

Operational War Plans Division. These panelists provided the students with lessons learned, best practices, along with personal experiences with interagency coordination at the tactical, operational and strategic levels.

Two faculty members accompanied the CGSS students at the roundtable: Mr. Fredrick Sanders, from the Department of Logistics and Resource Operations (DLRO), and DTAC instructor and course developer Lt. Col. Aric Raus. At the conclusion of the roundtable the participants and panelists took a group photo in the State Department courtyard in front of the “The Man and the Expanding Universe Fountain,” where Raus and Sanders presented the panelists with the Fort Belvoir Campus CGSS Coin.

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Justice announces new cybersecurity task force

Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the creation of the Cyber-Digital Task Force on February 20. The new task force is a reflection of the Department of Justice’s commitment to confronting cyber threats, and will examine the department’s current cyber efforts as well as identify how federal law enforcement can more effectively accomplish its mission.

Sessions has called for the task force to prioritize meddling in elections, interference with critical infrastructure, spreading violent ideologies via the internet, mass theft of information, using technology to interfere with law enforcement, and mass exploitation of computers and other devices to attack American citizens and businesses, though the task force is not limited to these categories.

The new task force will be chaired by a senior Justice Department official and will include representatives from the several divisions with the department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Agency, the U.S. Marshals Service, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Representatives from other federal agencies may also be invited to join the task force.

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Ethics of Cyber Defense topic of IA Brown-Bag Lecture

Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the creation of the Cyber-Digital Task Force on Feb. 26, Dr. Michael H. Hoeflich, the John H. & John M. Kane Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Kansas, led a discussion on the ethics of cyber defense in the Arnold Conference Room of the Lewis and Clark Center on Fort Leavenworth. During his presentation Hoeflich discussed the ethical use of cyber weapons like Stuxnet, cyberattacks on electoral systems, and the limited options available to deter cyber attacks.

Dr. Hoeflich is the director of the new master’s degree program in Homeland Security Law & Policy at the University of Kansas. He holds a juris doctor degree from Yale Law School and a Ph.D. from Cambridge University, and is an expert on cyber law, policy and the integration of the private and public sector.

This was the seventh presentation in the series, which is co-hosted by the CGSC Foundation’s Simons Center 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. The CGSC Foundation and the Simons Center have received support for all brown-bag lectures in academic year 2018 from First Command Financial Services in Leavenworth, Kansas.

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