Intelligence and Democracy, In Residence Course

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Course Description:

CCMR conducts a one-week Expanded International Military Education and Training (EIMET) approved course entitled “Intelligence and Democracy” at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California. The key objective of this course is to examine the methods civilian authorities in emerging democracies can use to establish strong, effective controls over their intelligence agencies. The course first examines the intelligence process in established democracies and the potential problems that intelligence activities can pose to democratic governance. Next, participants analyze the mechanisms used by long-established democracies to maintain control over their intelligence organizations. These instruments of control include use of the power of the purse, structural and organizational arrangements, legislative oversight, and public opinion. Employing practical exercises to reinforce learning objectives, participants examine efforts by an emerging democracy to establish democratic controls over its intelligence agencies and confront the challenges that face modern democracies dealing with contemporary problems such as terrorism. The educational approach of this course combines informational content along with practical exercises and case studies to provide participants with the skills and knowledge needed to understand how modern democracies design effective mechanisms to control their intelligence agencies.

Participants:

The MET and In Residence courses are designed for senior international civilian officials and military officers concerned with developing democratic controls and oversight mechanisms for intelligence agencies. For the In Residence course, attendance by several participants from each interested country is encouraged. US participants, civilian and military, also are eligible to attend.

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