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May 17, 2018, Thursday, Distinguished Speaker
Liesl Riddle, PhD, George Washington University
Diaspora: Borne of Tragedy, Resettlement in the U.S.

To register by the due date, Monday, May 14, 2018, click: [<Event Registration>](#)



For Reservations:

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Date: May 17, 2018

Reception: 5:30 - 6:15 pm

Dinner: 6:15 pm

Talk: 7:00 pm

Location: The Willows

6729 Westfield Blvd.

Indianapolis, IN 46220

Liesl Riddle, PhD, George Washington University

Liesl Riddle, PhD, is Associate Professor of International Business and International Affairs, School of Business, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Having examined diaspora investment and entrepreneurship for over 20 years, she has researched and written about 16 different diaspora communities in the USA and Europe who originate from Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, and the Middle East.

She will profile how refugee immigrant groups, although borne of tragedy and settled in the U.S., make incalculable economic, cultural, professional, medical, and social contributions to the whole of America as well as to their countries of origin.

Dr. Riddle frequently briefs diplomats as a guest speaker at the U.S. State Department's Foreign Service Institute to help assure the success of American diplomacy around the world. Her PhD, MBA, MA and BA Degrees are from the University of Texas at Austin.

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Acknowledgement:

The ICWA recognizes and thanks the George Washington University, Institute for Middle East Studies, Education and Outreach, for their expertise and generosity in making this program possible. The Institute offers educational materials that are suitable for teachers to use with university and high school students to gain a more in-depth and interdisciplinary understanding of the Middle East.

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Directions: The Willows, 6729 Westfield Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46220, just north of the White River Bridge.

Schedule: Reception: 5:30-6:15 pm. Dinner: 6:15 pm. Talk: 7:00 pm. This event is open to the public.

Reservations for the Reception and Dinner, 5:30-7:00 pm. RSVP due Monday, May 14, 2018:

The cost is \$32 for ICWA members, and members' guests, who pay by the due date. The cost is \$36 for nonmembers as well as members who miss the due date. Reservation cut-off is Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

Reservations for the Talk, 7:00 pm: For those who miss the dinner reservation cut-off, or for those who want to come for the "Talk-Only" portion of the program, may check in after 6:45 pm. Reservations are requested, but not required. For members, the talk is \$9. For nonmembers \$10. Students \$5.

Note: For those with no online access, please mail your payment and call to confirm by Friday, May 11, 2018.

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One of the world's leading experts on migration and diaspora finance will be in Indianapolis to address the Indiana Council on World Affairs.

Via YouTube, right now, you can hear & see what Liesl Riddle has to say about diaspora finance.

On May 17, 2018, you will be able to meet her and hear her presentation in person!

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIubSbvDhU>

US African Diaspora Investment

Symposium - Full Video: Diaspora Opportunities & Challenges. Published on Sep 11, 2014
Video of the session "Diaspora Investments Opportunities & Challenges" chaired by **Liesl Riddle**, Associate Professor, George Washington University School of Business.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2I-ifdDFM8>

Role of Diaspora Tourism in the Diaspora-Engagement Value Chain

Published on Nov 18, 2015 ITS-IGIS Colloquium | October 2, 2015. Presented by Dr. Liesl Riddle
The role of diaspora tourism and visitation can shape an individual's self-concept. It is an important revenue source with immediate visitation expenditures. Diaspora tourism can be leveraged to for longer-term forms of engagement in their country of origin economies through philanthropy, volunteerism, remittances, and investment.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lq6AWCt-2Gw>

Harnessing the Potential of Diaspora Finance

Center for Strategic and International Studies. Published on Sep 21, 2015
Current trends and innovations in diaspora finance include middle and low-income countries receipt of \$414 billion [est. 2013] in remittances from members of the diaspora. Diaspora finance has shown immense promise for economic growth and development in both developing and established nations. Government agencies, NGOs, and the private sector are showing increased interest in leveraging diaspora capital.

Notes:

1. Diaspora is a dispersion of people, en masse, from the original homeland locale.
2. Diaspora finance and economics considers a host country's recognition and capacity to identify the skills and talents that immigrants bring to and offer the country of re-settlement. Also, diaspora finance and economics considers remittance payments sent out-of-country, such as to the country of origin. Such remittances can comprise a significant economic resource for developing countries.
3. The World Bank reports that remittance payments from immigrants back to their country of origin reached US \$466 billion in 2017, an increase of 8.5 percent from US \$429 billion in

2016.

World Bank - www.businesstimes.com.sg/banking-finance/. Mon, Apr 23, 2018.

Source: