



LEADER DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINED PEACE



PROVIDING REGIONAL EDUCATION & INTEGRATING LEARNING ON COMBATING VIOLENT EXTREMISM

LDESP MISSION & GOALS

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The Leader Development and Education for Sustained Peace Program educates law enforcement and civilian leaders from partner nations to combat violent extremism and prepares senior military and civilian US leaders for short and long-term engagement in Africa, Pacific, Middle East, Europe and other regions around the world.

Designed to meet the educational standards set out in the draft CREL Strategy, the Strategic Landpower White Paper, 2013, U.S. Army Learning Concept for 2015, Defense Strategy 2012, Army Operating Concept, JP 1-02, ADP 3 Unified Land Operations, TRADOC Pam 525-3-1, CJCSI (Officer and Enlisted PME Policies).

LDESP programs are conducted at unit requested locations (both CONUS & OCONUS).

LDESP Programs

LDESP Offers:

1. REGIONAL SEMINARS: Regional seminars focusing on political, cultural, security and other mission related issues tailored to individual unit requirements that aim to prepare mid to senior military leaders participating in multilateral and joint military exercises and short and long-term engagements in the Middle East, Europe, Pacific, Afghanistan, Africa, and other regions around the world

2. WORKSHOPS ON COMBATING VIOLENT EXTREMISM: Seminars and workshops customized to address the concerns of the Ministry of Interior, law enforcement and security organizations in partner countries focusing on law enforcement challenges in the region, immigration, radicalization trends in the region, counter-radicalization strategies and cooperative measures with regional law enforcement networks. These events include a scenario based exercises, case studies and projects.

3. STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS: State Partnership seminars focusing on areas of cooperation between the state National Guard within the US and its partner country.

4. LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS: Leadership seminars that aim to develop innovative thinkers, capable of predicting second and third order effects, who have the cultural and political understanding necessary to effectively use negotiation skills and who can retain team building and training skills along with the capacity to leverage technology.

LDESP: Background



2000

2003

2003

2008

2012

2014

2016

BALKANS

OIF/OEF

SPP

REGIONAL

DR/HA - RAF

RAF

MASTERS

2000 - LDESP was established to conduct the Balkans regional educational programs.
FOCUS: Distance learning and seminars on Culture, History, Security Sector Reform, Interagency Partners/Host Nation, Governance & Rule of Law (Bosnia and then Kosovo).

2003- OEF & OIF Programs: LDESP Cultural, regional and socio-political seminars and distance learning courses on Iraq and Afghanistan.

2003 - State Partnership Program (SPP): LDESP began conducting SPP seminars for NGB-IA.

2008 - Regional Programs: LDESP began conducting regional programs on Areas of Interest.

2012 - RAF-RAB Programs: LDESP synchronized with the former 162nd Infantry Brigade to conduct regional/country orientations to prepare RAFs/RABs.

LDESP developed a program on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HA/DR).. ,

Afghanistan Courses for NATO Partners: Conducted regional, cultural, political and security orientation on Afghanistan for NATO partner countries.

2014-2015 - Conduct regional programs for USARPAC, USARAF, USARNORTH, USARCEN & course on Comparative Religions.

2015 - Combating Violent Extremism Seminar for Partner nations

Regional Seminars



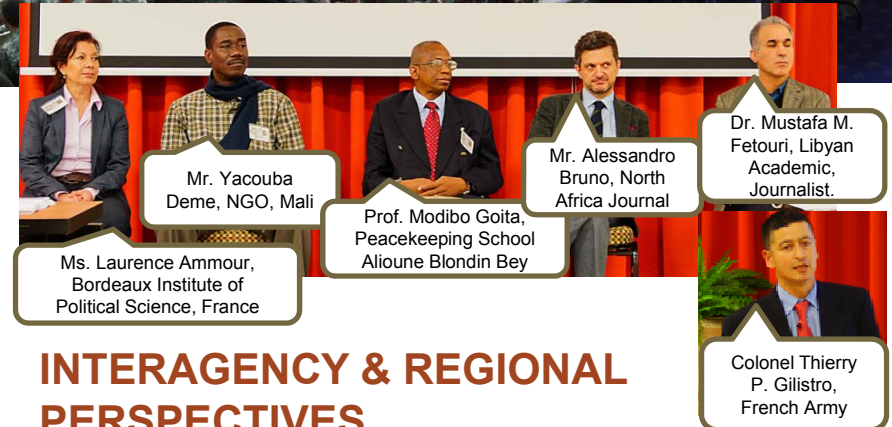
COLLABORATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM:

