

Salt Lake Committee on Foreign Relations

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Tuesday – October 30, 2018

6PM Social – 7PM Dinner – 8PM Presentation

The Alta Club – 100 East South Temple

Complementary parking is available in the [new Alta Club parking lot](#) located on the south side of South Temple, east of the Carlton Hotel Annex.
Valet service available after 6pm

"How Civil Resistance can Challenge Rising Global Authoritarianism"



Dr. Maria J. Stephan directs the Program on Nonviolent Action at the U.S. Institute of Peace, which focuses on applied research, training and education and informing policies and practice related to civil resistance, nonviolent action and their roles in transforming violent conflict and advancing just peace. She was formerly a non-resident senior fellow at the Atlantic Council, where she co-lead the Future of Authoritarianism project. Previously, Stephan was lead foreign affairs officer in the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations (CSO), where she worked on both policy and operations for Afghanistan and Syria engagements. Earlier, Stephan directed policy and research at the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict (ICNC), a private foundation dedicated to developing and disseminating knowledge about nonviolent struggle. She simultaneously taught courses on human rights and civil resistance at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and American University's School of

International Service. Stephan is the editor of *Civilian Jihad: Nonviolent Struggle, Democratization and Governance in the Middle East* (Palgrave, 2009), a co-editor of *Is Authoritarianism Staging a Comeback?* (Atlantic Council, 2015) and the co-author of *Why Civil Resistance Works: The Strategic Logic of Nonviolent Conflict* (Columbia University Press, 2011). The latter book was awarded the 2012 Woodrow Wilson Foundation Prize by the American Political Science Association for the best book published in political science and the 2012 University of Louisville Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order. Her articles have appeared in the New York Times, Washington Post, Foreign Policy, Foreign Affairs, Defense One, and NPR. Stephan has worked with the European/NATO policy office of the U.S. Department of Defense, and at NATO HQs in Brussels. She is the recipient of Harry S. Truman and J. William Fulbright national scholarships. She holds an MA and PhD from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and a bachelor's degree from Boston College. Stephan, who is from Vermont, is a lifetime member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Please RSVP by 3pm Sunday October 28, by one of the following; reply to this email; phone Lynda Sayge (801) 556-6173, or email at saygehen@xmission.com. Reservations made after deadline will be taken for speaker only. Please leave your name and the number in your party. Vegetarian meal is available, advise with RSVP. **Please cancel reservations by 3pm on Sunday October 28, if you know you will not be attending the meeting.** You are responsible for your own and guests fees if you do not attend after making reservations. Dinner fees; Member \$35, Guests \$40.