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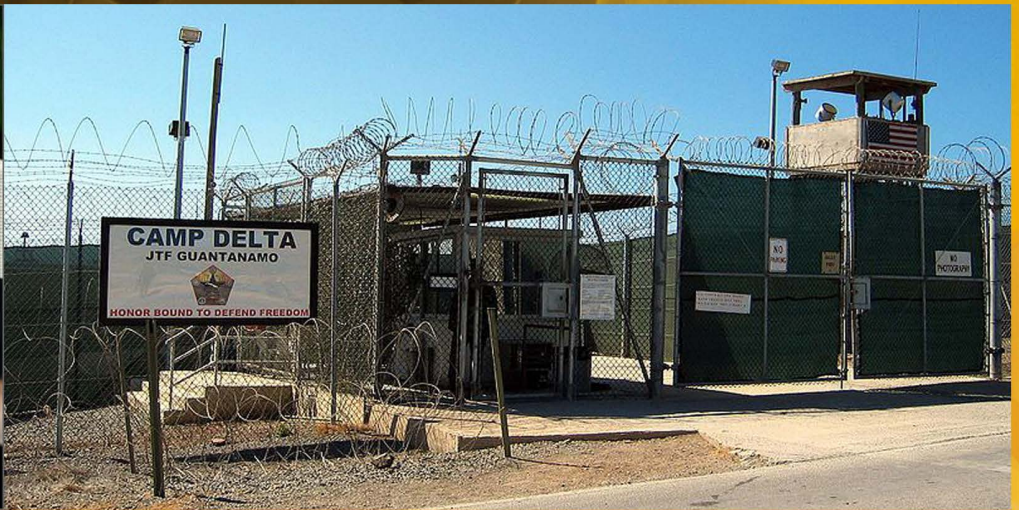
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Guantánamo and Cuban Nationalism

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The U.S. has controlled the 45 square miles surrounding Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, for over 100 years. The rationale underlying that control has evolved over the decades, as the strategic imperatives for the base have shifted with the passage of time. This lecture will challenge audience members to consider for themselves what are the current U.S. interests in retaining the status quo in Guantánamo, and will explore alternative methods to preserving those interests. The audience will also be challenged to weigh Guantánamo against a background of evolving Cuban nationalism, especially in the broader Cuban population.

Michael E. Parmly is a retired U.S. Foreign Service Officer with a 35-year diplomatic career. He was the Chief of Mission in Havana (2005–2008), overseeing over 300 employees. His prior postings concentrated primarily on Europe and the Islamic world. Earlier Foreign Service tours included stints at U.S. embassies in Paris, Bucharest, Rabat, and Madrid, and at the U.S. Mission to the European Union in Brussels. In Washington, he served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, among other senior positions. Mr. Parmly holds two master's degrees from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. He currently resides in Geneva, Switzerland, where he serves as lecturer and consultant, and periodically teaches at the Geneva Center for Security Policy and at the University of Geneva.

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