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The Logic of Withdrawing from Syria

President Trump's decision to withdraw U.S. troops from Syria came as a surprise to many, including some of his senior military and diplomatic advisers. Watch and listen as the Wilson Center's president and Middle East Program director consider the logic of the move.

Interview with Jane Harman [WATCH](#)

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A Cold War with China?

Video & key quotes

As relations between the U.S. and China deteriorated over 2018, observers and officials in both countries searched for analogies to frame the relationship. Amid the pending extradition of Huawei's CFO and as the trade war continues, the Kissinger Institute and the History and Public Policy Program analyzed increasing Cold-War rhetoric and a year of tension.

Yemen: Hope amid the Horror?

Video & key quotes

"If there ever was a perfect storm of disasters and horrors, even by Middle East standards, it is clearly Yemen." Following a UN-brokered agreement between the warring Saudi-led coalition and Houthi rebels, the Middle East Program took a critical look at the dire situation on the ground, while considering future prospects, U.S. policy, and the role of Congress.

Transnational Crime and the U.S.-Mexico Border

Congressional testimony

U.S.-Mexico relations and the issues that drove them made headlines throughout 2018. As the border-wall debate continues in Washington and as President AMLO settles in Mexico City, Earl Anthony Wayne provided recommendations to the Senate on how to better address cross-border crime in the months and years ahead.

"Congress has a vital role to play in assuring that renewed U.S.-Mexico cooperation gets off to a good start – with a comprehensive vision and plans that are sufficiently funded," he told the Judiciary Committee.

Wilson in the News

Canadians Detained in China (CTV)

"China will play hardball, and the more relative weakness it sees on the other side, the harder they tend to play," says Robert Daly.

Why did the U.S. Blacklist Pakistan for Religious Freedom Violations? (Dawn)

"It's folly to think this move can work as a pressure tactic," argues Michael Kugelman.

What Walls in History Can Tell Us about the Fight over Trump's Border Barrier (CNBC)

Jean Lee describes what can, and cannot, be seen about the two Koreas along the demilitarized zone that divides them.

Upcoming Events

January 10, 2019// 3:30pm-5:00pm

Achieving Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for All

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