



U.S. National Security Policy Issues

December 6-7, 2007
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Agenda

Please note that this is the 2007 program agenda. The December 2008 course will be similarly topical and will feature speakers of equal caliber, but will be tailored to reflect the most current national security issues.

Thursday, December 6, 2007

7:30 – 8:00 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast**
Saul/Zilkha Rooms, lobby level
The Brookings Institution

8:00 – 8:50 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction to the Seminar**
Saul/Zilkha Rooms

- Peter Schoettle, Director of Policy Programs, Center for Executive Education, the Brookings Institution
- Malcolm Ewing, Program Manager, Center for Executive Education, the Brookings Institution

Theme 1: U.S. National Grand Strategy

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **What Should U.S. Grand Strategy Be?**
Falk Auditorium

- Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the House of Representatives; Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. **What Should U.S. Grand Strategy Be?**
Falk Auditorium

- General Wesley K. Clark (ret.), former Supreme Allied Commander, Europe; former Democratic Party presidential candidate

11:15 – 11:30 a.m. **Break**

Theme 2: Dealing with Iraq

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Falk Auditorium

Iraq --- Looking Ahead: What Should the U.S. Do?

- Kenneth M. Pollack, Director of Research, Saban Center for Middle East Policy; Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Studies, the Brookings Institution
- General Jack Keane (ret.), former Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; co-author of the Iraqi “surge” plan; national security analyst for ABC News

Theme 3: Relations with Key States

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Saul/Zilkha Rooms

Luncheon

Pakistan’s War on Terror, and Building Bridges Between the West and the Islamic World

- Mahmud Ali Durrani, Pakistani Ambassador to the United States

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Falk Auditorium

Why Campaign ‘08 Matters to the World

- Strobe Talbott, President of the Brookings Institution; former Deputy Secretary of State

3:45 – 4:00 p.m.

Break

Theme 2: Dealing with Iraq

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Falk Auditorium

Understanding Iraq: Perspectives from Iraq

- Rend al-Rahim, Senior Fellow, U.S. Institute of Peace; Executive Director of the Iraq Foundation; former Ambassador of Iraq to the United States
- Laith Kubba, Program Director for Middle East and North Africa, National Endowment for Democracy
- Dr. Najmaldin Karim, founder and President of the Washington Kurdish Institute

Friday, December 7, 2007

7:45 – 8:15 a.m.
Saul/Zilkha Rooms

Breakfast

8:15 – 9:00 a.m.
Saul/Zilkha Rooms

Seminar Discussion of Themes and Ideas from Thursday Session

- Peter Schoettle, Senior Staff, Center for Executive Education, The Brookings Institution
- Malcolm Ewing, Program Manager, Center for Executive Education, the Brookings Institution

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.

Break

Theme 4: Financial Diplomacy --- Treasury's Growing Role in National Security Policy

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
Falk Auditorium

Financial Controls: The Treasury Department's Growing Ability To Promote U.S. National Security

- Stuart Levey, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence

10:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Break

Theme 5: Countering Terrorism and Insurgencies

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Falk Auditorium

Defeating Terrorism and Insurgencies: What Should the U.S. Do?

- David Kilcullen, Chief Strategist, Coordinator for Counter-Terrorism, Department of State; former senior counter-insurgency adviser to General Petraeus, Multi-National Force -- Iraq

Theme 6: The Middle East — Israel and Palestine

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Saul/Zilkha Rooms

**Luncheon
The American, Israeli and Palestinian Triangle**

- Ambassador Afif Safieh, Head of PLO Mission to the United States

1:30 – 1:45 p.m.

Break

Theme 7: North Korea and Controlling Nuclear Weapons

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.

Falk Auditorium

Korea, Nuclear Weapons and the Six-Party Talks

- Kathleen Stephens, Political Advisor and former Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State

2:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Break

Theme 8: U.S. Government Institutional Capacity To Support Nation Building and Development

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Falk Auditorium

The Challenge of Building USG Institutional Capacity

- Ambassador John Herbst, Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, Department of State

4:00 – 4:10 p.m.

Break

Theme 9: U.S. Energy Security

4:10 – 5:20 p.m.

Falk Auditorium

The Heightened Scramble for Energy Supplies: Implications for U.S. National Security — What Should Be Done?

- David Pumphrey, Deputy Director and Senior Fellow, Energy Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies; former Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Energy Cooperation, Department of Energy
- Maureen Crandall, Professor of Economics and Director, Energy Industry Study Group, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University

5:20 – 5:30p.m.

Falk Auditorium

Wrap-up, Evaluation and Awarding of Certificates

- Peter Schoettle, Senior Staff, Center for Executive Education, The Brookings Institution
- Malcolm Ewing, Program Manager, Center for Executive Education, the Brookings Institution