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## **The Gangs of Port-au-Prince**

**Date:**

Wednesday, 26 September 2007

**Time:**

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

**Location:**

George Mason University  
3401 Fairfax Drive, Room 317  
Arlington, Virginia 22201  
(Virginia Square / GMU Metro station)  
<http://coyote.gmu.edu/map/arling.html>

Robert M. Perito is a senior program officer in the Center for Post-Conflict Peace and Stability Operations at the U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP), where he coordinates the Peacekeeping Lessons Learned Project and the Haiti Working Group. Before joining USIP in 2001, Perito served as deputy director of the International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program at the U.S. Department of Justice, responsible for providing policy guidance and program direction for peacekeeping operations in Haiti, Bosnia, East Timor, and Kosovo. He previously was a career Foreign Service officer with the U.S. Department of State (1968-95), retiring with the rank of minister counselor. Perito's assignments included service as deputy executive secretary of the National Security Council (1988-89); and he received a Presidential Meritorious Service Award in 1990 for leadership of the U.S. delegation to the Angola peace talks. Before joining the Foreign Service, Perito served as a rural development officer with the Peace Corps in Nigeria (1965-67). He is a visiting lecturer at Princeton University and has taught at American and George Mason Universities. Perito holds an M.A. Peace Operations from George Mason University. He will discuss the successful UN campaign against the armed gangs that have recently terrorized Haiti.

**Speaker:**

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**Host:**

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