

NAME OF EVENT: War Powers, War Crimes, & Wartime Detention?: A Discussion of the Trump Administration's Iran Actions
(This event has been approved for 1 hour of California MCLE credit.)

DATE | TIME | LOCATION: January 9, 2020 | 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. ET | Briefing Call

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The Trump administration's decision to kill Iranian military leader Qassem Soleimani without congressional authorization will have vast repercussions, geopolitical and otherwise. Indeed, the consequences are already being felt by U.S. citizen Iranian Americans who have been detained and questioned while traveling home from abroad. Amid threats of retaliation by the Iranian government, President Trump has threatened military action that would target 52 Iranian sites, including important cultural sites, which experts argue would constitute a war crime. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has defended the administrations' actions as a lawful response to imminent, direct threats to Americans, but some contend that case has not and must be made to Congress.

Join ACS for a discussion of the legality of the strike, threatened further military action, and the detention of American citizens based on their nation of origin.

SPEAKERS' NAMES AND BIOS:

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Debra Perlin, Director of Policy and Program, ACS, *moderator*

AGENDA OF CONFERENCE CALL:

5 minutes introduction
30 minutes speakers' presentations
20 minutes Q&A
5 minutes conclusion

MATERIALS FOR CALL:

Jonathan Allen, [The Trump Administration has Already Built its Case for Iran War](#), NBC NEWS (May 18, 2019).

Tess Bridgeman, [The Soleimani Strike and War Powers](#), JUST SECURITY (Jan. 6, 2020).

Lauren Gardner et al., [*Border Stops for People of Iranian Descent Spark Outrage*](#), POLITICO (Jan. 5, 2020).

Merrit Kennedy & Jackie Northam, [*Was it Legal for the U.S. to Kill a Top Iranian Military Leader?*](#), NPR (Jan. 4, 2020).

Tim Lister & Eve Bower, [*Growing Doubts on Legality of US Strike that Killed Iranian General*](#), WRAL.COM (Jan. 6, 2020).

Rita Siemion, [*The 9/11 War Authorization and Iran: An Important Lesson for Congress*](#), ACS EXPERT FORUM (July 1, 2019).

Benjamin Wittes, [*Lawfare Podcast Special Edition: The Soleimani Strike and Its Fallout*](#), LAWFARE (Jan. 3, 2020).