- LDESP Seminars are presented by faculty from leading educational institutes, NGOs, think tanks, government, military, and other international organizations.
- Faculty with recent experience, doing current research in region are contracted, as required, to present on topics and regions of focus.

MISSION SPECIFIC TOPICS:

- Faculty with specialized areas of expertise (such, Disaster Response, Peacekeeping, Medical Stability etc.) lead discussions relating to the mission of TCTs, Mil-to-Mil events, TSC activities of RAF units.

LDESP brings together regional expertise from the region, academia, regional centers, government, local universities and Army (FAOs, SPP).



INTERAGENCY & REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES

- Experts from region offer their perspectives on US policies and priorities for the region, and the role of the local military and government in people's lives. Faculty from NGOs, interagency and international organizations review challenges of working with military forces.

Workshops on Combating Violent Extremism

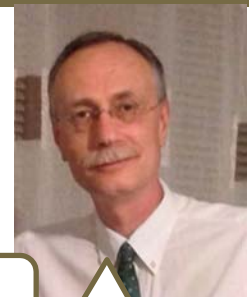


“WHOLE OF SOCIETY” APPROACH TO BUILDING PARTNER CAPACITY TO COUNTER EXTREMISM & TRANSNATIONAL THREATS

- **Workshops:** Supporting COCOM efforts to build partner nation capacity to counter violent extremism and transnational threats in region.
- **Integrated Education:** Bringing together US service members, regional law enforcement partners, international experts, community and civil society organizations to engage in a dialogue on increasing interoperability and sharing best practices on countering the activities of extremist groups and other criminal organizations.

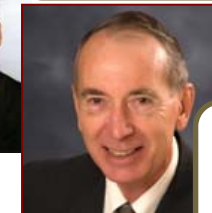


Mr. Ivan Milanov,
State Agency for
Refugees, Bulgaria



Mr. Roland
Francois-Weil,
UNHCR
Representative,
Bulgaria

Dr. Jon Alterman, former
Member Policy Planning
Staff at the U.S.
Department of State.



AMB David Shinn,
former US
Ambassador to
Burkina Faso and
Ethiopia

TRANSNATIONAL THREAT EXERCISES:

- Scenario based decision making exercises that include multiple case studies based on real life situations relating to radicalization, transnational criminal activities, drug trafficking, piracy and other challenges in region of interest.
- Participants will make decision within the virtual environment and apply lessons learned to actual situations they are likely to face in countering violent extremism and combating transnational threats

ACTION PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS, REGIONAL SOLUTIONS & ASSESSMENTS

Action Plan: Action plan compiled from the recommendations of regional participants and experts on community based approaches for combating transnational threats and violent extremism in the region.

Assessments & Reports: Assess regional approaches to countering violent extremism & combating transnational threats. Report on security environment based on field trips focused on issues identified by Command.

Evaluations: Evaluate existing programs offering education to US government and international partners relating to CVE.



Regional Assessments

COUNTRY ASSESSMENTS/CCIRS

LDESP faculty often travel to different countries and regions to conduct research. These faculty can provide summary and report based on field trip on issues of focus identified by Command.

METHODOLOGY

- LDESP will coordinate and keep list of faculty visits to regions/countries around the world to conduct research.
- Upon request from COCOMs, LDESP will coordinate with experts to provide assessments and reports focused on identified areas of interest and threats.



Security Threat & Campaign Planning Workshops



LDESP faculty can support and travel to unit/COCOM locations to brief and hold discussions with Commander and senior Leaders on threats and opportunities in region

- LDESP faculty are available to participate in one on one discussions on current and future threats in region.
- They can hold classified and unclassified discussions on strengthening alliances and reviewing opportunities to bring together planners from ASCCs, ally/partner nations & subordinate units.
- They can participate in discussions on potential challenges and opportunities related to specific missions.





