**EXPERT ON MOUNTAIN ENVIRONMENTS IN THE GEOGRAPHY COLLOQUIA SERIES**

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Will Discuss

**Global Security Critical Indicators: Mountain Environments & Peoples**

Mountains are critical to global environmental sustainability and thus to global security. Mountains constitute 25 percent of the earth’s land surface and are home to 26 percent of the world’s human populace. Mountains generate 32 percent of global surface runoff and greater than of 50 percent of the world’s human population depends directly on mountains for water, food, power, wood and minerals. Dwindling water supplies from receding glaciers, decreasing snowfall, and from melting mountain permafrost place half or more of the world’s population at risk thus threatening global security. The global community is aware of mountains as critical to global environmental sustainability, so too should American scholars, policymakers and implementers.

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