Strategic Threats and Opportunities in the 2020s

*a panel discussion featuring*

Gen. Paul J. Selva
U.S. Air Force
10th Vice Chair, Joint Chiefs of Staff (Retired)

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Monsanto Auditorium, Bond Life Sciences Center
Reception to follow in the Monsanto Lobby

This panel features prestigious experts in international politics with extensive high-level experience in the military, academia, and foreign policymaking, respectively. The panelists will discuss what they see as the key strategic threats and opportunities facing the United States in the coming decade. The event celebrates the newly formed Truman School of Government and Public Affairs at the University of Missouri.

Dr. Mary Stegmaier
Vice Provost for International Programs
Director of the International Center
Truman School Associate Professor
University of Missouri
(Panel Moderator)
Retired Air Force Gen. Paul J. Selva served as the 10th vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Prior to this assignment, Gen. Selva was appointed commander of United States Transportation Command, responsible for overseeing all global air, land, and sea transportation systems for the entire Department of Defense. Prior to that, he was commander of Air Mobility Command. A command-rated pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours logged, Gen. Selva earned a bachelor’s degree in aeronautical engineering from the U.S. Air Force Academy, a master’s degree in management and human relations from Abilene Christian University, and a master’s degree in political science from Auburn University. He currently serves as vice chair of The Aerospace Corporation’s Board of Trustees.

Deborah Avant is the Sié Chéou-Kang Chair for International Security and Diplomacy at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver. Her research focuses on civil-military relations and the roles of non-state actors in controlling violence and generating governance. She is author of *Who Governs the Globe?* (with Martha Finnemore and Susan Sell); *The Market for Force: the Consequences of Privatizing Security*; and *Political Institutions and Military Change: Lessons From Peripheral Wars*, along with numerous other publications. Professor Avant regularly advises governments, companies, NGOs, and others on the roles that many play in global governance and serves on numerous governing and editorial boards. Dr. Avant is also the incoming president of the International Studies Association. She received her Ph.D. in Political Science from University of California, San Diego in 1991.

Daniel W. Fisk is the Chief Operations Officer of the International Republican Institute (IRI). Fisk previously served in a number of positions in the U.S. Government, including as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Western Hemisphere Affairs on the National Security Council; as a Deputy Assistant Secretary in the State Department’s Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; on the professional staffs of the Senate Foreign Relations and House Foreign Affairs Committees; and as the Deputy Director for International Counternarcotics Matters in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. He holds a juris doctor and master’s degree in government from Georgetown University and a bachelor’s degree from the University of Tulsa.

Dr. Mary Stegmaier (panel moderator) currently serves as the Vice Provost for International Programs and Director of the International Center. Her research concentrates on elections and voting behavior in the U.S. and Europe, and has been published in a variety of journals including the *British Journal of Political Science, East European Politics & Societies, Electoral Studies, Political Behavior, Politics & Policy, Public Choice*, and the *Annual Review of Political Science*. She has also served as an international election observer with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Albania, Macedonia, Belarus, and Kyrgyzstan.