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AGENDA



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Knight Conference Centre,
Newseum, Washington DC
(freedom forum entrance)

THURSDAY, 18 JUNE

08.30 **REGISTRATION**

09.00–09.30 **WELCOME REMARKS:** **Josef Ackermann**, Chairman of the Management Board, Deutsche Bank; **Strobe Talbott**, President, The Brookings Institution

09.30–12.00 **SESSION ONE: THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS: MANAGING THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL FALLOUT**

The current financial crisis, which originated in the US and spread to engulf all major economies, is calling into question the existing global financial and economic system. As banks face pressure to lend at home, international flows of capital are decreasing. Meanwhile, slowing consumer demand is leading to a contraction in global trade, and tensions over exchange reserves and currency valuations are rising. For decades, Washington could drive the international economic agenda. Yet now, it is clear that all the world's major financial players, particularly China, must be part of the solution. As the G20 process attempts to manage the fallout of the crisis, what rights are the emerging economies demanding and how are the incumbent economic powers handling the new dynamics?

Speakers:

David Lipton, Special Assistant for International Economic Affairs, the White House; **José Serra**, Governor of the State of São Paulo; **Friedrich Merz**, former Chairman of the parliamentary group of the Christian Democratic Union party, Germany; **Yao Yang**, Deputy Director, China Center for Economic Research, Beijing

Moderator: **Roger Liddle**, Vice-Chair, Policy Network

12.00–13.30 **LUNCH**

13:30- 15:30 **SESSION TWO: FORGING AN INTEGRATED INTERNATIONAL SECURITY POLICY**

By seeking greater political engagement abroad, the new US administration appears to be adopting a strategy of international cooperation, reducing its predecessor's reliance on unilateralism and military solutions. Yet, guaranteeing international peace and security will inevitably involve the use of force, as seen in the US surge of troops in Afghanistan. As global power becomes increasingly diffused, navigating through the competing claims of international security will be no easy task. So, how is the new administration faring as it seeks to forge a more integrated international security policy while formulating strategies for Iraq and Afghanistan? As the US heeds outside calls for greater multilateralism, what role do other global powers envision for the US in managing collective security, and how much are they willing to share in the burden of responding to global security challenges?

Speakers:

Strobe Talbott, President, The Brookings Institution; **Bernd Mützelburg**, German Special Envoy to Afghanistan and Pakistan; **Hani Shukrallah**, Editor of Al-Ahram weekly, Cairo; **Pratap Bhanu Mehta**, President, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi; **Luis Cuesta Civís**, Spanish Secretary General for Defence Policy

Moderator: **Philip Stephens**, Associate Editor, The Financial Times, London

19:00- 22:00 **DINNER KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Simon Schama**, Professor of History, Columbia University

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES:

08.30–9.00 **Richard Holbrooke**, US Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan

09.00–9.30 **Julia Gillard**, Australian Deputy Prime Minister

09.30–10.00 **Peter Mandelson**, UK Secretary of State for Business

10.00–10.15 **COFFEE BREAK**

10.15–12.15 **SESSION THREE: CLIMATE, ENERGY, PROLIFERATION: LINKED CHALLENGES FOR GLOBAL GOVERNANCE**

Climate change and proliferation present two of the gravest dangers imaginable to humankind – both, if not effectively managed, could lead to disastrous outcomes across national borders. While the risks presented by climate change are becoming increasingly evident, efforts to move towards low-carbon forms of energy carry their own dilemmas. Nuclear energy, for example, increases the danger of weapons proliferation and raises concerns over how to manage waste. Although the security threats presented by these challenges are enormous, the global governance architecture is ill-equipped to deal with such cross-cutting issues. Should efforts to achieve improved international regulation acknowledge the inter-linkages between climate change, energy and proliferation? And, how can this be done while ensuring that considerations of international equity and justice are kept in mind?

Speakers:

William Antholis, Managing Director, The Brookings Institution; **G. Parthasarthy**, former Indian Ambassador to Pakistan; **Teresa Ribera**, Spanish State Secretary for Climate Change; **Sergei Karaganov**, Chairman, Russian Council on Foreign and Defense Policy

Moderator: **Carlos Pascual**, Vice President, The Brookings Institution

12.15–12.30 **COFFEE BREAK**

12.30–13.30 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS:** **Lawrence Summers**, Director, National Economic Council

13.30–14.00 **LUNCH**

14.00–16.00 **CONCLUDING SESSION: TOWARDS COMMON FUTURES: AMERICA'S ROLE IN A CHANGING WORLD ORDER**

Speakers:

Wu Jianmin, President, China Foreign Affairs University and former Chinese Ambassador to the UN; **James Purnell**, UK Labour Member of Parliament; **Anatoly Adamishin**, former Deputy Foreign Minister, Russian Federation; **Marcel Biato**, Foreign Policy Adviser to the Brazilian Presidency; **Meera Shankar**, Indian Ambassador to the US; **Derek Chollet**, Principal Deputy Director, Policy Planning, US State Department

Moderator: **Carlos Pascual**, Vice President, The Brookings Institution

16.00–16.30 **FAREWELL REMARKS:** **Strobe Talbott** President, The Brookings Institution; **Giles Radice**, Chair, Policy Network; **Josef Ackermann**, Chairman of the Management Board, Deutsche Bank

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