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## Center for Homeland Defense & Security Executive Education Program Webinar Series Starts Off With Supply Chain, Energy Sector Vulnerabilities Discussion

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## Body

The Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security issued the following story:

Optionality, integration, and public-private partnerships will all be key elements to address our nation's vulnerabilities involving both the supply chains and the energy sector now and into the future.

That's according to a panel of experts in the first of a five-part webinar series presented by the Center for Homeland Defense and Security Executive Education Program entitled "America in Transition: How Homeland Security is Changing and What Leaders Need to Know in 2023."

Part of the CHDS EEP Lecture and Webinar Series, the five-part series will feature national experts discussing the evolving homeland security and emergency management landscapes during a time of transition and increasing concern domestically and globally.

The series planned for five Wednesdays in December and early January is held in partnership with the American Logistics Aid Network (ALAN), Big City Emergency Managers (BCEM), Governors Homeland

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Security Advisors Council (GHSAC), International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), International City/County Management Association (ICMA), National Emergency Management Association (NEMA), Naval Postgraduate School Alumni Association and Foundation, and the CHDS Alumni Association.

Each of the webinars will be recorded and available on the CHDS website.

In the lead-off webinar held on Wednesday, Nov. 30 and entitled "What Keeps Us Going? Understanding Vulnerabilities in the Energy Sector and Our Supply Chains," (https://www.chds.us/c/what-keeps-us-going/) the panel included: moderator David Kaufman (CHDS Executive Leaders Program cohort 0601); Vice President and Director of Safety and Security at the Center for Navy Analyses, as well as University of Tennessee Supply Chain Management Lecturer Mary Long; former White House COVID-19 Supply Chain Coordinator Tim Manning (CHDS ELP cohort 0601); and University of Texas at Austin **Bureau of Economic Geology** Director and Texas State Geologist Dr. Scott Tinker.

The panel discussed a range of topics including the need for improved cooperation between government and the public sector and to shift from a focus solely on efficiency and lower cost to maximizing optimization with regard to supply chains. They also discussed the need for pursuing a range of options for current and future energy sources while maintaining the goal of reducing global emissions, as well as security threats as a result of U.S. reliance on foreign resources for batteries and technology manufacturing.

Manning said government and the private sector still have much to learn from each other on supply chains, while Long, who has worked at food and beverage companies including Campbell's Soup, General Mills, Pepsi, and Domino's, said there is a need for the private sector to better understand the government's ability to influence public policy on supply chains.

Tinker argued that government should avoid picking "winners" in energy resource policy, and should instead set emission reduction goals and allow the pursuit of a range of energy sources to meet those goals instead of eliminating those that are disfavored. He noted that about three-quarters of the globe is emerging from poverty and access to energy will be the key to their development.

Webinar participants asked a series of questions during the event, including what the panelists saw as the greatest security threats to power systems and supply chains. Manning said there has been a lack of adequate investment in our nation's infrastructure, Long said we need improved information flow and to address our future water supply issues, and Tinker said we need to find a way to engage in civil dialogue and be ready to pursue all options if we are to address our energy needs.

Upcoming webinars as part of the America in Transition series include:

The Global Picture: What Do Foreign Threats Mean for Us Here at Home?

VIEW/Register here (https://www.chds.us/c/global-picture/)

Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 11 AM (Pacific time)

"The Global Picture: What Do Foreign Threats Mean for Us Here at Home?," which will take a look at how the global threat landscape is evolving as we transition into 2023, including the evolution of domestic terrorism, the use of "gray zone" tactics to target the homeland, and what local and state leaders should know about how the global picture impacts the security landscape for our nation's communities. A panel will feature moderator Russ Porter, National Counterintelligence and Security Center Senior Executive; Senior Vice President and Director for the Center for Strategic and International Studies and CHDS Instructor Seth Jones; former U.S. Department of Homeland Security Acting Under-Secretary of Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism Coordinator John Cohen; and, New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness Director Laurie Doran.

Fighting with Nature: How Society is Changing Its Approach to Natural Hazards

VIEW/Register here (https://www.chds.us/c/fighting-with-nature/)

Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 11 AM (Pacific time)

"Fighting with Nature: How Society is Changing its Approach to Natural Hazards," which will consider what we've learned about how we interact with our environment, and what leaders should know about our ever-changing natural hazard landscape. It will explore insights gained from recent U.S. natural disasters and what leaders need to known when facing ever-growing challenges to resilience in the next several years. Panelists include moderator Jonathan Gaddy, CHDS subject matter expert; former Federal Emergency Management Agency Director of Individual and Community Preparedness

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Natalie Enclade; former FEMA Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance and Mitigation Roy Wright; and, Center for Climate Resilience and Decision Science Argonne Labs Director Kyle Pfeiffer.

The Evolving Cyber Threat: How Do We Face a National Threat to Distributed Infrastructure?

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Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 11 AM (Pacific time)

"The Evolving Cyber Threat: How Do We Face a National Threat to Distributed Infrastructure?," which will look at recent trends in cyber-attacks and how the cyber landscape will continue to evolve over the next few years, as well as consider the threats of criminal cyber-attacks including ransomware from adversarial foreign actors while exploring mitigation and response options available to U.S. communities. Panelists include moderator Eileen Decker, CHDS subject matter expert; White House Assistant National Cyber Director Drenan Dudley; U.S. DHS Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Paul Rosenzweig; and Global Forum on Cyber Expertise Foundation President Christopher Painter, a former U.S. Department of State Cyber Diplomat.

America in 2023 and Beyond: Changes in the Homeland Security Landscape

VIEW/Register here (https://www.chds.us/c/america-in-2023-and-beyond/)

Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 11 AM (Pacific time)

"America in 2023 and Beyond: Changes in the Homeland Security Landscape," which will look at how America continues to evolve in the post-COVID world amid persisting global and domestic threats. The session will also explore local and global trends and how they will create challenges and opportunities for policymakers in the near future. The final webinar in the series will reflect on the diverse threats discussed during the entire five-part "America in Transition" series and how homeland security leaders can address these with an ever-changing workplace and workforce over the next few years. Panelist invitations are still pending.

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