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February 2018 Luncheon Meeting
Mimi's Café
10515 N. Mopac Expy Northbound, #O, Austin, TX 78758
11:30 a.m.; Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Dr. Robert Hutchings
Walt and Elspeth Rostow Chair in National Security

and

Dr. Jeremi Suri
**Mack Brown Distinguished Chair for Leadership
in Global Affairs**

LBJ School of Public Affairs
University of Texas at Austin

"Comparative Study of Eight Diplomatic Services"

February Menu

Iced or hot tea, coffee, soft drinks, juices, hot chocolate, lemonade

Starter:

Choice of (A) Caesar salad or (B) Black & Blue Chicken Quesadilla (chicken, Monterey Jack and blue cheeses, bacon, tomatoes, green onions)

Entrée: Choice of

(C) Hibachi Salmon (Salmon and an Asian vegetable medley, honey teriyaki glaze, served over long-grain rice)

Or

(D) Chicken Parmesan (Hand-breaded chicken, melted cheese, pomodoro sauce, served over a bed of linguine pasta)

Or

(E) Meatloaf (Mimi's homemade meatloaf served with cheesy au gratin potatoes and green beans)

Or

(F) Provençal Veggie Pasta (Roasted zucchini, squash, eggplant, mushrooms, artichokes, and grape tomatoes served with pasta)

Dessert: Strawberry cheesecake parfait

RSVP: Please confirm your attendance and menu choices by noon on Tuesday, February 6.

- By mail to TFSG, P.O. Box 50246, Austin, TX 78763-0246, or
- By e-mail to Joe McLean at TFSG.Texas@gmail.com, or
- By phone to 512-345-6878 or 512-797-0538

Lunch begins at noon. Members \$24, guests accompanied by members \$30. No new reservations after 12 noon on Tuesday, February 6. No-shows or cancellations after this date will be billed for their lunch. AFSA and DACOR members are welcome to attend one luncheon per year, except for the December luncheon, at the member price.

Driving directions to Mimi's Café are attached.

Checks made out to TFSG and mailed in advance is our preferred payment method (P.O. Box 50246, Austin, TX 78763-0246). Please include your menu choices, your name, and a phone number or email address so we can confirm your reservation. All reservations are confirmed, so if you do not get a confirmation, please contact us.

Memberships are \$30 per person for three years or \$12 per person per year. The three-year membership price for those who live more than 50 miles from Austin or are over 90 years of age is \$20 for one person and a spouse/partner living at the same address. Memberships make excellent gifts for people who have spent years overseas and their family members.

About Our Speakers

Robert Hutchings is the Walt and Elspeth Rostow Chair in National Security and Professor of Public Affairs at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. He served as Dean of the LBJ School from 2010 to 2015. Before coming to UT, he was Diplomat in Residence in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, where he also served as assistant dean of the school and faculty chair of its Master in Public Policy program.

During a public service leave from Princeton in 2003-05, he was Chairman of the U.S. National Intelligence Council in Washington. His combined academic and diplomatic career has included service as Fellow and Director of International Studies at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Director for European Affairs on the U.S. National Security Council, and Special Adviser to the Secretary of State, with the rank of ambassador.

Ambassador Hutchings served earlier in his career as deputy director of Radio Free Europe and on the faculty of the University of Virginia, and held adjunct appointments at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. He is the author of four books, including *American Diplomacy and the End of the Cold War*, along with many articles and book chapters on U.S. foreign policy and European affairs. His most recent book, co-edited with Jeremi Suri, is *Foreign Policy Breakthroughs: Cases in Successful Diplomacy* (Oxford University Press, 2015).

Hutchings is a lifetime director of the Atlantic Council of the United States, a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and founding president of the Austin Council on Foreign Affairs. A recipient of the National Intelligence Medal and the U.S. State Department Superior Honor Award, he was also awarded the Order of Merit (with Commander's Cross) of the Republic of Poland for his contributions to Polish freedom. He is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and received his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia.

He was on research leave during academic year 2015-16, spending the fall as Visiting Professor at Princeton University and the spring as Distinguished Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C., where he was working on a new book on the theory and practice of international diplomacy.

