



Passing the BATON

*Foreign Policy Challenges and
Opportunities Facing the New Administration*

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7:00 – 8:45 AM	Registration	
8:45 – 8:50 AM	Welcome & Introduction with Richard H. Solomon	Ballroom A
8:55 – 9:10 AM	“Today’s World, Tomorrow’s Challenges” with Condoleezza Rice	Ballroom A
9:10 – 9:25 AM	“Proliferation, Catastrophic Terrorism and a New Security Paradigm” with William J. Perry	Ballroom A
9:25 – 10:10 AM	Questions and Answers on Countering Proliferation with Eric S. Edelman, Daniel B. Poneman, Robert G. Joseph, Wendy R. Sherman, and Chester A. Crocker (moderator)	Ballroom A
10:10 – 11:00 AM	“Preventing Genocide: A Blueprint for U.S. Policymakers” with Madeleine K. Albright and General (ret.) Anthony C. Zinni	Ballroom A
11:15 – 12:15 PM	Four simultaneous panel discussions (<i>see page 2 for descriptions and room assignments</i>)	
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Luncheon: “Securing Development” with Robert B. Zoellick and J. Robinson West (moderator)	Ballroom B
1:45 – 3:00 PM	“Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan: Identifying Priorities, Linkages and Trade-offs” with Zbigniew Brzezinski, Admiral Michael G. Mullen, Lakhdar Brahimi, and Daniel P. Serwer (moderator)	Ballroom A
3:15 – 4:15 PM	Four simultaneous panel discussions (<i>see page 3 for descriptions and room assignments</i>)	
4:30 – 5:30 PM	“The Way Forward in Afghanistan” with General David H. Petraeus, Ashraf Ghani, Francesc Vendrell, Tom Perriello, and J Alexander Thier (moderator)	Ballroom A
5:30 – 7:00 PM	Passing the Baton Reception “Celebrating 25 Years of Building Peace”	Prefunction

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Panel 1: “Blogs & Bullets: The Power of Online Media in Preventing or Igniting Violent Conflict” with John Kelly, Ivan Sigal, Duncan MacInnes, Linton Wells, and Sheldon Himelfarb (moderator) **Room 204 C**

Modern conflict is a struggle for influence on public opinion in addition to territory and sovereign power – influence that runs increasingly over paths in a digital, networked world. This panel will review how the Internet has been used in this struggle and offer recommendations for channeling online social networks towards conflict management.

Panel 2: “Reinvigorating Prospects for Arab-Israeli Peacemaking” with Daniel Kurtzer, Ziad Asali, David Makovsky, and Samuel Lewis (moderator) **Room 202 B**

On January 20, President Obama will be stepping in at a time when Arab-Israeli peace efforts have stalled. Are there “best practices” from prior negotiations that should be adopted by the new Administration? Has the U.S. “no contact” policy with Hamas proved effective? If not, should it be altered? With elections coming in Israel, what impact will the new Israeli leadership have on peacemaking efforts? How have the Israeli-Syrian “proximity” talks affected progress towards peace, and what are likely outcomes of continuing these efforts? Given realities on the ground, and the leadership on both sides, what kind of progress in peacemaking is possible over the next 6-24 months? Would a renewed American diplomatic effort improve America’s overall position in the region?

Panel 3: “Stabilizing War-Torn States: Goals and Guidance for a New Administration” with Brigadier General Ed Cardon, Beth Ellen Cole, and Janine Davidson (moderator) **Room 202 A**

Seven years after entering Afghanistan, we are still in search of a winning strategy. Decision makers and foot soldiers – civilian and military – have lacked a basic framework to guide strategy and execution in these challenging missions. Now, at the dawn of a new Administration, two new manuals, both unprecedented in scope – the Army’s new Stability Operations doctrine and USIP’s Guiding Principles for Stabilization and Conflict Transformation – help fill that gap. What are we trying to achieve? What is the vision? How we do leverage all the capabilities of our citizens to win the peace?

Panel 4: “Confronting or Engaging Iran?” with Daniel Brumberg, Qamar-ul Huda, Suzanne Maloney, Avner Cohen, William Luers, and Frank Wisner (moderator) **Room 204 AB**

This panel will address what domestic, regional, and global factors are creating obstacles as well as opportunities for U.S.-European engagement of Iran on range of issues including nuclear proliferation, the Arab-Israeli peace process, and regional security.

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Panel 1: “Security and Political Reform in the Greater Middle East” **Room 204 AB**
with Mona Yacoubian, Samer Shehata, Shuja Nawaz, and Daniel Brumberg (moderator)

This panel will consider the future of U.S. efforts to promote political reform in the Middle East and wider Islamic world against a backdrop of escalating domestic, regional and global security challenges. Highlighting the findings and recommendations of USIP’s Study Group on Reform and Security in the Muslim World, the panel will set out a range of possible strategies for avoiding vicious cycles.

Panel 2: “Building Civilian Capacity to Meet 21st Century Challenges” **Room 202 B**
with Jean-Marie Guehenno, James Dobbins, Nancy Lindborg, and Chester Crocker (moderator)

Building civilian capacity is one of the critical elements of conflict management, especially now. For over a dozen years, many key conflict management institutions – both in the US and abroad – have recognized this need and developed courses and programs to prepare civilians to operate effectively in a conflict zone. After a decade of effort, what have we learned about increasing civilian capacity? The costs of failing to increase civilian capacity may be very high. Without better capacity, civilians may be at a higher risk and/or peace processes could be in jeopardy. Why haven’t we done better in preparing civilians? Most importantly, what must we do now to prepare civilians for the difficult work of preventing, ending, and settling conflicts?

Panel 3: “New Strategies for International Cooperation” **Room 202 A**
with Anne-Marie Slaughter, Robert Orr, Richard Armitage, and Abiodun Williams (moderator)

As President Barack Obama takes office, expectations for a change in the United States’ international role and posture are high. How should the new Administration seek global support needed to address key global threats and challenges such as nuclear proliferation, terrorism, climate change, energy security, poverty, and disease? Is there a special strategy for pursuing cooperation of major powers, such as Russia and China, that will improve burden sharing? How can the Obama team continue to develop strategic partnerships with India, Brazil, and other emerging powers? What will be the role of international institutions and the relationship between the United States and the United Nations?

Panel 4: “Economic Development and State Building” **Room 204 C**
with Henrietta Fore, Steve Radelet, David Litt, John D. Sullivan, and Raymond Gilpin (moderator)

The multifaceted nature of current and emerging global security challenges requires a judicious and balanced use of development, diplomacy, and defense – the 3Ds. United States leadership in ensuring the success of global efforts to address poverty, protect the environment, and safeguard human rights is critical. Enhanced living standards and freedom from fear are necessary conditions for the creation of secure and prosperous societies. This panel will evaluate U.S. programs to promote economic development in fragile environments, analyze policy options for sustainable outcomes, and examine institutional mechanisms that could bolster coordination and improve effectiveness.