

**Charles University's Institute of Political Studies,
Prague Security Studies Institute and American Center**



Invite you to a public guest lecture organized as part of a Master's Degree Course entitled
"Space Security in the 21st Century"
on the topic of:

SPACE SECURITY

Victoria Samson, November 28, 2018, 18:00
Disruptions to Space Security and Stability



Ms. Victoria Samson is the Washington Office Director for the Secure World Foundation and has twenty years of experience in military space and security issues.

Before joining SWF, Ms. Samson served as a Senior Analyst for the Center for Defense Information (CDI), where she leveraged her expertise in missile defense, nuclear reductions, and space security issues to conduct in-depth analysis and media commentary. Prior to her time at CDI, Ms. Samson was the Senior Policy Associate at the Coalition to Reduce Nuclear Dangers, a consortium of arms control groups in the Washington, D.C. area, where she worked with Congressional staffers, members of the media, embassy officials, citizens, and think-tanks on issues surrounding dealing with national missile defense and nuclear weapons reductions. Before that, she was a researcher at Riverside Research Institute, where she worked on war-gaming scenarios for the Missile Defense Agency's Directorate of Intelligence.

Space is opening up to an increasing number of actors, which is sharing the benefits of space capabilities with more people and nations globally. Yet as more countries integrate space into their national capabilities and rely on space-based information for national security, there is an increased change that any interference with satellites could spark or escalate a crisis or conflict. The space domain is also changing its very nature to become more commercialized; additionally, the rise of small satellites and mega-constellations, combined with new activities in space, means that the whole domain is undergoing a tremendous shift. These disruptions to space are leading to recalculations by many actors on how to ensure security and stability in space. This talk will examine how this shift has evolved over the past decade and discuss what the next big changes to space will be and how they may affect the long-term use of space.

The lecture will take place at **The American Center** Trziste 13, Prague 1. Please register at registrace@pssi.cz by **November 26, 2018**.