Dr. Jeremi Suri has a joint appointment in the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs and the University of Texas at Austin Department of History. Suri was previously with the University of Wisconsin, where he was the E. Gordon Fox Professor of History, the Director of the European Union Center of Excellence, and the Director of the Grand Strategy Program.

He has received numerous awards for his research and teaching, and Smithsonian Magazine named him one of America's "Top Young Innovators" in the Arts and Sciences in 2007. He is the author of four books, including the widely-acclaimed biography of one of America's most distinguished diplomats, *Henry Kissinger and the American Century* (Harvard University Press, 2007). His latest book, *Liberty's Surest Guardian: American Nation-Building from Washington to Obama*, was the Free Press/Simon and Schuster's lead non-fiction release in the fall of 2011.

Suri earned his B.A. in history from Stanford University in 1994 and an M.A. in history from Ohio University in 1996. He then earned his Ph.D. from Yale University in 2001.

Professor Suri blogs on foreign policy and contemporary politics at <http://globalbrief.ca>. His research interests include the formation and spread of nation-states; the emergence of modern international relations; the connections between foreign policy and domestic politics; the rise of knowledge institutions as global actors; contemporary foreign policy; international security; protest and dissident movements; and globalization.

Information of Interest

Few Americans know that when an American gets in trouble outside the USA, he/she should call the nearest United States Embassy or Consulate. TFSG has cards to distribute with phone numbers for when in trouble overseas and the S-O-S symbol for use everywhere.

Austin is home to several groups who bring in experts on various aspects of national and international affairs, and some of their upcoming major speakers/events are listed on their websites. Please share this list with your friends.

Clements Center events (University of Texas at Austin)

<https://www.clementscenter.org/>

Strauss Center events (University of Texas at Austin)

<https://www.strausscenter.org/>

Kozmetsky Center events (St. Edward's University)

<https://www.stedwards.edu/kozmetzky-center>

LBJ Presidential Library events

<http://www.lbjlibrary.org/events/all>

GlobalAustin events

www.globalaustin.org/events

TFSG Information

Luncheons are on the second Tuesday of even-numbered months except August.

Members are encouraged to invite guests to any of our first four luncheons of the year. There are always door prizes such as books, coupons for free meals, lottery tickets, chocolates, and prizes tied to special days such as Valentine's Day.

Our group depends on great volunteers. Please talk to Doris, Joe, Jerry, or John if you have ideas for our group and/or would like to volunteer.

TFSG has a 90" diagonal screen for use at our luncheons, and it is also available for rental by other nonprofits for \$40 with a refundable deposit of \$300.

Our speakers send us suggestions for the bibliographies we prepare to accompany their speech. We post the bibliographies on our website, <http://www.tfsg.org/Bibliographies.html>, and mail copies to members with U.S. addresses but without access to email. The website contains all past bibliographies. Several members share our website with family and friends and we encourage all members to do so. The website also lists publications, writings, and speeches by past speakers and present TFSG members. We review the "Links" page on the website several times per year for needed additions or deletions, and suggestions are always welcomed. Send corrections for any page on the website to John at jsw69intadv@hotmail.com.

If you are a member and have been published or have produced a film, we would like to list your published books, articles, essays, and other works in the Members section of the Publications page on our website. According to the AFSA members-only limited-access community website, our TFSG website is often viewed more than 10 times a day.

If you have spoken to one of our meetings, we would like to list your published works in the Speakers section of our website.

Doris Scott appreciates receiving autobiographies, photos, member updates, and notices of members' deaths. Updates for our memorial book are also appreciated.

If you have had a change in your street or mailing address, internet address, phone number, or outside-your-home emergency contact, please mail this information to Doris Scott at dscott007@austin.rr.com. (Note: We do not share, loan, rent, or sell this information to anyone.)

Our membership fees are modest and our membership numbers are important. Please talk to your friends who have spent time outside of the USA and invite them to one of our luncheons – and then to join TFSG.

Most of our luncheons cost about \$200 more than the luncheon fees bring in. We do not solicit donations but neither do we refuse them.

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