Distance Learning

DISTANCE LEARNING

LDESP currently offers distance learning courses on more than 52 countries/regions. DL programs are built as requested by Command.

Participants can self register and access the course from the left column of the site.

OPEN TO ALL RANKS & FAMILY MEMBERS

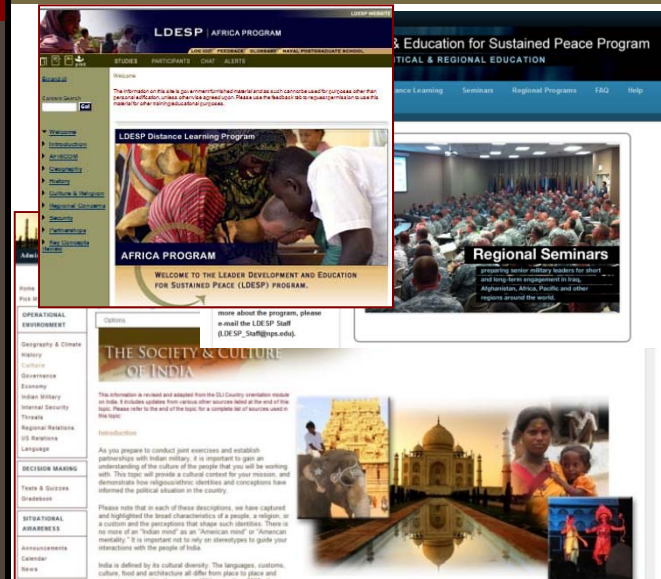
SELF PACED, WITH FINAL REVIEW

USARPAC

Bangladesh
Cambodia
India
Indonesia
Japan
Korea
Malaysia
Mongolia
Philippines
Singapore
Thailand
Vietnam
China

USARSO

Northern Region - Venezuela,
Guyana, Suriname, and French
Guinea
Suriname
Brazil
Chile
Columbia
Central America
Honduras, El Salvador, Belize:



NS3077

Participants who complete the distance learning course and attend the LDESP seminar can choose to enroll and receive four graduate level course credits through NPS, if they complete all of the requirements for NS3077 – Practicum in Regional Security Studies. It is a directed study program concluding with participants completing a research paper of 15–20 pages (3,000-4,000 words) length in a regional area related to the regional focus of the LDESP seminar.

USARCENT

Afghanistan
Arabian Peninsula
Central Asia (CASA)
Egypt
Gulf States
Iran
Iraq
Jordan
Kuwait
Lebanon
Levant
Middle East
Pakistan
Saudi Arabia
Syria

USARAF

Africa
Central Africa
Ghana
Horn of Africa
Morocco & Tunisia
Nigeria
North Africa
Southern Africa
West Africa

USAREUR

Armenia
Azerbaijan
Georgia
Israel & the Palestinian Territories
Kosovo
Balkans: Serbia & Croatia
Western Europe: France, Germany, Austria
Baltic States; Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia
East Central Europe: Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia
South Central Europe: Hungary and Romania
Russia and Ukraine

There are currently 85,772 users enrolled in all of the LDESP distance learning courses, with 4200 enrollments in FY15

Distance Learning: Introduction to CVE



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Combating Extremism

Welcome

The information on this site is government furnished material and as such personal edification, unless otherwise agreed upon. Please use the feed material for other training/educational purposes.



Disengagement & Counter Radicalization Approaches

As part of your regular duties involving the combating of violent extremism, you may be involved in formulating policies or working with law enforcement leaders to provide community leaders for developing community wide responses that can prevent and mitigate threats posed by violent extremists.

Understanding the reasons why people are attracted to radical ideologies and providing practical solutions to turn them away from violent action will be a central part of this effort. However, it also important that in doing so governments and the law enforcement do not resort to discrimination and increase sympathies for extremist views by restricting freedom of expression.



