman: Reviewing Scott L. Montgomery and Daniel Chirot, *The Shape of the New: Four Big Ideas and How They Made the Modern World*.

Laina Farhat-Holzman: Reviewing Eric Trager, *Arab Fall: How the Muslim Brotherhood Won and Lost Egypt in 891 Days*.

**Sunday, July 2, 2017**

**7:00-8:30 am**

**Breakfast, Redwood Dining Hall**

**9:00-10:15**

**Session A: Islamic Revolution Crises**

Norman Rothman: Jihad and Violence

Mohamed A. 'Arafa: Whither the Arab and Muslim World? Religious Fascism or Legal Authoritarianism?

Chair: Norman Rothman

## **Session B. Challenges to Liberal Democracies**

Zoltan Novak: Can Spengler Explain the Islamic State?

Hirosoni Kato: The Challenge to Religious Tolerance in Islam—  
Fundamentalists' Resistance to a Non-Muslim Leader.

10:15-10:45

Break

10:45- 12:00

## **Session A: Comparative History Explorations**

John Berteaux: Black France, Black America: Engaging Historical  
Narratives.

John C. Scott: Phoenicians and the Formation of the Western World.

Michael Palencia-Roth reviewing Andrew Scull, *Madness in Civilization:  
A Cultural History of Insanity*

Chair: Michael Palencia Roth

## **Session B: Big History Studies**

Ross R. Maxwell: How to Span Human Experience from Prehistory to  
Today.

David Wilkinson: The Power Configurations of the Central  
Civilization/World System in the Eleventh Century.

Yunzhong Shu: Comparing Deng Xiaoping's Views of Socialist Revolution  
and Their Results with the Visions of Marx, Lenin, and Mao Zedong.

Chair: Toby Huff

12-1:30 pm  
Lunch, Redwood Dining Hall

1:30-2:15  
Session A: Editorial Board Meeting

2:15-3:15  
Session B: Board / General Membership Meeting

3:15-3:30 Break

3:30-5:00  
Plenary Keynote 3  
Daniel Chirot: Defending the Enlightenment

We are fortunate to have another very special speaker at this year's conference. Daniel Chirot is the Herbert J. Ellison Professor of Russian and Eurasian Studies in the University of Washington's Henry Jackson School of International Studies. He has an international reputation and will give a paper on the continuing importance of the European Enlightenment. Chirot's most recent book, co-authored with Scott Montgomery, is *The Shape of the New: Four Big Ideas and How They Made the Modern World* (Princeton University Press, 2015). Chirot has worked in and written about Europe, Africa and Southeast Asia.

His other books have been about genocide, ethnic conflicts, tyranny, social change, and Eastern Europe. He has consulted for NGOs, recently for CARE in Africa. He has received a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship and a Senior Fellowship at the United States Institute of Peace. More information about Mr. Chirot can be found here:  
<https://soc.washington.edu/people/daniel-chirot>

6:00-7:30  
Association Banquet  
Redwood Dining Hall

7:45-8:45 pm.

**Video: *How To Start a Revolution***

This film shows how Nobel Peace Prize nominee Gene Sharp's controversial book *From Dictatorship to Democracy* has been used against dictatorships from Serbia to Ukraine to Iran, climaxing in its use in the Egyptian revolution and the ongoing Syrian uprising. We see how the book's 198 strategic "weapons" of non-violent direct action have brought dramatic results, and why it has become the standard manual for anyone wanting to start a revolution.

**Discussion to follow.**

Monday July 3, 2017

7:30-9:00  
Breakfast  
Redwood Dining Hall

9:00 am – 11:00  
Session A. Books

Laina Farhat-Holzman reviewing Samuel P. Huntington, *Who Are We? The Challenges to America's National Identity*.

Michael Andregg reviewing Johan Faltung: *World Politics of Peace and War*.

Laina Farhat-Holzman Reviewing J. D. Vance, *Hillbilly Elegy*.

12:00:  
Lunch and Checkout  
(room checkouts and key-return must be completed by 10 AM)