

George Mason University's Terrorism, Transnational Crime, and Corruption Center (TraCCC) Presents:

Reality Diplomacy: How Ambassadors Deal with Crime and Corruption Abroad



With Ambassadors
**Richard Kauzlarich (Azerbaijan and Bosnia and Herzegovina)
& Kenneth Yalowitz (Belarus and Georgia)**



For American business operating abroad, crime and corruption are realities of doing business internationally that must be avoided. The risk is that companies end up on the wrong side of the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. Further in many cases they need the help of US Embassies to avoid having to deal with corrupt host government officials.

For non-official Americans living abroad, the facilitative payment to the traffic cop who arbitrarily stops their car to check papers, or to the border guard to speed up clearance of their household effects through customs is simply a small price to pay in societies that seem to operate on different standards of public service than Americans are used to.

For students and academics, crime and corruption are political and sociological phenomena to be sliced and diced in the classroom and in scholarly articles as impediments to good governance to be eliminated through establishing independent judiciaries and democratically-elected legislatures passing the right sort of laws.

Ambassadors Kenneth Yalowitz and Richard Kauzlarich, retired Senior Foreign Service Officers, have dealt with crime and corruption in countries where US foreign policy and national security objectives are at risk through the interaction criminal and corrupt official behavior. What can Ambassadors do when confronted with this nexus of crime and corruption while trying to accomplish a broad set of US political, economic and security priorities? Ambassadors Kauzlarich and Yalowitz will discuss their professional experiences in this regard and provide lessons-learned that will underscore the importance of better understanding how the intersection of terrorism, transnational crime and corruption represents a major non-traditional security challenge for the United States in the 21st Century.

For the **Bios of the Ambassadors** please go to TraCCC's Key Personnel Page At:
<http://tracc.gmu.edu/about-us/key-personnel/>

Date: Thursday, October 18th, 12:30pm-2:00pm

Location: Room 113, Founders Hall
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Arlington, VA 22201
(Virginia Square Metro Stop)

***Please Bring Lunch, Beverages Will Be Provided
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