Counter radicalization and violent extremism project in the Sahel-Magreb region



Visitors are taken on a tour of a new de-radicalization centre near Riyadh



Participants who formerly fought for the Taliban attend a deradicalization class in the Deaf Valley

As you consider different approaches to countering extremism, it is important to remember the distinct processes for disengagement, counter-radicalization and de-radicalization:

1. **Counter-radicalization** aims to prevent radicalization by reducing vulnerability and increasing resilience of individuals that may be at risk of being recruited by extremist groups. This approach works with currently nonradical individuals or communities.
2. **Dis-engagement** calls for renouncing violence, leaving a group or changing one's role within it (not necessitating a change in values or ideals)
3. **De radicalization** involves targeting the hearts and minds.

Counter-radicalization is therefore concentrated on prevention, while de-radicalization seeks to reverse the process by helping to refute extremist ideologies and facilitate the departure of individuals from extremist groups. Counter-radicalization and de-radicalization seeks a "change in beliefs" but targets different while disengagement tries to bring about a "change in actions."

LDESP PROGRAMS SCHEDULED & CONDUCTED IN FY16 (As of 4 Dec)

DATE	COURSE	UNIT	LOCATION	Funding	# of Learners
23-25 Nov	Korea	1-1 CAV	Ft. Hood, TX	Unit	287
8-9 Dec 2015	Baltics	4 ID	Ft. Carson	Unit	64
16-18 January	Balkans - KFOR	2BDE 28ID	Ft . Bliss	TRADOC	68
25-27 January	PP 1: Thailand (CG), Korea (FE), Philippines (Baliktan)	1 SBCT 2 ID	JBLM, Tacoma, WA	USARPAC	508
8-9 Feb	Cambodia (AS)	130 Eng	Schoefield Barracks	USARPAC	
Feb	ARCENT (T)	USARCENT	Shaw AFB	ARCENT	
Feb (2 days)	Mongolia (Khan Quest)	38 TSC	Anchorage, AL	USARPAC	
First week of March?	Gulf States (T)	3 ABCT 1 AD	FT Bliss, TX	Unit	
15-17 March	Bulgaria CVE program	Bulgaria MOI	Sofia	EUCOM	
25-27 March	Kuwait	197 FA BDE	Ft. Bliss	Div- West (T)	
TBD March	Korea	75 FA BDE	Ft. Sill	Unit	
April	Balkans - KFOR	28 CASH	Ft. Bragg	Unit	
April	Viking	Multilateral	Sweden	Exercises-WIF	
May	USARPAC	TBD	TBD	USARPAC	
May	Kenya SPP	TBD	TBD	NGB-IA	
May	PP2: Thailand (HG), Philippines (SK), Indonesia (GS), Malaysia (KS)	2 SBCT	JBLM	USARPAC	
June	Bosnia CVE Seminar	MOI	Sarajevo	EUCOM	
mid June?	PP3: Singapore (TB), Japan (RT, OS)	25th IN DIV	TBA	USARPAC	
July	Korea & Japan(Yama Sakura)	5-1 CAV	Ft Wainwright	USARPAC	
July	Balkans - KFOR	TBD	TBD	TRADOC	
August	India Seminar	TBD	TBD	USARPAC	
September	Kentucky - Djibouti	KYNG	Louisville, KY	NGB-IA	
5-16 September 2016	YA16	India	India	Exercises	
September	ARCENT	USARCENT	Shaw AFB	ARCENT	

