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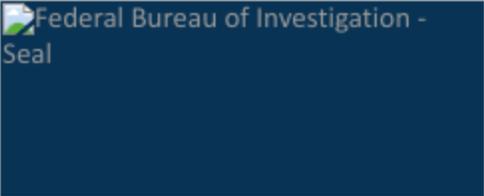
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## Ghislaine Maxwell: The Life Of The Jeffrey Epstein Associate Found Guilty Of Sex Trafficking

[Independent](#) (03/02, Sommerlad, Wadhwa) reported that the British socialite Ghislaine Maxwell was convicted Wednesday of luring teenage girls to be sexually abused by the American millionaire Jeffrey Epstein. According to the article, the verdict capped a month-long trial featuring sordid accounts of the sexual exploitation of girls as young as 14, told by four women who described being abused as teens in the 1990s and early 2000s at Epstein's palatial homes in Florida, New York, and New Mexico. Maxwell was convicted on five of six counts, including one count of sex trafficking. Lawyers for Maxwell, who faces up to 65 years in prison, vowed to appeal. The article noted that Maxwell's trial was widely seen as the reckoning Epstein never had and one of the highest-profile cases in the wake of the #MeToo movement, which encouraged women to speak out about sexual abuse by famous and powerful people.

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## WASHINGTON SCHEDULE

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- Hearings to examine recent actions of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission relating to permitting construction and operation of interstate natural gas pipelines and other natural gas infrastructure projects. – 10:00 AM – Host: Energy and Natural Resources Committee
- Hearings to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress. – 10:00 AM – Host: Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee
- Business meeting to consider the nominations of Arun Venkataraman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, Laurie E. Locascio, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Standards and Technology, and Grant T. Harris, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Commerce, Gigi B. Sohn, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, Alvaro M. Bedoya, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, Mary T. Boyle, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and Mohsin Raza Syed, of Virginia, Christopher A. Coes, of Georgia, and Carol Annette Petsonk, of the District of Columbia, each to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation. – 10:00 AM – Host: Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee
- Hearings to examine the Senate confirmation process and Federal vacancies. – 10:15 AM – Host: Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee
- Hearings to examine the nominations of Alina L. Romanowski, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, Douglas T. Hickey, of Idaho, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, and Steven H. Fagin, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen, all of the Department of State, and Erin Elizabeth McKee, of California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development. – 10:30 AM – Host: Foreign Relations Committee

#### **US House of Representatives**

- Hearing: The Neglected Epidemic of Missing BIPOC Women and Girls - 10:00 AM - Host: Committee on Oversight and Reform | Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

## General Events

- [Heritage Foundation: The State of Decision Support Analysis in the DOD](#) – Thursday, March 3, 2022. Location: Virtual Event, 1:00 PM. What size, posture, warfighting concepts, and equipment should the U.S. military possess to defend our national interests? The Department of Defense makes these decisions every day. Made incorrectly, these choices could cost U.S. servicemembers their lives, and America, a war. While intuition can play a role, for the best chance of success, such decisions must be supported by data-driven analysis. Yet in 2018, the National Defense Strategy Commission found DOD “struggled to link objectives to operational concepts to capabilities to programs and resources” and blamed this on a “deficit in analytical capability, expertise, and processes.” A shortfall in DOD analytic capability should be a concern to all Americans. Join Heritage and a group of distinguished former DOD senior leaders—both producers and consumers of DOD analysis—to discuss the state of decision support analysis and what can be done to improve its quality.
- [Center for Strategic and International Studies: Launch of the Feb. 2022 Issue of the International Review of the Red Cross: “Counterterrorism, Sanctions and War”](#) – Thursday, March 3, 2022. Location: Virtual Event, 9:00 AM. Combatting terrorism remains a priority for the international community, yet there is a growing debate over the effectiveness and second order implications of the financial and regulatory tools used to reduce terrorist financing. A growing body of scholarship studying these impacts demonstrates that sanctions and other efforts to combat and deter terrorism often hinder the effective delivery of humanitarian assistance and are in tension with international humanitarian law and core humanitarian principles. Reconciling the tension between counterterrorism measures, including sanctions, and the ability to deliver critical humanitarian aid is an urgent priority.
- [Center for Strategic and International Studies: Advancing Global Climate Action: A Conversation with MEP Mohammed Chahim](#) – Thursday, March 3, 2022. Location: Virtual Event, 4:00 PM. CSIS will host a livestream conversation with Mohammed Chahim, Member of European Parliament from the Netherlands and rapporteur on the carbon border adjustment mechanism currently proposed in the European Union. Mr. Chahim will discuss how carbon pricing is central to Europe’s climate plans, the legislative report he is preparing on the proposed border adjustment mechanism, the respective U.S. and EU approaches, and the path to advancing climate action globally in the coming years.
- [American Enterprise Institute: A conversation with House Armed Services Committee Chairman Adam Smith](#) – Thursday, March 3, 2022. Location: Virtual Event, 9:00 AM. As the Ukraine crisis intensifies, the Biden administration is poised to release a new National Defense Strategy and defense budget request. What will the new strategy and associated defense program investments mean for the future size and composition of the US military? While the Biden administration has focused on strategic competition with China, how prepared is the Pentagon to respond to a crisis in Europe? Are there wider implications for the future of America’s global military footprint? What will the administration get right, and where will course corrections be required?
- [Atlantic Council: What sanctions mean for the Russian and global economy](#) – Thursday, March 3, 2022. Location: Virtual Event, 10:00 AM. Over the past 10 days, the G7 has unveiled sweeping sanctions designed to cripple the Russian economy. From the commercial banking system to the central bank, the set of measures has raised questions about implementation, effectiveness, and the wider global impact. An estimated \$360 billion in foreign reserves is now out of reach for Putin and his government. In anticipation, the Central Bank of Russia had already reduced its exposure to dollars. Still, Governor Nabiullina is now employing unorthodox policies to maintain some supplies of western currencies and to reassure domestic lenders. Will it work? And what will be the spillovers on energy and food prices for rest of the world?
- [Wilson Center: Russia’s Aggression: European Perspectives and Responses](#) – Thursday, March 3, 2022. Location: Virtual Event, 10:00 AM. As fighting between Russia and Ukraine intensifies, attention has been

