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### **International Center of the Capital Region Hosts Engage America Series**

(Troy, N.Y.) – The [International Center of the Capital Region](http://www.iccralbany.org) (ICCR) has received a grant from the World Affairs Councils of America (WACA) to bring its *Engage America* series to the Capital Region. WACA partners with foundations, think tanks, corporations, and others to arrange timely national conversations at its Councils across the U.S. on critical international topics.

On Tuesday, April 16, from 5:30 – 6:30 PM, a public forum featuring [Zachary Paikin, Deputy Director of the Better Order Project at the Quincy Institute](#), will present, “The role of Diplomacy in Rebuilding Security in Europe.” The presentation will take place at the Hudson Valley Community College Bulmer Auditorium. Following the presentation, there will be questions and answers from the audience. Light refreshments will be provided. Visit the ICCR website to register for the free event: <https://bit.ly/3Y2GaYJ>.

In selecting the topic, Zachary Paikin stated, “The collapse of the post-Cold War European security order resulted from Russia and the West talking past each other for years. After three years of full-scale war, tentative steps are now being taken to restore a degree of order and avoid a dangerous spiral of escalation. Given that the institutions of the post-Cold War European security order failed to prevent the outbreak of war, new institutions and novel approaches are needed to manage Russia-West relations in this new era.”

Trita Parsi, Quincy Institute's Executive Vice President, stated, "We are pleased to participate in the Engage America series on rebuilding security in Europe with the World Affairs Council of America and the International Center of the Capital Region. Our presentation is especially timely and critical because negotiations are underway to determine the durability of any agreement to end the Ukraine war and, more broadly, the prospects for peace and stability globally."

International Center of the Capital Region Board President, Christine Guerin, stated, “We are pleased to bring Engage America to the Capital Region and deepen our community’s global perspective. Our Center is dedicated to offering opportunities for community engagement through professional global exchange.”

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### **About the International Center of the Capital Region**

The mission of the International Center of the Capital Region (ICCR), a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, is to cultivate professional, cultural, and social exchange and global thought leadership in our region. The Center is a Council member of the World Affairs Councils of America, a community-based member of the U.S. State Department's premiere International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), and a partner of the Congressional Office of International Leadership (COIL), whose mission is to inspire citizen diplomacy with global civic and political leaders through its Open World program. Our work connects international delegates with their peers in our region to exchange best practices and strengthen mutual understanding. These programs give the area a unique opportunity to showcase its diversity, history, and unique assets with hundreds of countries and their emerging educational, government, nonprofit, and business leaders. For more information on the International Center of the Capital Region, visit <https://iccralbany.org/>.

### **About Quincy Institute**

A bipartisan think tank in Washington is working to build a world where peace is the norm and war is the exception. Through research, writing, and advocacy efforts, QI ideas that move US foreign policy and national security policy away from global domination and military adventurism and toward a new strategy of diplomatic engagement and the defense of our country based on the interests of the American people, not the corporate and political interests that have fueled American wars for the last 70 years. For more information on the Quincy Institute, visit <https://quincyinst.org>.

### **About World Affairs Councils of America**

The mission, for over 100 years, is to support, strengthen, and represent a national network of more than 90 nonpartisan organizations working to deepen their communities' global perspective through events and educational initiatives for diverse audiences. Promoting civil discourse and building community is the heart of the organization. For more information on the World Affairs Councils of America, visit <https://worldaffairsCouncils.org>