Proxy Wars: Managing Difficult Allies in
Counter-Insurgency, Counter-Terror, and Counter-Narcotic Struggles

September 19-20, 2016
Lindner Commons, 6th Floor
Elliott School of International Affairs
The George Washington University
1957 E Street, NW, Washington, DC

AGENDA

Monday, September 19

8:45 am – 10:15 am  Welcome and Theory Overview
David Lake, Professor of Political Science, UC San Diego
Gerard Padró i Miquel, Professor of Economics,
London School of Economics

10:15 am – 10:30 am  Break

10:30 am – 11:30 am  Pakistan (2001-2011)
Author: Clara Suong, Graduate Student, UC San Diego
Discussant: Daniel Markey, Senior Research Professor in
International Relations, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced
International Studies, Johns Hopkins University

Author: Matthew Nanes, Graduate Student, UC San Diego
Discussant: Natan Sachs, Fellow, Center for Middle East Policy,
The Brookings Institution

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm  Lunch

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm  Colombia (1990-2002)
Author: Abigail Vaughn, Graduate Student, UC San Diego
Discussant: Abbey Steele, Assistant Professor of Political Science,
University of Amsterdam

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm  Break

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm  Yemen (2002-2012)
Author: Benjamin Brewer, Graduate Student, UC San Diego
Discussant: Luke Hartig, Deputy Director for Counterterrorism
Operations in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for
Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm  **El Salvador (1979-1992)**  
*Author:* Ryan Baker, Graduate Student, George Washington University  
*Discussant:* David Ucko, Associate Professor, College of International Security Affairs, National Defense University

6:00 pm  
Dinner  
Circle Bistro, One Washington Circle Hotel  
1 Washington Circle NW, Washington, DC 20037

**Tuesday, September 20**

9:00 am – 10:00 am  **Germany-Denmark (1940-1945)**  
*Author:* Brandon Merrell, Graduate Student, UC San Diego  
*Discussant:* Ethan Hollander, Associate Professor and Chair of Political Science, Wabash College

10:00 am – 10:15 am  Break

10:15 am – 11:15 am  **South Korea (1949-1953)**  
*Author:* Julia Macdonald, Postdoctoral Scholar, University of Pennsylvania  
*Discussant:* Conrad Crane, Chief of Historical Services, Army Heritage and Education Center, US Army War College

11:15 am – 12:15 pm  **Afghanistan (2002-2012)**  
*Author:* Shannon Carcelli, Graduate Student, UC San Diego  
*Discussant:* Kael Weston, Former State Department Political Adviser to Marine Units, Iraq & Afghanistan

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm  Lunch

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm  **Israel-Palestinian Authority (1993-2016)**  
*Author:* Alexei Abrahams, Postdoctoral Scholar, Harvard University  
*Discussant:* Daniel Kurtzer, Professor in Middle Eastern Policy Studies, Princeton University

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm  Break

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm  **Iraq (2001-2011)**  
*Author:* David Lake, Professor of Political Science, UC San Diego  
*Discussant:* Kael Weston, Former State Department Political Adviser to Marine Units, Iraq & Afghanistan

3:30 pm – 4:15 pm  **Concluding Thoughts: Policy Implications**  
Stephen Biddle, Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, George Washington University