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April 2015 Luncheon Meeting

Marie Callender's private room
9503 Research Blvd., Austin, TX 78759
11:30 a.m.; Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Speaker: Dr. Sharyl Cross
Director of the Kozmetsky Center and
Distinguished Professor
St. Edward's University, Austin

**"NATO-Russia Relations:
The Ukrainian Crisis and Beyond"**

April Menu:

Caesar salad, cornbread
Iced tea, hot tea, coffee, soft drinks

Choice of:

- A- Lemon Pepper Crusted Salmon
or
- B- Grilled Rosemary Chicken
or
- C- Braised and Slow Roasted Pot Roast
or
- D- Salad Bar

Dessert: Choice of lemon meringue pie, chocolate cream pie, apple pie, or sugar-free razzleberry pie

RSVP: Please confirm your attendance and menu choice by noon on Monday, April 6

1 By mail to TFSG, P.O. Box 50246, Austin, TX 78763-0246, or

- 2 By e-mail to jmclean@computermoms.com, or
- 3 By phone to Karen Jacks at 512.238-1909

Mailing a check made out to TFSG is our preferred method. In all cases, please include a phone number so we can confirm your reservation. All RSVPs will be confirmed. If you do not get a confirmation, please contact us.

Lunch begins at noon. Members \$24. No new reservations after 12 noon on Monday, April 6. No-shows or cancellations after this date will be billed for their lunch. Checks may be made out to TFSG and mailed to P.O. Box 50246, Austin, TX 78763-0246. Checks mailed in advance are greatly appreciated.

Memberships are \$30 per person for three years or \$12 per year.

About the Speaker:

Dr. Sharyl Cross was appointed Director of the Kozmetsky Center and Distinguished Professor at St. Edward's University in 2013. She was also appointed as a Global Policy Fellow at the Kennan Institute/Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington DC for 2013-2015. From 2005-2013, Dr. Cross was Professor in the College of International & Security Studies at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch-Partenkirchen Germany. She was Director of Academics for both the Program in Advanced Security Studies and Senior Executive Seminar, and served in key leadership capacities for the Marshall Center's strategic outreach engagement initiatives in Russia/Eurasia and South East Europe. Prior to the Marshall Center Dr. Cross was at the United States Air Force Academy where she had been appointed Distinguished Professor of Political Science. She is a tenured Professor and former Chair of the Department of Political Science at San Jose State University in California.

In 2004, Dr. Cross taught in Lille France as Visiting Professor of Transatlantic Relations at the Institute of Political Studies/Sciences Po. In 1999, she was a resident Senior Fulbright Visiting Research Scholar and Professor of International Relations at the Institute of USA and Canada Studies in the Russian Academy of Sciences and Moscow State Institute of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (MGIMO). She was a Visiting Assistant/Associate Professor of Transregional Security Studies at the United States Air War College at Maxwell AFB from 1994-1996, and was a recipient of a post-doctoral fellowship at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University 1991-1992 to support continuation of her dissertation research.

Professor Cross earned a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1990 with concentrations in international relations, comparative politics, and American foreign and security policy. While in the UCLA graduate program, she was also a resident fellowship scholar and consultant at the RAND Corporation completing

the UCLA and RAND programs in Russian area and policy studies. Originally from Arizona, Dr. Cross graduated Phi Beta Kappa with Honors in Political Science from the University of Arizona in 1983.

Her books include *Shaping South East Europe's Security Community: Trust, Partnership, and Integration*, Palgrave-Macmillan, New Security Challenges Series, 2013, *The United States, Russia, and China: Confronting Global Terrorism and Security Challenges in the Twenty First Century*, Praeger Security International Series, 2008, *Global Security Beyond the Millennium: American and Russian Perspectives*, Macmillan Press, 1999, and *The New Chapter in United States-Russian Relations: Opportunities and Challenges*, Praeger, 1994. Dr. Cross is currently working on her next book co-authored with Paul J. Bolt entitled *China, Russia, and Twenty First Century Global Geopolitics* under contract with Oxford University Press. Dr. Cross has published extensively in leading professional peer reviewed journals, and serves on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Strategic Security* and *Southeastern Europe*.

She serves on the executive boards for both the "Geopolitics" and "Religion and Politics" Research Committees of the International Political Science Association. At the local level, she was appointed to the Executive Advisory Boards of Global Austin and Texas-EU Summit sponsored by the Center for European Studies at the University of Texas, Austin. Dr. Cross has briefed/consulted for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, United States European Command, U.S. State Department, and U.S. Congress. In 2013, she received the Commander's Award and Defense Security Cooperation Director's Meritorious Service Award from the U.S. Army and Department of Defense for contributions to building international security cooperation during eight years in residence in Germany at the Marshall Center.

Upcoming Luncheons:

All TFSG luncheons are on the second Tuesday of even-numbered months, skipping August. Suggestions for restaurants are always welcome.

Announcements:

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TFSG Information:

One or more door prizes are awarded at every TFSG luncheon. One door prize always includes the AFSA book, "Inside a U.S. Embassy," and two TFSG mugs. We also sell the package (book and 2 mugs) for a single \$20 bill. Consider buying two mugs for a coffee mug tree (only \$5) and help promote our website and our group.

Our major tool for inviting widely-recognized subject experts and excellent speakers to address us is our impressive list of past speakers,

bibliographies, and the speakers' biographies. It is available at <http://www.tfsg.org/luncheons.html>. We encourage you to pass it on via the internet or by printing and handing copies to friends and colleagues. All events mentioned in our announcements, except one, are usually open to your friends when you accompany them, so we hope you will invite them to join you. The one event that is "members only" is our December luncheon.

The publication section of our website is where we list the books, articles, videos etc. produced by our speakers and members. Please check our website and help us keep it up to date.

We welcome suggestions for speakers. When you nominate someone, please add biographical information and suggestions on how best to approach him or her. Suggestions for funding of speakers coming from outside of Austin are always appreciated.

Please give our website address to potential members, WWW.TFSG.ORG. Then call and invite them as your guest to our next luncheon.

Directions to Marie Callender's:

The stretch of Hwy 183 near Marie Callender's is also known as Research Blvd. Mapquest or GPS directions to the restaurant may vary.

From the north: Go south on Mopac and exit at Braker Lane. Stay in the middle lane on the Mopac access road heading south. Cross Braker Lane and then Capital of Texas Highway (Loop 360). Move to the right lane and follow the turn around to the right into the Hwy 183 northbound access road (Research Blvd.). Turn right into the Gateway Center just after Stonelake Blvd. Marie Callender's is on the right.

From the south: Go north on Mopac and exit at Capital of Texas 360/Braker Lane right after going under the Hwy 183 ramp. Turn left onto 360 and immediately turn left onto the southbound Mopac access road. Move to the right lane and follow the access road turn around to the right and onto the Hwy 183 northbound access road (Research Blvd.). Turn right into the Gateway Center just after Stonelake Blvd. Marie Callender's is on the right.

From the east: Go west on Hwy 183. Exit at Capital of Texas/360 (Research Blvd.). Move to the right lane and turn right into the Gateway Center just after Stonelake Blvd. Marie Callender's is on the right.

From the west: Go south on Hwy 183 and exit at Capital of Texas/360 Cross 360 and continue south to the North Hwy 183 U turn (on the left). Follow the U turn around, then head north in the right lane of the Hwy 183 access road. Turn right into to the Gateway Shopping Center just after Stonelake Blvd. Marie Callender's is on the right.

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