

AGENDA AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2009

2:00PM-5:30PM Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Meeting

4:00PM-7:00PM Registration

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2009

9:00AM-12:00PM Registration/Networking Sessions

12:00PM-1:00PM Lunch

1:30PM-3:00PM Special Session: *The Next Generation Speaks*

3:00PM-5:00PM Arts and Culture Leaders Workshop

3:30PM-4:30PM Press Briefing: *Goals of the U.S.-Islamic World Forum*

5:00PM-6:00PM Reception

6:00PM-6:30PM Welcome and Opening Plenary

6:30PM-7:30PM *Common Challenges: Addressing Together Emerging Global Issues*

7:30PM-8:30PM Dinner

8:45PM-10:00PM Special Session: *The Palestinian Crisis*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2009

9:00AM-10:30AM *The Global Economic Crisis: How Do We Respond?*

10:30AM-10:50AM Coffee Break

11:00AM-1:00PM Task Forces: Session One

1:00PM-1:50PM Lunch

2:00PM-3:30PM *Energy Security in the 21st Century*

3:45PM-5:15PM Initiatives Workshops: Session One

5:30PM-7:00PM Initiatives Workshops: Session Two

7:30PM-9:00PM Museum of Islamic Arts

9:00PM-10:30PM Dinner

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2009

9:00AM-10:30AM *The New U.S. Administration and the Muslim World*

10:30AM-10:50AM Coffee Break

11:00AM-1:00PM Task Forces: Session Two

1:00PM-2:00PM Lunch

2:15PM-3:45PM *Closing Perspectives*

3:45PM-4:00PM Closing Remarks

4:15PM-5:30PM *Book Launch: Power & Responsibility*

6:00PM-7:00PM Dinner

7:15PM-10:00PM Arts and Culture Performance: Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra

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Wael Abbas is an internationally renowned Egyptian journalist, blogger and human rights activist who blogs for Misr Digital (Egyptian Awareness). He rose to fame reporting incidents of mob harassment of women, and broadcast several videos of police brutality, which led to the conviction of several police officers for torture. His actions have also resulted in harassment and intimidation by the Egyptian authorities, culminating in the takedown of Abbas' YouTube and Yahoo accounts.



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Ghaith Abdul Ahad is a writer and photographer for the *Guardian* newspaper in London. His photographs have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, the *Guardian*, the *Times*, *Stern* magazine and others. He has deftly managed to photograph and write from the front lines of both the Sunni and Shia insurgency movements, and was one of the last journalists to work in insurgent-held Fallujah before the American assault on that city in April 2004. He has also worked behind Mehdi Militia front lines during the American operations in Najaf in August 2004. Recently, he interviewed and photographed the Taliban in Afghanistan. He has received the Foreign Correspondent of the Year Award, British Press Awards, Amnesty International Press Awards, The James Cameron Prize, London University, and The Martha Gelhorn prize for War Reporting.



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Ziad Abu Amr is president of the Palestinian Council on Foreign Relations, a professor of political science at Birzeit University, and often serves as a mediator between president Mahmoud Abbas and the Hamas leadership. He has been a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council since 1996, representing Gaza City. He was re-elected during the January 2006 legislative elections. He is the former chairman of the Political Committee of the Palestinian Legislative Council and former minister of

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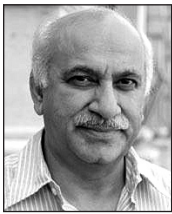
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Ali Bin Fahad Al-Hajri became ambassador of Qatar to the United States on April 7, 2008. He previously served as director of the European and American Affairs Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2006-08) and Qatari ambassador to Italy with non-residency ambassador status to Greece, Albania, Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia and San Marino (2000-05). During that same time, he was also the Qatari representative to the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and the UN World Food Program. In addition, Al-Hajri was a member of the Qatari Permanent Delegation to the United Nations in New

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Naif Al-Mutawa is founder and CEO of Teshkeel Media Group, and creator of the first group of superheroes born of an Islamic archetype, *The 99*. He has had extensive clinical experience working with former prisoners of war in Kuwait as well as at the Survivors of Political Torture unit of Bellevue Hospital in New York. His contact with torture victims due to their religious and political beliefs led to his writing a timeless children’s tale that won a UNESCO prize for literature in the service of tolerance. He received his B.A. in Clinical Psychology, English Literature and History from Tufts University. He received his M.B.A. and M.Sc. in organizational

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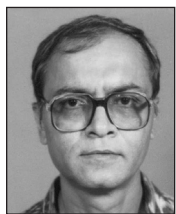
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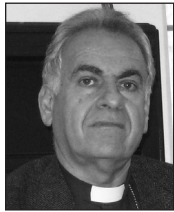
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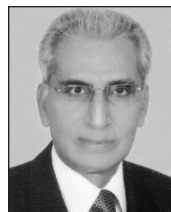
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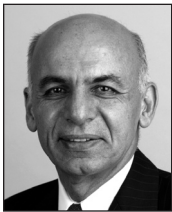
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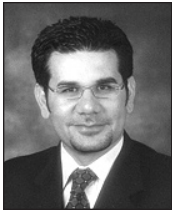
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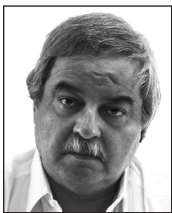
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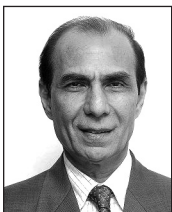
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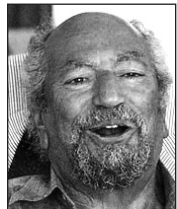
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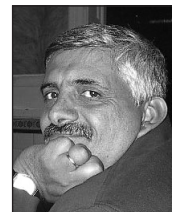
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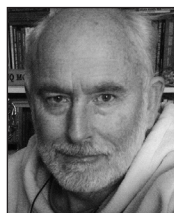


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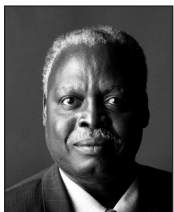
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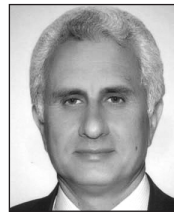
Hibaaq Osman is founder and chair of Karama, a pioneering regional movement of activists collaborating across eight civil society sectors to end violence against women in the Middle East and North Africa, and founding CEO of the Arab Women's Fund. In 2002, Osman was appointed the V-Day Special Representative to Africa, Middle East, and Asia, and founded the Center for the Strategic Initiatives of Women (CSIW). Through CSIW, she worked to ensure human rights, democracy, and the presence of women's voices in conflict resolution processes in Africa. This included revitalization of human rights and women's right organizations in Somalia in the 1990s and reconciliation efforts between Somali clans, Eritreans and Ethiopians, and Northern and Southern Sudanese, where she initiated a study of traditional methods of conflict resolution, "Building Constituencies for Peace through Diversity," and established the network SIHA to raise the community leadership and public influence by women's organizations in the Horn of Africa. Osman received her education in Somalia, Ethiopia, Sudan, and the United States.



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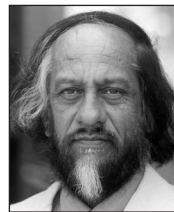
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Richard Peña



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David H. Petraeus
UNITED STATES

General David H. Petraeus assumed command of the United States Central Command in October 2008, after serving for over 19 months as the Commanding General of the Multi-National Force in Iraq. Prior to his tour as MNF-I Commander, he commanded the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth. Before that assignment, he was the first commander of the Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq and the NATO Training Mission-Iraq. Awards and decorations earned by General Petraeus include two awards of the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, two awards of the Distinguished Service Medal, two awards of the Defense Superior Service Medal, four awards of the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal for valor, the State Department Distinguished Service Award, the NATO Meritorious Service Medal, the Gold Award of the Iraqi Order of the Date Palm, and the French Légion d’Honneur. In 2005 Petraeus was recognized by the *U.S. News and World Report* as one of America’s 25 Best Leaders, and in 2007 he was named by *Time* magazine as one of the 100 most influential leaders of the year. Petraeus was the General George C. Marshall Award winner as the top graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College Class of 1983. He subsequently earned M.P.A. and Ph.D. degrees in international relations from Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.



