

The Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies
and the U.S. Military Veterans of Columbia University present

Rethinking Afghanistan

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Will Rogers
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After eight years on U.S. military engagement in Afghanistan, violence and instability still prevail. Please join members of the U.S. Military Veterans of Columbia University and Professor Austin Long for a screening of the documentary **“Rethink Afghanistan”** followed by a **panel discussion** of the film with student veterans who have served in Afghanistan.

Professor Austin Long

Professor Long previously worked for the RAND Corporation, Serving in Iraq as an analyst and advisor to the Multinational Force and The U.S. military. Long was co-founder of the working Group on Insurgency and Irregular Warfare at the MIT Center for International Studies and is a participant in the RAND Counterinsurgency Board of Experts.

J.P. Yorro

Mr. Yorro is a former U.S. Intelligence Officer and Special Projects Manager. He designed and implemented a number of Special Operations Command (SOCOM) global Counterterrorism initiatives. Mr. Yorro is currently a dual-degree MIA/MBA student at Columbia University, and provides political risk advisory services as a consultant for The MASY Group, LLC and Eurasia Group.

Marco Reininger

Mr. Reininger is an Army veteran of Afghanistan where he conducted investigations and counter-IED operations. Marco is a spokesperson for IAVA, the largest organization dedicated to veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan. He plans to major in MEALAC and Political Science.

Justin Johnson

Mr. Johnson served as a Marine Corps from 2001 to 2005 and in Afghanistan from late 2007 to 2008. Upon leaving active duty, he worked for the Pentagon through IBM Consulting on the Task Force for Business/Stability Operations in Iraq. Justin is completing his Master of International Affairs at SIPA

Will Rogers

Mr. Rogers served in the Navy from 2001 to 2008 as a member of SEAL Team 8 with deployments to Europe, Iraq and Afghanistan. He also served on the Chief of Naval Operations OPNAV Staff in the Pentagon within the Expeditionary Warfare Division. Will is now a 2nd Year MBA student at Columbia Business School.

Thursday, November 5, 2009

5:00pm – 8:00pm

Room 1501, 15th Floor

School of International and Public Affairs

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*This event is open to current CU students, faculty, staff and affiliated scholars only.
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