



For the U.S. Naval War College 6th Annual Genocide Studies Conference this year, the theme is "The Informational Tools of Genocide." We are constantly barraged with disinformation and misinformation campaigns in the media and on the Internet, especially in the fogs of wars and conflicts. This is particularly true in the lead-up to genocide as well as during the frenzy of genocidal violence. Afterward, the perpetrators of genocide distort information to secure their denials of participation and complicity. The informational tools of genocide appear in the propaganda machines of the genocidaires. Social media, artificial intelligence, the Internet, and many other technologies make it increasingly difficult to ascertain the truth. This conference addresses these informational tools and challenges in the context of genocide.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 1200 Welcome**
[Dr. Hayat Alvi](#), U.S. Naval War College
- 1205 Opening Remarks**
[Rear Admiral Peter A. Garvin, U.S. Navy](#), President, U.S. Naval War College
- 1215 Introduction of the Conference & the Panelists**
Dr. Hayat Alvi, U.S. Naval War College
- 1230 Panel**
The Soulless Nature of Technology: Dataism
[Dr. Tom Creely](#), U.S. Naval War College
The Enduring Effects of Information: Malign, Benign, and Inadvertent
[Dr. Don Thieme](#), U.S. Naval War College
Contemporary Challenges in Genocide
[Dr. Azeem Ibrahim](#), U.S. Army War College / Newlines Institute for Strategy and Policy
- 1400 Q & A**
- 1500 Conference Adjourned**

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PRESIDENT, U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE



Rear Admiral Pete Garvin is the 58th President of the U.S. Naval War College and a career patrol and reconnaissance pilot. He graduated, with merit, from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1989, with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering. Garvin attended the National War College, graduating in 2005 with a Master of Science in National Security Strategy. He is also a 2015 alumnus of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI. His previous commands include the “Fighting Tigers” of VP-8, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing (CPRW) 10, Navy Recruiting Command, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group and, most recently, Naval Education and Training Command.

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Dr. Stephen J. Mariano most recently served as the deputy commandant and dean of the NATO Defense College in Rome, Italy. He also served on the faculties of the School of International Service at American University, National Defense University, the Royal Military College of Canada, and the U.S. Military Academy. He holds a B.A. in mathematics and economics from the University of California, Santa Barbara, an M.A. in national security affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School, and a Ph.D. in war studies from the Royal Military College of Canada.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZER



Dr. Hayat Alvi is an Associate Professor in the National Security Affairs Department at the U.S. Naval War College. She has served as the Director of International Studies at Arcadia University, and she taught political science at the American University in Cairo, Egypt (2001-2005). Dr. Alvi spent a year in Damascus, Syria, as a Fulbright Fellow (1993-1994). She is proficient in Arabic and Urdu. Dr. Alvi's specializations include International Relations, Political Economy, Security and Strategic Studies, Terrorism and Counterterrorism, Conflict Resolution, Genocide Studies, Middle East and South Asian Studies, and Islamic Studies. She has published numerous books, articles, and chapters, including her latest books, *The Political Economy and Islam of the Middle East: The Case of Tunisia* (Palgrave, 2019); and, *Nonviolent Activism in Islam: The Message of Abul Kalam Azad* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2021). She is the organizer and host for the NWC annual Genocide Studies Conference, and she also teaches an elective course entitled, "Genocide Studies."

PANEL



Dr. Thomas Creely is creator and director of the Ethics and Emerging Military Technology Graduate Certificate Program at the U.S. Naval War College, which conducts research on ethics of emerging disruptive technologies contributing to policy. He has collaborated with Five Eyes the Technical Cooperation Project ELSEI, Special Competitive Studies Project, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, DOD Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office, Defense Innovation Board, Cyber Solarium 2.0, and IEEE Society for Social Implications of Technology. He also serves as a subject matter expert in Women, Peace, and Security and serves on the WPS General Committee and Faculty Advisory Council.



Dr. Don Thieme is an Olmsted Scholar and MIT Seminar XXI Fellow who has served in a variety of infantry, reconnaissance and planner assignments. He served as the Naval attaché (Warsaw) and Marine attaché (London) prior to joining the Naval War College faculty. After retiring from the Marine Corps, he worked as a contractor for the War Gaming Department, U.S. Naval War College.



Dr. Azeem Ibrahim is a Research Professor at the Strategic Studies Institute, US Army War College, and a Director at the Newlines Institute for Strategy and Policy in Washington, D.C. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge after which he completed fellowships at the universities of Oxford, Harvard and Yale.

Over the last two decades, Dr. Ibrahim has advised a number of world leaders and governments on policy development and strategy. In the United Kingdom, his most notable roles include advisor to the 2021 Integrated Defence and Security Review and member of the 2021 G7 Leader's Panel on Economic Resilience. He served as Team Leader on Prime Minister Gordon Brown's Social Mobility Task Force, and was a founding member of the UK's Commission for Countering Extremism. In the USA, Dr. Ibrahim served as a Foreign Policy Advisor to the Biden for President Campaign, and regularly delivers briefings to the White House, Congress, Senate, State Department, Pentagon and many other US agencies. In the developing world, he has taken up senior advisory roles, such as serving in Pakistan as Director of Strategic Policy Development for Prime Minister Imran Khan, pioneering policies on tackling corruption and reducing illiteracy.

Dr. Ibrahim is also the author of the seminal books: *The Rohingyas: Inside Myanmar's Genocide* (Hurst 2016), *Radical Origins: Why We Are Losing the War Against Islamic Extremism* (Pegasus 2017) and *Authoritarian Century: Omens of a Post-Liberal Future* (Hurst 2022). He is a columnist at *Foreign Policy* magazine and has written hundreds of pieces for publications including in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, (London) *Daily Telegraph*, *The Times* (UK), *Chicago Tribune*, *LA Times*, *Newsweek*, *The National Interest*, *Yale Global* and many others.

Outside academia, Dr. Ibrahim has been a reservist in the IV Battalion Parachute Regiment (the UK's elite airborne infantry reserve) and a multi-award-winning entrepreneur. He was ranked as a Top 100 Global Thinker by the European Social Think Tank and named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum and in 2010 was Commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel by Governor Steve Beshear. In 2019 he received the International Association of Genocide Scholars Engaged Scholar Award for his research on the Rohingya genocide and in 2022, Dr. Ibrahim was awarded an OBE (Officer of the Order of the British Empire) by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, for his services to foreign policy.