

America's Security Role in a Changing World
A Global Strategic Assessment

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The United States faces many daunting national security challenges in the coming years, some not traditionally viewed as security issues, to include redistribution of economic power; international political flux; globalization of communications and information; energy and environmental security; fragile states and ungoverned spaces; transnational terrorism; the changing character of war; and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. America's new leaders must respond to these challenges with a comprehensive, in-depth understanding of the issues, decisive, yet collaborative action, and strategic patience.

The Institute for National Strategic Studies has identified eight global trends driving tomorrow's complex security environment. These trends represent challenges and in some cases opportunities for America's civilian policymakers and military leaders. These trends amount to a paradigm shift and policymakers may increasingly find themselves operating in terra incognita. To shed light on this emerging global environment, the Institute for National Strategic Studies has produced a seminal volume, *Global Strategic Assessment*, which details these driving trends, assesses them in regional context, and finally, offers a number of pathways for American policymakers to deal with them. Featured speakers will include military officers, government officials, and experts from research institutes. The symposium will be held at the National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington on 7-8 April 2009.

The program is open to the public. Participants are expected from government, business, universities, and research institutes from the United States and abroad. Registration will take place in Room 1105 of Abraham Lincoln Hall. All panels will be conducted in the new Lincoln Hall auditorium. Lunches will be held in Room 155 of Marshall Hall.

Day 1

0900-0910 Welcoming Remarks and Introduction

LtGen Frances C. Wilson, USMC, *President, National Defense University*

Dr. Patrick M. Cronin, *Director, Institute for National Strategic Studies*

0910-1000 Opening Keynote Address

Ms. Michèle A. Flournoy, *Under Secretary of Defense for Policy*

1030-1200 Panel 1: Adapting to Global Challenges Part I

- *The Global Re-Distribution of Economic Power*
- *Political Flux in a Non-polar World*
- *The Impact of the Information Revolution*

Moderator: Dr. Stephen Flanagan, *Senior Vice President, Center for Strategic and International Studies*

Panelists:

Dr. Robert Madsen, *Senior Fellow, Center for International Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

Dr. David Gordon, *Head of Research, Eurasia Group*

Mr. Kim Taipale, *Executive Director, Center for Advanced Studies in Science and Technology Policy*

1215-1330 Keynote Lunch Address: *The Future of Pakistan – U.S. Relations*

Ambassador Maleeha Lodhi, *Former Ambassador of Pakistan to the United States*

Introduction by: Mr. Joseph McMillan, *Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs*

1345-1530 Panel 2: Adapting to Global Challenges Part II

- *Energy and the Environmental Insecurity*
- *Fragile States and Ungoverned Spaces*
- *Transnational Movements and Terrorism*

Moderator: Dr. Michael Klare, *Five College Professor of Peace and World Security Studies, Hampshire College*

Panelists:

Dr. Richard Andres, *Senior Research Fellow, Institute for National Strategic Studies*

Dr. James Shear, *Director of Research, Institute for National Strategic Studies*

Mr. Mark Stout, *Joint Advanced Warfighting Division, Institute for Defense Analyses*

Ms. Linda Robinson, *Booz Allen Hamilton*

1545-1730 Panel 3: Adapting to Global Challenges Part III

- *The Changing Character of War*
- *The Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction*

Moderator: Dr. Brad Roberts, *Researcher, Institute for Defense Analyses*

Panelists:

Rear Admiral Chris Parry, Royal Navy (Ret) *formerly Head, Development, Concepts & Doctrine Centre, UK Ministry of Defence*

Dr. Thomas X. Hammes, Colonel, USMC (Ret)

Ms. M. Elaine Bunn, *Senior Research Fellow, Institute for National Strategic Studies*

Dr. David Kilcullen, *Senior Fellow, The EastWest Institute*

Day 2

0800-0825 Tour of Library Special Collections – Optional

Day 2 – continued

0830-1000 Panel 4: Assessing Complex Regional Trends Part I

- *Greater Middle East*
- *South Asia*
- *Russia/Eurasia*
- *East and Southeast Asia*

Moderator: Professor James Clad, *Near East South Asia Center*

Panelists:

Dr. Judith S. Yaphe, *Senior Research Fellow, Institute for National Strategic Studies*

Dr. Timothy Hoyt, *Professor, Strategy and Policy Department, Naval War College*

Dr. Eugene Rumer, *Senior Research Fellow, Institute for National Strategic Studies*

Dr. Phil Saunders, *Senior Research Fellow, Institute for National Strategic Studies*

1015-1145 Panel 5: Assessing Complex Regional Trends Part II

- *Europe*
- *Africa*
- *The Americas*

Moderator: Dr. Steve Brent, *Chair, Department of Economics, Industrial College of the Armed Forces*

Panelists:

Mr. Leo Michel, *Senior Research Fellow, Institute for National Strategic Studies*

Ambassador Mark Bellamy, *Director, Africa Center for Strategic Studies*

Colonel John Cope, USA (Ret), *Senior Research Fellow, Institute for National Strategic Studies*

1200-1315 Keynote Lunch Address

The Honorable James B. Steinberg, *Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of State*

1325-1400 Featured Address: *Containing Iran's Rise*

Mr. Robert Baer, *Author and former CIA Officer*

Introduction by: Ms. Kimberly Dozier, *Correspondent, CBS News*

1400-1440 *Challenges and Opportunities for American Policymakers*

Dr. Anne-Marie Slaughter, *Director of Policy Planning, U.S. Department of State*

Introduction by: Dr. Audrey Kurth Cronin, *Professor, National War College*

1455-1635 Panel 6: Recalibrating American Power

- *America's Contributions to Global Security*
- *Alternative Force Structures and Resource/Budget Constraints*
- *National Security Reform*
- *Cooperation with Allies and Coalition Partners*
- *Competitive Strategies for U.S. Engagement*

Moderator: Dr. Thomas G. Mahnken

Panelists:

Dr. Michael O'Hanlon, *Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution*

Dr. Christopher Lamb, *Senior Research Fellow, Institute for National Strategic Studies*

Dr. Patrick M. Cronin, *Director, Institute for National Strategic Studies*