

expanding deterrence and creating consequences, taking a more assertive approach to combat cyber crime, protecting cyber assets and safeguarding personal information, increased transparency for cyber incidents, and active defense, among others.

Suggested organizational improvements involve strengthening the Department of Homeland Security, using the Government Accountability Office to review federal agency cybersecurity, streamlining congressional oversight, and elevating the role of cybersecurity coordinator to assist the president.

The agenda also made several recommendations regarding resources, saying that vulnerabilities should be protected, that funding should be allocated for cybersecurity education and training, and that the use of cloud and shared services should be increased.

The agenda concludes by stating “Cyberspace has become the central global infrastructure... But it is not secure, and the risks we face are unnecessarily great. Our opponents still have the advantage. We can change this if we want—not quickly and not easily—but of necessity if we are to build security for this century...”

**- Department of Homeland Security**

## **Simons Center hosts InterAgency Brown-Bag Lectures**

The Simons Center established a new lecture series in partnership with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff School (CGSS). The InterAgency Brown-Bag Lecture Series is an extracurricular, interagency topic-focused series that is intended to help enrich the CGSS curriculum, and presentations are open to the public. Since they began in September, the lectures have garnered positive reviews attendees and presenters alike.

The inaugural lecture in the InterAgency Brown-Bag Lecture Series focused on country team operations and featured Ambassador (Ret.) David Lambertson and Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Richard Keller. The October and November lectures featured Special Agent Christopher J. Lamb, Ph.D., FBI, and Dr. John G. Breen, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC) Commandant’s Distinguished Chair for National Intelligence Studies and the Central Intelligence Agency’s (CIA) Representative to the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center, speaking on the roles and missions of the FBI Cyber Task Force and Central Intelligence Agency, respectively. In December and January, Mr. Larry A. Hisle, Executive Director of the Greater Kansas City Federal Executive Board (FEB), and Mr. Ralph Erwin, Senior Geospatial Intelligence Officer and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) liaison to CGSC, briefed participants on the FEB and NGA.

The sixth InterAgency Brown-Bag Lecture is scheduled for March 15 with a presentation on the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). Mr. Gustav A. Otto, the Defense Intelligence Chair at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) Representative to the Combined Arms Center and Army University, will lead the discussion.

Additional lectures are scheduled for April 6 and May 11, with speakers presenting on the topics of the U.S. Agency for International Development and military/law enforcement collaboration.

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