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## Event Spotlight

The University of Central Florida will host an interdisciplinary symposium, "Water Security in the Middle East," on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at the Garden Key in the Student Union. The event will promote discourse and thinking about issues pertaining to water security in the Middle East and North Africa region.



The event is coordinated by Peter Jacques of the UCF Political Science Department and Hassan Arafat of the United Arab Emirates University Masdar Institute. It follows an international dialogue, "High and Dry: The Middle East Water Challenge," in Istanbul, Turkey last year. Advanced registration is required. More information can be found in our [website](#).

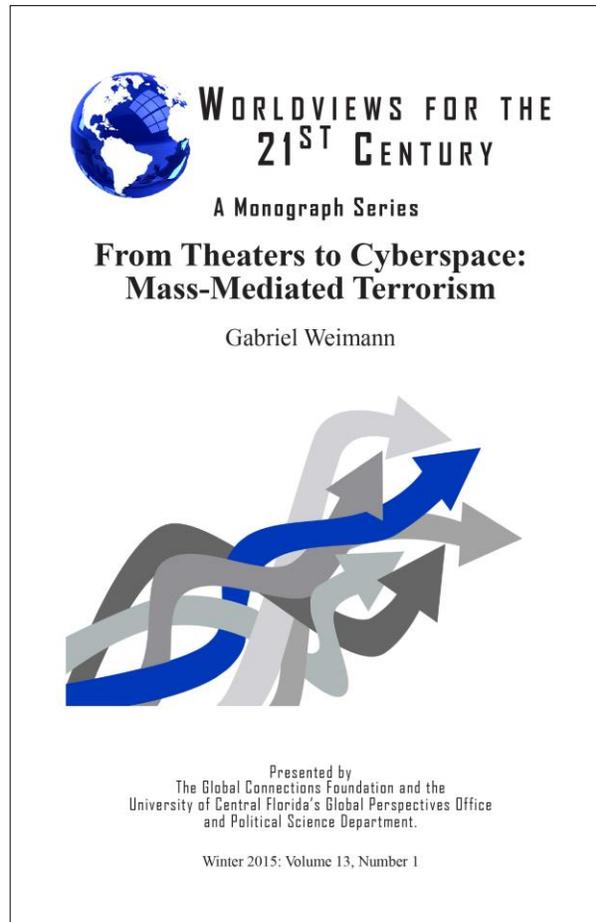
## Newest Monograph

The most recent issue of GP's quarterly monograph series, *Worldviews for the 21st Century*, features Gabriel Weimann, Full Professor of Communication for the Department of Communication at Haifa University, Israel. In the issue, titled "From Theaters to Cyberspace: Mass-Mediated Terrorism," Weimann discusses the psychological impacts created between modern terrorist organizations and technological

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advances in communication technologies. The monograph is the second in a series on "Pathways to Terrorism Studies," where renowned scholars recount the origins of their lives' work. Click [here](#) to give it a read!



## Students Negotiate for Cyprus Solution

In February, students from UCF, Rollins College and Stetson University participated in a two-day crisis negotiation exercise. The exercise was organized by the UCF Global Perspectives Office and the U.S. Army War College. The partnership developed from a series of conversations between John C. Bersia, Special Assistant to the President for Global Perspectives at UCF, and Col. Martin Clausen, the College's director for its Strategic Leader Experiential Education Division. Clausen began the exercise by telling students, "We are no longer at UCF. We are now at the United Nations in New York City. You are no longer students, but delegates from your respective countries."



Over the course of two days, Feb. 6-7, seven teams of students – each assisted by an experienced mentor – worked together to create negotiation strategies in order to ease tensions between Greek and Turkish Cypriots at a simulated U.N. peace conference. Teams represented the European Union, U.S., U.K., Greece, Turkey, Cyprus and the unrecognized Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. A week before the exercise, participants received historical briefs on the regional stalemate as well as objectives specific to their assigned countries.

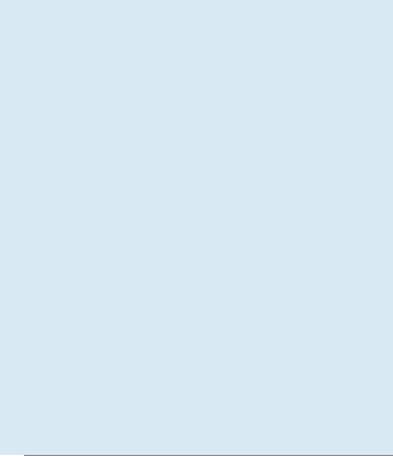
Retired Ambassador Harriet Elam-Thomas, who directs UCF's Diplomacy Program, served as the exercise's U.N. Special Representative. Referencing her own experience working with Greece, Turkey and Cyprus, she encouraged students to pursue compromise without overlooking the positions and goals of their countries.



As rounds of structured meetings gave way to student-initiated negotiations, delegates learned that many countries had competing goals, though they were still charged with improving relations in the region and with participating countries. While the results of the exercise did not “solve” the situation in Cyprus, students experienced firsthand the interplay among diplomacy, the military, the economy and social welfare. The aim of the exercise was to help emerging leaders develop skills in teamwork, communication, and strategy formulation and execution.

The exercise was run by a team from the Army War College, including Clausen, Clausen's Strategic Communication Operations Specialist Ritchie L. Dion, Major Dennis C. Davis and Major Joseph C. Chretien. At the end of the exercise, a final debriefing allowed students and facilitators to comment on the process and results. Amb. Elam-Thomas said the students “grasped the decades-old crisis, incorporating the instructions with critical thinking that I was not expecting. They worked around rejected meeting requests and strict time constraints, and kept the dialogue active. They demonstrated what all of us hope will be the case, that a younger generation of leadership on both sides with fresh new approaches may facilitate future negotiations and allow for the resolution of the four-decade crisis.” Dion echoed that sentiment by stating that what the Army War College found was “a group of well-motivated individuals who were more than ready to excel in this type of event.”





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