

“The Future, Declassified: Megatrends that Will Undo the World Unless We Take Action”

Thursday, November 13, 2014

6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Meet and Greet at 6:30 pm, Program at 7:00 pm



The Leadership of the **National Capital Chapter of the World Future Society (NATCAPWFS)** is pleased to announce the next of our 2014/15 Speaker's Series, to be held at George Washington University.

Please join us on Thursday, November 13, for a fascinating discussion with Dr. **Mathew Burrows**, Director of the Strategic Foresight Initiative at The Atlantic Council, and Former Counselor of the National Intelligence Council.

In **The Future, Declassified**, Dr. Burrows has expanded the most recent *Global Trends* report into a full-length narrative, forecasting tectonic shifts that will drive us to 2030. A staggering amount of wholesale change is happening - from unprecedented and widespread aging to rampant urbanization and growth in a global middle class to an eastward shift in economic power and a growing number of disruptive technologies. Even physical geography is changing as sea levels rise and faster commercial shipping routes open up through a warming Arctic region. **The Future, Declassified** includes a unique, provocative component: four fictional paths to 2030 with imagined storylines and characters based on analysis by the most authoritative figures in the intelligence community. The stakes are particularly high for America's standing in the world and for ordinary Americans who want to maintain their quality of life. Running the gamut from scary to reassuring, this riveting book is essential reading.

Dr. Mathew J. Burrows serves as Director of the Atlantic Council's Strategic Foresight Initiative. He was Counselor to the National Intelligence Council (NIC) in 2007 and Director of the Analysis and Production Staff (APS) in 2010. As Director of APS, Burrows was the principal drafter for the NIC publication, **Global Trends 2030: Alternative Worlds**, which received widespread recognition and praise in international media and among academics and think tanks. In 2005, he set up and directed the NIC's Long Range Analysis Unit, now known as the Strategic Futures Group.

Dr. Burrows joined the CIA in 1986, in the Directorate of Intelligence (DI). He was the first holder of the Intelligence Community Fellowship, and served at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. Other assignments have included: Special Assistant to then U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Richard Holbrooke (1999-2001), and Deputy National Security Advisor to U.S. Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill (2001-02). Burrows graduated from Wesleyan University in 1976 and received a PhD in European history from Cambridge University, England, in 1983.

Location: George Washington University, Duques Building, 2201 "G" Street NW, Room 453 [entrance on 22nd St between G & H Streets NW, Washington DC]

Cost: Members - \$8, non-members - \$12, full-time students elsewhere (under 26) - \$5. **Please register online, in advance, at <http://www.natcapwfs.org/events.htm>.** If unavoidable, we will accept cash and personal checks at the door; but no credit cards, please. If you prefer to mail a check, make payable to: WMAC of The WFS, and send to: WMAC of the WFS, c/o Ronald Muller, 9904 Frank Tippet Rd, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. **GWU students and Faculty attend FREE with ID, and should not register online; instead, send an email to Ron Muller (r-muller@comcast.net) stating that you plan to attend.**

Many Members meet for networking and conversation prior to the evening event...If planning to attend, feel free to send an email and we'll be on the lookout for you in Duques Room 453.

We look forward to seeing YOU there!
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Nearest Metro: Foggy Bottom. Exit the Foggy Bottom Station (Blue/Orange/Silver Line) and Cross 23rd Street. Walk one block east on "I" Street. Turn right on 22nd Street, and walk approximately 2 blocks south to the Duques Building, 2201 "G" Street NW.

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1 hour - \$10 / Up to 2 hours - \$16 / Daily Max. - \$22

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