

# TRUMP'S AMERICA AND THE WORLD: THE PERILS OF A US DISENGAGEMENT FROM GLOBAL POLITICS

On Friday, 28 September, 2018 at 14:15–15:45  
At the Auditorium 116, University of Helsinki  
Unioninkatu 35, Helsinki

The keynote of this event addresses the two most important questions concerning the United States' role in the world. The first part of the talk examines how fast America is declining. The underlying assessment is that for many decades into the future, the U.S. will be the only state in a position to sustain a globally engaged grand strategy. The second part of the talk then analyses the current grand strategic debate over whether America should “stay engaged” or should now “come home.” The analysis by Stephen Brooks and William Wohlforth in the recently published book “America Abroad: The United States' Global Role in the 21st Century” shows that Washington would be wise to sustain the core elements of the so-called “deep engagement” grand strategy, since pulling back from the world would have a variety of negative consequences for America and for its global partners. The conclusion of the talk will then discuss the implications of Trump's foreign policy stance for Europe.

*Speaker:*

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*Comments:*

**Ville Sinkkonen**, Research Fellow, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

*Chair:*

**Johanna Vuorelma**, University Lecturer, Centre for European Studies, University of Helsinki

## Biographies



**Stephen G. Brooks** is a Professor of Government at Dartmouth, and has previously held fellowships at Harvard and Princeton. He does research on two topics: U.S. grand strategy and the interaction between economics and security affairs. He has authored: *Producing Security: Multinational Corporations, Globalization, and the Changing Calculus of Conflict* (Princeton, 2005), *World out of Balance: International Relations and the Challenge of American Primacy* (Princeton, 2008), *America Abroad: The United States' Global Role in the 21st Century* (Oxford, 2016), and *Political Economy of International Security* (Princeton, forthcoming). He has published many articles in journals such as *International Security*, *International Organization*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Perspectives on Politics*, and *Security Studies*. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science with Distinction from Yale University, where his dissertation received the American Political Science Association's Helen Dwight Reid Award for the best doctoral dissertation in international relations, law, and politics.



**Ville Sinkkonen** is a Research Fellow at the Center on US Politics and Power at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs. His research interests include United States foreign policy, United States Middle East policy, norms, values and power in foreign policy, changing constellations of global power and trust in international politics. Sinkkonen obtained a Master of Social Sciences (Political Science) from the University of Turku (2013). His publications include *A Comparative Appraisal of Normative Power: The European Union, the United States and the January 25th, 2011 Revolution in Egypt* (Brill 2015) and "Understanding the Trust–Distrust Nexus between the United States and Egypt" (Routledge, 2018).



**Johanna Vuorelma** is a University Lecturer at the Centre for European Studies, University of Helsinki. She worked previously as Postdoctoral Researcher at the Centre for European Studies (2017–2018). Her research project on narratives in international relations was funded by the Finnish Cultural Foundation. Her PhD thesis "Losing Turkey? Narrative Traditions in Western Foreign Policy Analysis" (University of Warwick, 2017) focused on how Turkey has been represented in Western foreign policy analysis. Her research examines language and representation in politics.