**LDESP LEADERSHIP SEMINAR
BULGARIA MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
30TH JUNE - 2 JULY 2015**

TUESDAY, 30TH JUNE 2015	WEDNESDAY, 1 JULY 2015	THURSDAY, 2 JULY 2015
0900-0915 Opening Comments: Introduction of Participants & Instructors		Transformational Leadership and Community Policing
0915-0945 Icebreaker Exercises	0900-1030 Mr. Roland Francois-Weil, UNHCR Representative, Bulgaria, Mr. Ivan Milanov, Head of the International Affairs Directorate at the State Agency for Refugees	0900-1015 Mr. Robert Gandy, Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Trainer
	1030-1040 Break	1015-1030 Break
0945-1100 Radicalization: Threats, Trends & Counter-Terrorism Approaches Dr. Thomas Mockaitis, Professor of History, DePaul University,	1040-1210 Engagement of Religious and Ethnic Minority Communities Dr. Cynthia Lintz, Balkan Studies Officer and Outreach Specialist, American Research Center in Sofia (ARCS), Bulgaria	Methods of Illuminating Dark Networks 1030-1145 Mr. Daniel LeRoy, Faculty Associate, Research CORE Lab, Defense Analysis Dept, Naval Postgraduate School.
1100-1115 Break	1210-1310 Lunch	1200-1300 Lunch
1115-1230 Counter-Radicalization and De-radicalization: A Comparative Evaluation of Approaches in Different European Countries. Mr. James Hardy, British Government Security Sector Reform Advisor	1310-1430 Mr. Robert Gandy, Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Trainer	Scenario Based Exercise: How a Case Moves from Law Enforcement through the Court System (Contd) 1300-1430
1230-1330 Lunch	1430-1440 Break	1430-1445 Break
1330-1445 Transatlantic Security Challenges: Trafficking & Organized Transnational Criminal Networks in Europe Dr. Phillip Williams - Wesley W. Posvar Chair in International Security Studies at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh.	1440-1610 Police and Judicial Cooperation within Bulgaria Ms. Ivanka Ivanova, Program Director of the Law Program of Open Society Institute – Sofia	1445-1600 Train the Trainer: Mentoring, and Advising Law Enforcement Leaders:
1445-1500 Break		1600-UC Closing Comments
1515-1645 Regional Police and Judicial Cooperation and Networks Faculty Panel		

Tuesday, December 8 2015

Wednesday, 9 December 2015

Opening Comments

0900-0915

NATO & the Security Landscape in the Baltics, Balkans & Central Europe

0915-1045

Dr. Matthew Rhodes
Professor of National Security Studies
George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies,

1045-1100

Break**NATO Response Force (NRF)**

1100-1200

Mr. James Hardy, British Government Security Sector
Reform Advisor

1200-1300

Lunch

1300-1430

Baltic States: Culture and Socio-Political Trends of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

Dr. Guntis Smidchens, Associate Professor at University of
Washington

1430-1445

Break

1445-1615

Romania & Bulgaria: Culture & Socio- Political Trends

LCDR Joshua Hensley
Deputy Chief, Office of Defense Cooperation, Sofia -

Poland: Culture, Socio-Economic & Political Trends

0900-1015

Dr. Padraic Kenney, Professor of History; Director,
Polish Studies Center, Indiana University

1015-1030

Break**Slovakia & Hungary: Culture & Socio- Political Trends**

1030-1200

Dr. Martin Votruba, Director, Slovak Studies Program,
and Senior Lecturer, Department of Slavic Languages
and Literatures, University of Pittsburgh

1200-1300

Lunch

1300-1430

Regional Relations, Implications of Unrest in Ukraine & Crimea

Dr. Jens Bastian, Independent Economic Analyst and
Financial Sector Consultant for Southeast Europe

1430-1445

Break**The Armed Forces of the Baltic States & Central Europe**

Lt Col Glen Grant, British Army, Ret., Political and
Business Consultant

1445-1500

Faculty Panel: Multinational Exercises & the Challenges of Working in a Multinational Environment

1545

Closing comments

1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division (1/1 AD) 15-16 October 2014

