Emotive Content and the Societal-System Dynamics of Protracted Social Conflict

While armed conflict has continued to diminish across most of the globe since the end of the Cold War and the resulting "peace dividend" has contributed to measurable progress in reducing state fragility, the Middle East and Sahel regions have diverged from the global trends since 2001 and teeter on the brink of unprecedented humanitarian disaster. Dr. Marshall will discuss the regional dynamics within the framework of Societal-System Dynamics which stresses the importance of Emotive Content and System Dynamics in understanding the problem of collective violence in the Era of Globalization.