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Guest Speaker

Dr. Deborah Avant

**“What Does Private Security in Iraq
Mean for U.S. Democracy at Home?”**

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Deborah Avant is Professor of Political Science and Director of International Studies and the Center for Research on International and Global Studies (RIGS) at the University of California, Irvine.

Her research (funded by the Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Olin Foundation, and the Smith Richardson Foundation, among others) has focused on civil-military relations, military change, and the politics of controlling violence.

Her current research focuses on how the US government's use of private security has affected democratic processes in the United States, how private actors conceptualize and implement security in weak states and the way different non state actors govern on the global stage. Professor Avant chairs the International Security Studies Section of the ISA, is an active member of the executive board of Women in International Security (WIIS), and serves on the editorial boards of several journals including the American Political Science Review and Security Studies.