



# World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area

## The Passport Newsletter

April 2024



### "Understanding Military Coups in Africa: A Question Concerning Democracy"

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Friday, April 26th, 2024  
Hilton Garden Inn - Big Sur Room  
11:15 AM: Registration  
11:45 AM: Lunch  
12:45 - 2:00 PM: Speaker Presentation & Questions  
*Hilton Garden Inn,  
1000 Aguajito Road, Monterey*

Registrations are due by Sunday, April 21, 2024

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Since independence in the 1950s, the beginning of African independence, the continent has witnessed more than two hundred military coups, dictators and democratically-elected leaders overthrown, and democracy brought to a halt. Since 2020 alone there have been 16 attempted or successful coups in West and Central Africa. While each has been unique, some common trends have driven these coups.

Why are there so many military coups in Africa? Why does the "rule by the people" not seem to work as we know it? Are the coups a destruction of democracy and/or are they forces to restore the rule of the people? Our guest, Professor Jeremias Zunguze, discusses the underlying historical and cultural factors that have combined to shape African democracy, where various forms of power and governance have continued to compete for sovereignty and monopoly, often resulting in seasonal-like military coups, civil wars, and proxy wars.

Born and raised in Mozambique, South-Eastern Africa, Dr. Zunguze is an Associate Professor of Ethnic and Gender Studies, with a focus on Africana studies, at California State University Monterey Bay. He holds a Ph.D. in Hispanic Languages and Literatures from the University of California Berkeley specializing in Luso-Brazilian Studies and Lusophone (Portuguese-speaking) African Cultures. His research interests include Africana critical theory, decolonial studies, and trauma studies. Prior to joining CSUMB in the fall of 2023, for the past eight years, Dr. Zunguze taught various courses in African and African diaspora studies at the University of North Carolina, Asheville, including The African Nation, Introduction to Africana Studies, and Introduction to Africana American Studies.

#### Location

Big Sur Room  
Hilton Garden Inn  
1000 Aguajito Road,  
Monterey, CA

#### Menu

Spring Spinach Salad with Peas, Radishes,  
Chickpeas & Crumbled Feta  
and a Champagne Vinaigrette

Bread & Butter

Grilled Lemon, Garlic & Rosemary Salmon  
& Orzo Pilaf with Basil & Pine Nuts, Blistered  
Green Beans & a Tomato Basil Bruschetta

#### Vegetarian Alternative

Salinas Valley Penne Pasta Primavera with  
Olive Oil, Pine Nuts, Grilled Basil Zucchini  
& Roasted Tomatoes

Chocolate Mousse Cake Topped with  
Salinas Valley Berries

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\$36 for World Affairs Council members

\$41 for Guests

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If you encounter difficulties with our online registration or wish to audit the presentation please email [info@wacmb.org](mailto:info@wacmb.org) to reserve a spot by the registration deadline.

#### Vaccination Requirements

**Until further notice documentation of COVID vaccination  
will not be required to attend in-person events.**

WACMB will accept auditors to this event, requiring notification to the WACMB office no later than Sunday, April 21, 2024 to [www.wacmb.org](http://www.wacmb.org).  
Auditors will be allowed entry at 12:20 pm.

## Welcome to Our New Members



Alison Burleigh  
Irving Beiman & Yong-Ling Sun  
Kassandra Brenot  
Nancy Carlson  
Ewan and Evelyn Copeland  
Rylee Jue  
MaryAnn and Hal Leffel  
Peter and Penny Patch  
Kari Yeater



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*With best wishes, your WACMB Board of Directors*



## WACMB Academic World Quest

The students enjoyed attending the WACMB March 28th luncheon at which the Honorable Leon E. Panetta was the guest speaker. Good luck to the Greenfield High School team at the WACA AWQ contest on April 20th. WACMB will honor them at the May14th dinner!

From the left in the photo below: The Honorable Leon E. Panetta and the Greenfield High School Academic WorldQuest team: Enrique Anguiano, Abraham Carrillo, The Honorable Leon E. Panetta, Daniel Morales and Jocelyn Ortiz.



## World Affairs Discussion Group

The WACMB Discussion Group took up the 2024 Great Decisions topics for eight weekly meetings during February-March - jointly with the OLLI CSUMB program. A big thank you to all who participated in our lively discussions!

The Discussion Group will take a break in April and resume our regular monthly meetings in late April or early May. Watch for news of the next meeting on the Discussion Group web page at <https://www.wacmb.org/discussion-groups/>.

## Message from Our President

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## We LOVE our volunteers!

It takes many hands and feet to bring the outstanding speakers and expert analysis of Global Affairs to our members. From monthly program lectures and discussion groups to newsletter publishing, publicity and membership management, our volunteers make it all happen. WACMB is grateful for the financial support of our members and the countless volunteer hours dedicated to raising awareness of international issues in our community.

If you'd like to help, please let us know. Our Membership Application Form on our website lists a number of areas for volunteer help or, just send an email to [info@wacmb.org](mailto:info@wacmb.org) letting us know your interest. We'd be grateful for your support.

Our regards,

Peter Albano

President of the World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area

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