

## U.S. National Security Policy Issues

**December 8-9, 2009**  
The Brookings Institution  
Washington, DC

### **Preliminary Agenda** (Nov. 24)

#### **Tuesday, December 8, 2009**

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

**8:00 – 8:40 a.m.**                      **Welcome and Introduction to the Seminar**  
*Falk Auditorium*

- 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**  
*Falk Auditorium*

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

**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**  
*Falk Auditorium*

- 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* (*confirmed*); and
- Alex Thier, Director for Afghanistan and Pakistan, US Institute of Peace; author of *The Future of Afghanistan* (*confirmed*)

## Tuesday, December 8, 2009 (continued)

**12:00 – 1:30 p.m.**  
*Saul/Zilkha Rooms*

### **Luncheon**

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

- Ambassador Maen Rashid Areikat, PLO Representative to the United States (*confirmed*)

**1:45 – 2:45 p.m.**  
*Falk Auditorium*

#### **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 (*confirmed*)

**2:45 – 3:00 p.m.**

### **Break**

**3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**  
*Falk Auditorium*

#### **The Future of Iraq: The Kurdish Perspective**

- Qubad Jalal Talabany, Representative of the Kurdistan Regional Government to the U.S. (*confirmed*)

**4:00 – 4:15 p.m.**

### **Break**

**4:15 – 5:15 p.m.**  
*Falk Auditorium*

#### **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 (*confirmed*)

## Wednesday, December 9, 2009

7:45 – 8:30 a.m.  
Saul/Zilkha Rooms

### 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

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. (?)  
Falk Auditorium

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

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

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.

### Break

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.  
Falk Auditorium

### Cyber Security: How Great the Threat?

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

10:15 – 10:30 a.m.

### Break

10:30 – 12:00 a.m.  
Falk Auditorium

### 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 (*confirmed*) and
- Erica Downs, China Energy Fellow, John L. Thornton China Center, Brookings institution (*confirmed*)

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.  
Saul/Zilkha Rooms

### Luncheon

#### Arms Control and US Nuclear Non-Proliferation Strategy:

- Michael Nacht, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Strategic Affairs, Department of Defense (*confirmed*)

1:30 – 1:45 p.m.

### Break

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.  
Falk Auditorium

### 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 (*invited*)

2:45 – 3:00 p.m.

### Break

## Wednesday, December 9, 2009 (continued)

**3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**  
*Falk Auditorium*

### **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* (*confirmed*)

**4:00 – 4:15 p.m.**

### **Break**

**4:15 – 5:15 p.m.**  
*Falk Auditorium*

### **Financial Diplomacy: Treasury's Growing Role in U.S. National Security Policy**

- David Cohen, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence (*confirmed*)

**5:15 – 5:30p.m.**  
*Falk Auditorium*

### **Wrap-up, Evaluation and Awarding of Certificates**

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