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**MEDIA ALERT  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy announces its Spring World Affairs Lecture Series.**

**Salt Lake City, January 23, 2020** – Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy (UCCD) is pleased to announce its 2020 Ambassador Price & Marcia Price World Affairs Lecture Series Spring line-up, hosted in partnership with Westminster College. UCCD began this lecture series in 2004 and has hosted more than 100 lectures during that time. The lecture series convenes leading global voices to engage the public to explore ideas that will shape our global future, transcending borders and transforming how people, business, and governments engage the world.

This year's spring season features many elements the World Affairs Lecture Series is known for: quality guest speakers who are experts in their field of studies, engaging questions and answers at the end of each lecture, non-partisan perspective of each issue, and an array of diplomacy topics that include China-U.S. relations, social justice issues, the upcoming 2020 election and combating violent extremism.

**DATES:** See descriptions below for lecture dates

**TIME:** All lectures start at 7:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** [Bill and Vieve Gore School of Business Auditorium Westminster College 1840 S 1300 E, Salt Lake City](#)

**COST:** Free; Reservations are required. Visit [utahdiplomacy.org](http://utahdiplomacy.org) for registration details.

**Spring 2020 Ambassador John Price & Marcia Price World Affairs Lecture Series details:**

**Tuesday, February 11, 2020:** Managing U.S.-China Strategic Competition in the 21st Century

*Presented by Patricia Kim, Senior Policy Analyst - China Program, U.S. Institute of Peace*

According to President Xi Jinping, China has entered a new era, transforming into a leading global power, and predications of changes over the next 30 years are many. Curious about China's Grand Strategy? Listen to Patricia Kim (Senior Policy Analyst with the China Program at the U.S. Institute of Peace) as she discusses this grand strategy and delves into China's approach to foreign policy and how the United States should manage strategic competition with China going forward.



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**Tuesday, March 3, 2020: Young Women Leading Change: Three Activists Forging a New Future Vision**

*Panel discussion presented by Jamie Margolin, Zero Hour; Saida Dahir, Poet; Karina Popovich, Entrepreneur*

People say the youth are the future, but the three young women in this lecture are already the leaders of today. Recognizing that they cannot afford to be apathetic, these everyday citizens are standing up and speaking out to create a better world. From climate change and entrepreneurship to art and poetry, learn how our speakers raise awareness of important social justice issues and speak up for the future they want to see.

**Tuesday, April 14, 2020: The Empty Throne**

*Presented by James Lindsay, Senior Vice President, Director of Studies, and Maurice R. Greenberg Chair, Committee on Foreign Relations*

Join James Lindsay in exploring how America emerged from the catastrophe of World War II, convinced that global engagement and leadership were essential to prevent another global conflict and further economic devastation. That choice was not inevitable, but its success proved monumental. It brought decades of great power peace, underpinned the rise in global prosperity, and defined what it meant to be an American in the eyes of the rest of the world for generations.

**Thursday, May 14, 2020: How Storytelling Fuels Social Movements: Female Genital Mutilation in America**

*Presented by Maryum Saifee, FGM Survivor & Activist*

Join Maryum Saifee as she discusses Female Genital Mutilation in the United States, and how survivors - including herself - are using storytelling and social media to push for legislative bans at the state level, generate public awareness, and ultimately break the cycle of violence.

**Tuesday, June 2, 2020: Average Mohamed: Combating Violent Extremism One Cartoon at a Time**

*Presented Mohamed Ahmed, Creator, Average Mohamed*

Learn how one Muslim man in Minnesota has made it his mission to undermine ISIS. Mohamed Ahmed has dedicated much of his time to creating cartoons that explain Islam — and why ISIS is wrong. He's the creator and voice of a cartoon character he calls Average Mohamed, and for nearly ten years, Ahmed has been producing these online cartoons to try to counter the ISIS message.

Details and registration links for each lecture can be found at [www.utahdiplomacy.org](http://www.utahdiplomacy.org)

**About Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy (UCCD):** UCCD is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting global understanding and respect between the people of Utah and other nations. UCCD works with the U.S Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program and national partnering agencies to welcome more than 400 emerging leaders from around the world to Utah for short-term professional and cultural exchanges. UCCD also educates the local community about world affairs topics through the Ambassador John Price & Marcia Price World Affairs Lecture Series. These lectures inform attendees about key foreign policy issues, create a dialogue about timely topics, and foster a globally savvy community. More information can be found at [utahdiplomacy.org](http://utahdiplomacy.org).