Wednesday, 15 October 2014		Thursday, 16 October 2014	
0900-0910	Opening Comments Colonel Ross Coffman, Commander, 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division	0900-1015	The History Culture & Religion of the People of Canada Fr. Mark Sargent, Executive Coordinator, NFPC
0910-0930	Course Overview and Faculty Introduction COL (Ret) Robert Tomasovic, USA, Program Director, LDESP	1015-1030	Break
0930-1045	The Security Landscape in North America Mr. Robert Vokac, Wolverine Consulting, Ontario, CA	1030-1130	The History, Culture & Religion of the People of Mexico Mr. Gary Hale, Grupo Savant
1045-1100	Break	1130-1230	Lunch
1100-1230	North America: A Look Back at Our Histories Dr. Whitney Azoy, Anthropologist Emeritus	1230-1345	The Canadian Army LCol John Reiffenstein, Canadian Army Liaison Officer. US Army Combined Arms Center, Fort Leavenworth
1230-1330	Lunch	1345-1400	Break
1330-1445	Transnational Criminal Organizations Operating Across North America Mr. Wayne Hissong (MSC) Professor Police Foundations, Lambton College	1400-1500	The Mexican Army Mr. Gary Hale, Grupo Savant
1445-1500	Break	1500-1515	Break
1500-1630	Homeland Defense: The Military's Role Mr. Timothy Roorda, Hathaway Bridge International Consulting	1515-1615	Engaging & Communicating with the Counterparts in Armed Forces of the Mexico Mr. Paul Crespo, Trident Crisis Management Group
		1615-1630	Break
		1630-1730	Defense Support for Civil Authorities & Role of the Armed Forces in Supporting Disaster Management COL (Ret) Alan Petty, USA
		1730-UC	Closing Comments Colonel Ross Coffman, Commander, 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division and COL (Ret) Robert Tomasovic, USA, Program Director, LDESP

LDESP Faculty



LDESP TAPS INTO A POOL OF MORE THAN 300 FACULTY (AS REQUIRED) WHO OFFER VARIED PERSPECTIVES TO AID UNDERSTANDING of COMPLEX ISSUES IN REGIONS OF INTEREST.



DR. DAVID KANG

Professor, University of Southern California & Director of the Korean Studies Institute, author of *East Asia Before the West: Five Centuries of Trade and Tribute* and co-author of *Nuclear North Korea: A Debate on Engagement Strategies*.

AMB. DAVID SHINN: Adjunct Professor of International Affairs at The Elliot School of International Affairs, former US Ambassador to Burkina Faso and Ethiopia

DR. AISSATA SIDIKOU: Associate Professor, Naval Academy, Language & Identity Expert.



Member Policy Planning Staff at the U.S. Department of State, Special assistant to the assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern Affairs. Author of *Arab Reform and Aid* and *the Vital Triangle: China, the United States and the Middle East*

DR. JENS BASTION: Dr. Jens Bastian a political economist & financial sector analyst for Southeast Europe, based in Athens, Greece, focuses on economic trends and the regional and security landscape of Europe.

MR. DODGE BILLINGSLY

Documentary film producer co-wrote, produced, and directed *Immortal Fortress: A Look Inside Chechnya's Warrior Culture*, a film that took him deep into the dangerous war-torn breakaway region of Chechnya.



DR. JON ALTERMAN

DR BERNARD LOO:

Associate Professor at the S. Rajaratnam School at Singapore focuses on defense policy, and challenges of military transformation in the Pacific region.



What Makes LDESP Unique

- **Long Term DoD Enabler Providing an Understanding of Varied Operational Environments:** LDESP has designed and delivered more than 600 courses and seminars since 2000, setting the stage for leaders to establish an understanding of the given operational environment.
- **Develops Customized Curricula to Meet Specific Mission Requirements:** LDESP builds each curriculum and selects topics that will focus on specific areas of interest, sectors & geographic area, based on the mission. Each program is customized to meet the intent of Command & specific mission requirements.
- **Brings Together DoD Educational Enablers & Diverse SME/Faculty to Meet Requirements for Specific Topics & Areas of Expertise:** LDESP taps into the expertise and brings together diverse subject matter experts from various DoD educational organizations, leading academic institutions, think tanks, government agencies, the military and the private sector to address requirements for specific knowledge related to mission. LDESP has established relations with a pool of more than 300+ faculty that can be hired at short notice to support areas, subjects and regions of focus on a as-needed basis.
- **Programs Can be Conducted at Location of Choice:** LDESP is extremely agile, and efficient and has a team that works seamlessly together making it possible for the program to conduct more than 50+ seminars a year at any location.
- **Cost Efficient:** LDESP is structured so cost is related only to requirements. Faculty and most of the support staff are compensated only for the days that they support program

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