

## **Abstract**

### **Global Trends 2030: Alternative Worlds**

Dr. Markin will discuss “Global Trends 2030: Alternative Worlds,” the fifth installment in the National Intelligence Council’s series aimed at providing a framework for thinking about the future. As with previous editions, this report is aimed at stimulating strategic thinking by identifying critical trends and potential discontinuities. It distinguishes between megatrends, those factors that will likely occur under any scenario, and game-changers, critical variables whose trajectories are far less certain. Finally, as the Council’s appreciation of the diversity and complexity of various factors has grown, the study gives substantial attention to scenarios or alternative worlds we might face.