focused on the global community and its responses to the war. A sense of European weakness in the face of Russia's aggression and concern for the future of other former members of the Soviet empire—most notably the Baltics—has grown. In this event, we will consider European perspectives and responses to the war and consider how EU's most vulnerable Eastern European members can protect themselves.

- Wilson Center: Wilson Policy Briefing: Russia Sanctions, Financial Markets and Cryptocurrencies – Thursday, March 3, 2022. Location: Virtual Event, 4:00 PM. Join us for a Wilson Policy Briefing to discuss how sanctions against Russia are impacting global financial markets and financial institutions, including the role of cryptocurrency in averting international pressure. In response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the United States is leading coordinated efforts to cripple Moscow financially. As a growing amount of nations and corporations deny a number of Russian financial institutions access to SWIFT, and other payment methods, Russia's challenge will be to seek alternative methods to conduct transactions. Moderator Shihoko Goto, the Wilson Center's Deputy Director for Geoeconomics, will speak with former U.S. Executive Director of the IMF Meg Lundsager and Marco Dell'Erba, Wilson Center Global Fellow, about Russia's access to financial markets and its position in international financial institutions as well as the limitations of crypto in averting sanctions from the international community.
- Hudson Institute: Opportunities for Applying the AUKUS Model in South Korea – Thursday, March 3, 2022. Location: Virtual Event, 12:00 PM. The AUKUS agreement's transfer of nuclear submarine technology to Australia could substantially enhance Indo-Pacific security, giving Canberra the high-endurance, long-distance, stealthy platform it needs to project power to seas that China might contest. But the AUKUS model could also be applied to benefit other U.S. Asian allies—most importantly South Korea and Japan. Although leaders in both nations advocate acquisition of nuclear submarines to counter threats from China and North Korea, do other advanced non-nuclear anti-surface and anti-submarine warfare options make more sense? Which set of options might be most likely to strengthen alliance security ties between Washington, Seoul, and Japan?
- INSA: Coffee & Conversation With Troy Meink – Thursday, March 3, 2022. Location: Virtual Event, 9:00 AM. Join us online on Thursday, March 3, from 9:00-9:45 am ET, for Coffee & Conversation with Troy Meink, Principal Deputy Director, National Reconnaissance Office. In this moderated conversation with INSA President Suzanne Wilson Heckenberg, Dr. Meink will provide insights into NRO's current challenges and priorities, including: engagement with commercial launch, imagery, and ground architecture partners, funding and development for critical satellite systems, physical and cyber resiliency of space assets, collaboration with Space Force and other government partners, and innovations needed to improve the NRO's capability, capacity, and speed.

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