

U.S. National Security Policy Issues

December 8-9, 2009
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Agenda

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

7:30 – 8:00 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
University of California Center
1608 Rhode Island Ave.
Conference Room

8:00 – 8:40 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction to the Seminar**
UC Conference Room

- Peter Schoettle, Director of Policy Programs, Executive Education, the Brookings Institution
- Ari Witkin, Program Associate, Executive Education, the Brookings Institution

8:45 – 10:15 a.m. **US Grand National Security Strategy: Advice and Recommendations to the Obama Administration: Panel**
UC Conference Room

- David Ignatius, Columnist for the *Washington Post*;
- Major General Robert Scales, former Commandant, Army War College; and
- Michael O'Hanlon; Senior Fellow and Director of Research, Foreign Policy Studies, Brookings Institution

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. **Break**

10:30 – 12:00 noon **The Taliban, Al Qaeda, Afghanistan and Pakistan: Prospects for Solving the Conundrum and Avoiding a Quagmire: Panel**
UC Conference Room

- Bruce Riedel, Senior Fellow, Saban Center for Middle East Policy and Foreign Policy Studies, Brookings Institution; former Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Near East and South Asian Affairs; author of *The Search for Al Qaeda*; and
- Alex Thier, Director for Afghanistan and Pakistan, US Institute of

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12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
UC Conference Room

Luncheon

Addressing the Israeli – Palestinian Crisis: Perspectives from the Palestinian Side

- Ambassador Maen Rashid Areikat, PLO Representative to the United States

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.
UC Conference Room

Department of Homeland Security: Obama Administration Objectives and Key Challenges Ahead

- Deputy Secretary Jane Holl Lute, Department of Homeland Security; former Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations for Mission Support, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, United Nations

2:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Break

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
UC Conference Room

The Future of Iraq: The Kurdish Perspective

- Qubad Jalal Talabany, Representative of the Kurdistan Regional Government to the U.S.

4:00 – 4:15 p.m.

Break

4:15 – 5:15 p.m.
UC Conference Room

US-Russia Relations: Stormy Weather or Clearing Skies Ahead?

- Strobe Talbott, President, Brookings Institution; former Deputy Secretary of State; former Special Ambassador for Soviet Union and Russia

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

7:45 – 8:15 a.m.
UC Conference Room

Continental Breakfast and Discussion of Themes and Ideas from Monday's Sessions

- Peter Schoettle, Senior Staff, Brookings Executive Education;
- Ari Witkin, Program Associate, Brookings Executive Education

8:15 – 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room

U.S. Defense Policy: The Perspective of the Chairman of the UC Senate Armed Services Committee

- Senator Carl Levin, (D-MI), Chairman, Armed Services Committee, U.S. Senate

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.

Break

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
UC Conference Room

Cyber Security: How Great the Threat?

- James Lewis, Director and Senior Fellow, Technology and Public Policy Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies

10:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 – 12:00 a.m.
UC Conference Room

Energy Security: Possible Threats Influencing the US, Europe and China: Panel Session

- Fiona Hill, Director and Senior Scholar, Center on US and Europe, Brookings Institution; former National Intelligence Officer for Russia; and
- Erica Downs, China Energy Fellow, John L. Thornton China Center, Brookings institution

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
UC Conference Room

Luncheon Arms Control, US Nuclear Non-Proliferation Strategy, and 21st Century Threats

- Michael Nacht, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Strategic Affairs, Department of Defense

1:30 – 1:45 p.m.

Break

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.
UC Conference Room

India's Relations with the U.S. and Perspectives on Challenges to Stability in South and Central Asia:

- Meera Shankar, Indian Ambassador to the United States

2:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Break

Wednesday, December 9, 2009 (continued)

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
UC Conference Room

Dealing with the Rising Giant from East Asia: China

- Harry Harding, Inaugural Dean, Frank Batten Sr. School of Leadership and Public Policy, University of Virginia; author of *Organizing China; A Fragile Relationship: the United States and China Since 1972;* and *China's Second Revolution: Reform After Mao*

4:00 – 4:15 p.m.

Break

4:15 – 5:15 p.m.
UC Conference Room

Iran: Where Is It Coming From? What Should the US Do? UC

- Trita Parsi, President, National Iranian American Council

5:15 – 5:30p.m.
UC Conference Room

Wrap-up, Evaluation and Awarding of Certificates

- Peter Schoettle, Senior Staff, Brookings Executive Education, and
- Ari Witkin, Program Associate, Brookings Executive Education