



World Affairs Council
of the Monterey Bay Area

The Passport Newsletter

July 2024



"Navigating the Geopolitical Impact of Artificial Intelligence"

Russell Wald

Stanford Institute for
Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI)

Thursday, August 1st, 2024
Hilton Garden Inn - Big Sur Room
5:30 PM: Registration & Cash Wine Bar

6:15 PM Dinner

6:45 - 8:00 PM Program

Hilton Garden Inn,
1000 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA

Please note: Our program for the month of July will actually be held August 1st due to a change in the speaker's schedule.

Registrations are due by Saturday, July 27, 2024

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Please note: Cancellations after the deadline are non-refundable.

Download mail-in form

Register online for this event

The rapid advancements in artificial intelligence have brought forth innumerable benefits, possibilities, and challenges. Our guest, Russell Wald, will discuss how AI will affect governments and governance across the world and what it will mean for the geopolitical environment. Wald will take the audience through the latest trends in AI development and how that is impacting the economic and security competition that has been engendered by the rise of AI.

Russell Wald is the Deputy Director of the Stanford Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence. In this role he oversees HAI's research, education, communications, industry programs, and policy and society hub. Wald has held various policy program and government relations positions at Stanford University for over a decade. Before joining HAI he served with Stanford's Center for International Security and Cooperation. Prior to his work at Stanford, Wald served on the staff of the Los Angeles World Affairs Council.

Location

Big Sur Room

Hilton Garden Inn

1000 Aguajito Road,

Monterey, CA

Menu

Caesar Salad

Hearts of Romaine with Shaved Parmesan,

Herb Croutons, Cherry Tomatoes

& Caesar Dressing

Bread & Butter

Agenda

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Grilled Chicken Caponata

Topped with a Bounty of Roasted Eggplant,

Green Olives, Capers & Roasted Tomatoes

over Creamy Polenta & a Sauté of

Seasonal Vegetables

Tickets

\$36 for World Affairs Council members

\$41 for Guests

Vegetarian Alternative

Grilled Portabella Mushrooms

Topped with a Bounty of Roasted Eggplant,

Green Olives, Capers & Roasted Tomatoes

over Creamy Polenta & a Sauté of

Seasonal Vegetables

Strawberry Short Cake

with House Made Whipped Cream,

Mint Chiffonade & Salinas Valley Strawberries

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If you encounter difficulties with our online registration or wish to audit the presentation please email 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 **Saturday, July 27, 2024** to www.wacmb.org

Auditors will be allowed entry at 6:30 pm.

Welcome to Our New Members



Sara Harnish

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Just a reminder of an important benefit to your WACMB membership: a FREE subscription to the newsletter the Daily Chatter. Please see the introductory message below, from our joining in June 2022, and enjoy this addition to our mission of education and distribution of global news.

We're delighted to announce a wonderful new benefit for members of the World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area, a free annual subscription to DailyChatter, the largest daily newsletter in the United States devoted to world news with more than 170,000 subscribers. As this subscription is a benefit to our members only, there is a simple password required to sign up. Please send an email to info@wacmb.org requesting the password to our Members Resources page and we'll reply as soon as possible.

To take advantage of this opportunity, just click this [link](#) and then use the simple signup form. Once you've entered your name and email address, you will be enrolled and your first edition of DailyChatter will arrive in your inbox the next weekday morning at 6am ET. We hope you'll enjoy this special, free access to one of the best-read newsletters covering the world.

Published via email every Monday through Friday, DailyChatter is written in a reader-friendly style and at a length that's optimized for our busy lives. Custom-designed maps accompany every story allowing you to place the news of that country in its regional and global context.

DailyChatter is independently owned and completely non-partisan, and it's achieved exceptional levels of reader engagement. The newsletter's editorial mandate is also truly global with more than 150 countries reported on every year.

We sincerely hope this new benefit will enrich your discovery of the world.

With best wishes, your WACMB Board of Directors

Doug Wilhelm

1939-2024

We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Doug Wilhelm on May 27, 2024. Doug had a long and distinguished record of service to our organization. Over the past twenty years he served as President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and OLLI Liaison. The World Affairs Council seemed a natural fit for Doug given his long standing interest in world affairs and his lifetime of living in many places across the country and around the world.

His friend and colleague on the Council's Board, Doug Rogers, expressed our memories of Doug perfectly when he said "Doug was a rare combination of humility, kindness, trust, and contribution. He always had a smile to share. We were all blessed to know him."



World Affairs Discussion Group

Come join the conversation!

The WACMB World Affairs Discussion Group will meet on **Tuesday, July 2nd at 4:00 pm**. The topic will be "*Thailand's Polarized Politics: Entrenched Elite & Implications for U.S. Policy*", based on the [WACMB luncheon lecture](#) of June 28th by James Stent. The meeting will be held on Zoom, and all WACMB members are invited to participate.

If you are interested and have never attended our World Affairs Discussion Group, just send a request to discussiongroup@wacmb.org to receive log-in information and related study materials.

All are welcome!!

Message from Our President

World Affairs Council



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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 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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