

Beyond the Headlines: Redefining Responsibility in the Arms Trade

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The Forum on the Arms Trade Conference

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Tuesday, January 14, 2020 · 11:30am-5:30pm

Stimson Center, 1211 Connecticut Ave NW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20036

In the wake of continued U.S. arms provision to Saudi Arabia after the murder of Jamal Khashoggi, in impeachment investigations of security assistance initially withheld for Ukraine, and in the withdrawal of support to the Kurds in Syria, the arms trade has been at the center of the news in recent months. Missing at times, however, has been a deeper discussion of what is responsible arms trade moving forward.

The second Forum on the Arms Trade annual conference, "Beyond the Headlines: Redefining Responsibility in the Arms Trade," is a half-day event taking place Tuesday, January 14 that will feature leading Congressional and civil society voices in conversation with audience participants. RSVP soon to examine in-depth why arms trade issues are in the spotlight and for insights into making that trade more responsible in 2020, and the decade ahead.

This event is co-sponsored by the Arms Control Association, Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC), Security Assistance Monitor at the Center for International Policy, the Stimson Center, and Win Without War

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SCHEDULE

(As of 1/07/2020)

11:30am-12:00pm	Lunch available
12:00-12:40pm	"The Need for Arms Trade Responsibility" Keynote Address by Rep. Ted Lieu (D-Calif.)
12:45-1:15pm	Panel: Going Beyond the Headlines - Understanding The Longer Term Dynamics of Today's News
1:20-2:00pm	• Adam Isacson, Director for Defense Oversight, Washington

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- Office on Latin America (WOLA)
- **Andrew Miller**, Deputy Director for Policy, Project on Middle East Democracy (POMED)
 - **Dina Smeltz**, Senior Fellow, Public Opinion and Foreign Policy, Chicago Council on Global Affairs
 - **Rachel Stohl**, Vice President, Stimson Center (*moderator*)

2: **Panel: Redefining Responsibility in
15 the Arms Trade**

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- **Daniel Mahanty**, Director, US Program, Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC)
 - **Diana Ohlbaum**, Senior Strategist and Legislative Director for Foreign Policy, Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)
 - **Kate Kizer**, Policy Director, Win Without War
 - **Jeff Abramson**, Senior Fellow, Arms Control Association (*moderator*)

3: **Panel: Arms Trade in Popular Drama—
30 *Madam Secretary* and the "Strategic
-4: Ambiguity"**

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- **David Grae**, Executive Producer, *Madam Secretary* (CBS)
 - **Brittany Benowitz**, Chief Counsel, American Bar Association (ABA) Center for Human Rights
 - **Colby Goodman**, Senior Consultant, Transparency

International Defence and Security

Additional participant to be named.

4: Closing Remarks and Reception

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