



The United States as a World Security Provider
From Entering World War I to the Shift towards the Pacific

Colloquium 20 April 2017

In commemoration of World War I

Royal Higher Institute for Defence (RHID)

(In English without translation)

13:00 – 13:30 **REGISTRATION**

13:30 – 13:40 **WELCOME ADDRESS**

Colonel GS Fernand ROUVROI
Director-general, Royal Higher Institute for Defence

13:40 – 14:00 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

1917-2017: Remembering the United States entering WWI, and its legacy in current international affairs

Mr Howard GUTMAN, former United States Ambassador to Belgium (2009-2013)

14:00 – 15:30 **PANEL 1**

World War I : The genesis of the United States as a world security provider

Causes and triggers for the US entering World War I.

Political, Economic and Security interests of the U.S. in the Euro-Atlantic Region.

The U.S. National Security Strategy in 1914-18.

Building up the U.S. as a world security provider.

CHAIR: Cdt Luk Sanders (Centre for Security and Defence Studies, RHID)

The U.S. in the Great War

Rationales, strategy and effects (14:00 – 14:30)

Prof. Brian HOLDEN-REID, King's College London

The Build-up of the U.S. as a World Security Provider

Historical Perspectives on Success and Failure throughout the Short 20th Century (1917-1991) (14:30 – 15:00)

Prof. Bart KERREMANS, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Q&A (15:00 – 15:30)

15:30-15:45 **BREAK**



15:45-17:15 **PANEL 2**

Surviving the 21st Century: The Place of the U.S. in the World at a Crossroad

Facing the challenges of an emerging multipolar world order. U.S. Global Strategy in the 21st century: from Euro-Atlantic to Asia-Pacific geopolitical interests?

CHAIR: Mr Nicolas Gosset (Centre for Security and Defence Studies, RHID)

Challenging the Role of the U.S. as a World Security Provider

Facing the Challenges of an Emerging Multipolar World Order: New Threats, Overextension, and Options for American Strategy

(15:45 – 16:15)

Prof. Hall GARDNER, American University of Paris

The U.S. Evolving Global Strategy

Shifting from Euro-Atlantic to Asia-Pacific Geopolitical Interests?

(16:15 – 16:45)

Dr. Jeffrey MICHAELS , Joint Services Command and Staff College (UK)

Q&A (16:45 – 17:15)

17:15-17:30 **CLOSING REMARKS**

Mr Howard GUTMAN, former U.S. Ambassador to Belgium

17:30-18:45 **RECEPTION**