

**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

**Dr. John P. Stopher, Senior Fellow, PSSI, and former Principal
Assistant to the US Air Force Secretary for Space,
April 27, 2020, 18:00 (GMT+2: Prague Time)**

The United States Space Force



Dr. John Stopher is a Senior Fellow supporting PSSI's Space Security Program. He previously served as the Principal Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force for Space and was responsible to the Secretary of the Air Force for establishing a Space Force as well as governance, planning, policy, strategy, development and execution across the defense space portfolio and integration with the National Security Space Enterprise. He was also the lead for international space relations and interdepartmental and interagency matters.

Prior to joining the Air Force in 2017, Dr. Stopher was the President of 377 Omega, a national security space and intelligence community technology, policy, and programs focused consulting company. From 1998 until 2007, John served on the U.S. House of Representatives, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence as Budget Director, Staff Director for the Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence, and Program Monitor for the National Reconnaissance Office and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. John also worked at SeiCorp, TASC, and Eastman Kodak as an engineer on national space programs. He earned his PhD in electrical engineering from the University at Buffalo. His research was sponsored by the Strategic Defense Initiative in the area of advanced pulsed power for space systems.

The United States has begun to make significant changes in the way it organizes, trains, equips, and conducts operations across their national security space enterprise. It re-established the US Space Command and established a new service - the US Space Force. The lecturer will discuss what led to these changes, the status of these efforts, issues that remain to be solved, and what are the strategic implications.

The lecture will be conducted **online via Zoom**. In order to take part, register at registrace@pssi.cz by Sunday, **26 April 2020 19:00 Prague time (GMT+2)**.

Meeting ID and password will be sent via email on Sunday evening or Monday morning.