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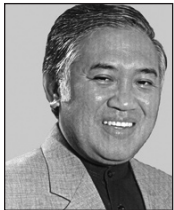
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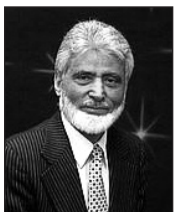
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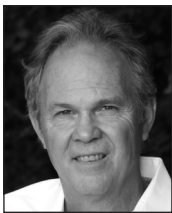
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The Center for Global Justice and Reconciliation (CGJR) is the Washington National Cathedral's platform for international affairs. Founded in 2005, the center focuses its efforts on poverty, social justice, and peacemaking initiatives around the globe. It forges effective partnerships between Christian denominations, interfaith partners, governments, multilateral institutions, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and the private sector to address the root causes of human suffering. CGJR leverages the prominence and convening power of the Cathedral to gather leaders from religious and secular institutions to advance human rights initiatives around the world. Our location in the nation's capital allows for a mutual exchange of ideas and information with our nation's lawmakers as well as leaders in NGOs and the international community.



Doris Duke Charitable Foundation

The mission of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation is to improve the quality of people's lives through grants supporting the performing arts, environmental conservation, medical research and the prevention of child maltreatment, and through preservation of the cultural and environmental legacy of Doris Duke's properties. Established in 1996, the foundation supports four national grantmaking programs. It also oversees three properties that were owned by Doris Duke in Hillsborough, New Jersey; Honolulu, Hawaii; and Newport, Rhode Island. The foundation is headquartered in New York and is governed by a ten-member Board of Trustees. The DDCF's activities

are guided by the will of Doris Duke, who endowed the foundation with financial assets that totaled approximately \$1.8 billion as of December 31, 2006. The foundation regularly evaluates and modifies its allocation of resources from the endowment to support the programs and properties and to respond to fluctuations in portfolio returns.

GALLUP The Gallup Organization

The Gallup Organization has studied human nature and behavior for more than 70 years. Gallup employs many of the world's leading scientists in management, economics, psychology, and sociology. Gallup consultants help organizations boost organic growth by increasing customer engagement and maximizing employee productivity through measurement tools, coursework, and strategic advisory services. Gallup's 2,000 professionals deliver services at client organizations, through the Web, at Gallup University's campuses, and in 40 offices around the world.



QatarDebate

QatarDebate, the National Debating Organization for Qatar and a member of Qatar Foundation, is a civic engagement initiative which aims to develop and support the standard of open discussion and debate among students and young people in Qatar and the broader Arab World. It was established in September 2007 with the aim of developing, supporting and raising the standard of open discussion and debate among students in Qatar and across the Middle East, shaping the Global Citizens of today and the intellectual leaders of tomorrow. Since our founding in 2007, over 2500 students have participated in QatarDebate's annual program of workshops, and we now have a presence in over 30 schools and universities in Qatar. QatarDe-

bate runs intensive workshops for students, an annual debate league and national competitions, selects the Qatar National Schools' Debating Team, and produces media resources for use in schools and universities across the Arab World. QatarDebate currently works with students in secondary schools (12+) and universities in Qatar, and in 2009 will also begin incorporating preparatory school students into our programs. Going forward, in February 2010 Qatar will host the World Schools' Debating Championships in the Arab World for the first time.



Soliya

Soliya is a pioneering non-profit organization using new technologies to facilitate dialogue between students from diverse backgrounds across the globe. Our flagship program,

the Connect Program, uses the latest web-conferencing technology to bridge the gap between university students in the Middle East, North Africa, Europe and the United States. In a time when media plays an increasingly powerful role in shaping peoples' viewpoints on political issues, Soliya provides students with the opportunity, skills, and tools to shape and articulate their own viewpoints on some of the most pressing global issues facing their generation. Soliya's Connect Program is facilitated by a cross-cultural team of young leaders drawn from over 25 different countries. To prepare these facilitators to fulfill their role, Soliya offers an 18 hour facilitation training course, via Soliya's custom-made web-conferencing application. The training provides facilitators with transferable collaborative leadership and conflict resolution skills that they can use both via Soliya's programs, and in other contexts at a local, regional, and global level.

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About the Brookings Project on U.S. Relations with the Islamic World

The Project on U.S. Relations with the Islamic World is a major research program housed within the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution. The project conducts high-quality public policy research, and convenes policy makers and opinion leaders on the major issues surrounding the relationship between the United States and the Muslim world. The Project seeks to engage and inform policymakers, practitioners, and the broader public on developments in Muslim countries and communities, and the nature of their relationship with the United States. Together with the affiliated Brookings Doha Center in Qatar, it sponsors a range of events, initiatives, research projects, and publications designed to educate, encourage frank dialogue, and build positive partnerships between the United States and the Muslim world. The Project has several interlocking components:

- The U.S.-Islamic World Forum, which brings together key leaders in the fields of politics, business, media, academia, and civil society from across the Muslim world and the United States, for much needed discussion and dialogue;
- A Visiting Fellows program, for scholars and journalists from the Muslim world to spend time researching and writing at Brookings in order to inform U.S. policy makers on key issues facing Muslim states and communities;
- A series of Brookings Analysis Papers and Monographs that provide needed analysis of the vital issues of joint concern between the U.S. and the Muslim world;
- An Arts and Culture Initiative, which seeks to develop a better understanding of how arts and cultural leaders and organizations can increase understanding between the United States and the global Muslim community;
- A Science and Technology Initiative, which examines the role cooperative science and technology programs involving the U.S. and Muslim world can play in responding to regional development and education needs, as well as fostering positive relations;
- A Faith Leaders Initiative which brings together representatives of the major Abrahamic faiths from the United States and the Muslim world to discuss actionable programs for bridging the religious divide;
- A Brookings Institution Press Book Series, which aims to synthesize the project's findings for public dissemination.

The underlying goal of the Project is to continue the Brookings Institution's original mandate to serve as a bridge between scholarship and public policy. It seeks to bring new knowledge to the attention of decision-makers and opinion-leaders, as well as afford scholars, analysts, and the public a better insight into policy issues. The Project is supported through the generosity of a range of sponsors including the Government of the State of Qatar, The Ford Foundation, The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, and the Carnegie Corporation, and the Institute for Social Policy Understanding.

The Project Conveners are Martin Indyk, senior fellow and director of the Saban Center; Carlos Pascual, vice president and director of Foreign Policy Studies; Stephen R. Grand, fellow and director of the Project on U.S. Relations with the Islamic World; Peter W. Singer, senior fellow and director of the 21st Century Defense Initiative; Shibley Telhami, nonresident senior fellow and Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development at the University of Maryland; Bruce Riedel, senior fellow in the Saban Center; and Hady Amr, director of the Brookings Doha Center.

About the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at Brookings

THE SABAN CENTER FOR MIDDLE EAST POLICY was established on May 13, 2002 with an inaugural address by His Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan. The creation of the Saban Center reflects the Brookings Institution's commitment to expand dramatically its research and analysis of Middle East policy issues at a time when the region has come to dominate the U.S. foreign policy agenda.

The Saban Center provides Washington policymakers with balanced, objective, in-depth and timely research and policy analysis from experienced and knowledgeable scholars who can bring fresh perspectives to bear on the critical problems of the Middle East. The center upholds the Brookings tradition of being open to a broad range of views. The Saban Center's central objective is to advance understanding of developments in the Middle East through policy-relevant scholarship and debate.

The center's foundation was made possible by a generous grant from Haim and Cheryl Saban of Los Angeles. Ambassador Martin S. Indyk, senior fellow in Foreign Policy Studies, is the director of the Saban Center. Kenneth M. Pollack is the center's director of research. Joining them is a core group of Middle East experts who conduct original research and develop innovative programs to promote a better understanding of the policy choices facing American decision makers in the Middle East. They include Tamara Cofman Wittes, a specialist on political reform in the Arab world who directs the Project on Middle East Democracy and Development; Bruce Riedel, who served as a senior advisor to three Presidents on the Middle East and South Asia at the National Security Council during a twenty-nine year career in the CIA, a specialist on counter-terrorism; Suzanne Maloney, a former senior State Department official who focuses on Iran and economic development; Stephen R. Grand, fellow and director of the Project on U.S. Relations with the Islamic World; Hady Amr, fellow and director of the Brookings Doha Center; Shibley Telhami, who holds the Sadat Chair at the University of Maryland; and Daniel Byman, a Middle East terrorism expert from Georgetown University. The center is located in the Foreign Policy Studies Program at Brookings, led by Brookings Vice President Carlos Pascual.

The Saban Center is undertaking path breaking research in five areas: the implications of regime change in Iraq, including post-war nation-building and Persian Gulf security; the dynamics of Iranian domestic politics and the threat of nuclear proliferation; mechanisms and requirements for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; policy for the war against terrorism, including the continuing challenge of state-sponsorship of terrorism; and political and economic change in the Arab world, and the methods required to promote democratization.