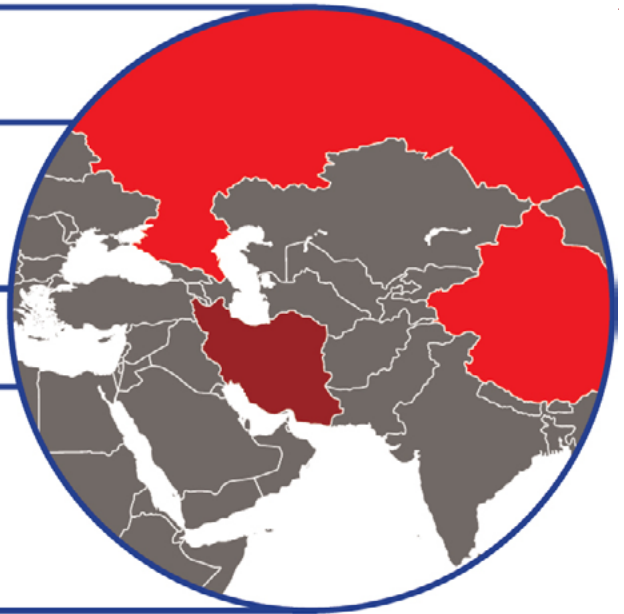


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The University of South Florida (USF), in collaboration with the National Defense University Near East South Asia (NESA) Center for Strategic Studies, will hold a series of conferences focused on the Great Power Competition in the Central Region to provide a broader understanding of the challenges facing the United States in the 21st Century. The inaugural conference, held January 29-30, 2020 at the University of South Florida's Tampa campus, will provide a forum for strategic thinkers, scholars, leaders, and subject matter experts to discuss, collaborate, and provide perspectives on each of the Great Powers' ability to influence the political, security, and economic issues in the Central Region.

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The Near East South Asia (NESA) Center for Strategic Studies is the primary U.S. Department of Defense Regional Center that focuses on enhancing security cooperation between the U.S. and partners in the Near East and South Asia (NESA) region. NESA leverages practitioner and academic experience to provide a collaborative space for policymakers to discuss security strategies and cultivate relationships. Our vision is a secure, prosperous NESA region, committed to collaborative, inclusive security and whole-of-government approaches to security and socio-political challenges.

The NESA Center strives to build and sustain communities of influence and partnership among security professionals and other key stakeholders throughout the NESA region. The efforts of our expansive alumni network -- numbering to nearly 10,000 alumni-- ensure that foreign policy communities around the world are becoming better equipped to provide answers and analyses towards some of the toughest security challenges impacting our world.



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AGENDA JANUARY 29

8:00 – 8:45	Check-in and Registration Coffee and Tea (available all day)
9:00 - 10:30	OPENING REMARKS
9:00 – 9:10	Dr. Eric Eisenberg , Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Florida
9:10 – 9:20	LTG (R) Terry Wolff , Director, Near East South Asia (NESAs) Center for Strategic Studies
9:20 – 9:30	Dr. Todd Veazie , Director, Strategic Multilayer Assessment Program (SMA)
9:30 – 9:45	Lt General Thomas W. Bergeson , Deputy Commander, U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM)
9:45 – 10:00	BREAK
10:00 – 10:45	KEYNOTE SPEAKER AMBASSADOR ZALMAY KHALILZAD U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation
10:45 – 11:00	BREAK
11:00 – 12:30	PANEL DISCUSSION
	Regional Perspectives on the Afghanistan Peace Process <i>This panel will discuss the Great Powers and the Regional Countries' interests in Afghanistan, the adversarial and/or cooperative postures held, and the impact on the United States' position.</i>
	Moderator: Dr. Andrew Wilder (USIP)
	Panelists:
	1. Ambassador Ali Jalali (Near East South Asia [NESAs] Center for Strategic Studies)
	2. Dr. Barnett Rubin (NY University)
	3. Dr. Marvin Weinbaum (Middle East University)
	4. Ms. Laurel Miller (International Crisis Group)

AGENDA JANUARY 29

12:30 – 2:00	LUNCH
2:00 – 4:30	PANEL DISCUSSION
	Regional Perspectives on Iran <i>This panel will address the unique relationships that exist between Iran and China as well as between Iran and the GCC, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, and Lebanon on U.S. Policy in the Middle East.</i>
	Moderator: Dr. Mohsen Milani (University of South Florida)
	Panelists:
	1. Brigadier General Derek France (U.S. Central Command)
	2. Ms. Barbara Slavin (RAND)
	3. Dr. Ariane Tabatabai (RAND)
	4. Mr. Michael Singh (Washington Institute)

AGENDA JANUARY 30

- 8:00 – 8:45 **Check-in and Registration**
Coffee and Tea (available all day)
- 9:00 – 9:30 **Plenary Speaker**
Dr. Frederick Starr, Distinguished Fellow for Eurasia, American Foreign Council

9:30 – 10:45 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Regional Diplomacy

This panel will discuss the key issues for stakeholders within and beyond the region.

Moderator: **Ms. Brianne Todd** (Near East South Asia [NESAs] Center for Strategic Studies)

Panelists:

1. **Dr. Mohsen Milani** (University of South Florida)
2. **Dr. Barnett Rubin** (NY University)
3. **Dr. Marvin Weinbaum** (Middle East Institute)
4. **Ambassador Michael Ranneberger** (University of South Florida)

10:45 – 11:00 **BREAK**

11:00 – 12:30 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Regional Economics

This panel will discuss the regional economic challenges and opportunities.

Moderator: **Dr. Adib Farhadi** (University of South Florida)

Panelists:

1. **Dr. Frederick Starr** (American Foreign Council)
2. **Ms. Karen Freeman** (Office of Afghanistan & Pakistan Affairs)
3. **Dr. Richard Ponzio** (Stimson Center)
4. **Mr. Mitchell Shivers** (Hughes & Shivers)
5. **Mr. Michael Peters** (Harvard University)

12:30 – 2:00 **LUNCH**

AGENDA JANUARY 30

2:00 – 3:15 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Regional Security

This panel will address the security trends, threats, and areas of cooperation between the Great Powers and Regional Countries.

Moderator: **COL (R) Jack Gill** (Near East South Asia [NESAs] Center for Strategic Studies)

Panelists:

1. **Maj. Gen. (R) Edward Reeder** (Five Star Global Security)
2. **Dr. Richard Russell** (Near East South Asia [NESAs] Center for Strategic Studies)
3. **Mr. Andre Hollis** (Tiger International)
4. **Dr. Anda Jackson** (Independent)

3:15 – 3:30 **BREAK**

3:30 – 4:45 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Information Environment

This panel will address the ways in which the U.S. can better leverage Information Environment to support a stable region.

Moderator: **COL Andrew Whiskeyman** (U.S. Central Command)

Panelists:

1. **Dr. Mark Abdollahian** (Claremont University)
2. **Dr. Sean Ryan** (West Liberty University)
3. **Dr. Randy Borum** (University of South Florida)
4. **Mr. Ernie Ferrarresso** (University of South Florida)

4:45 – 5:00 **CLOSING REMARKS**

Dr. Paul Sanberg

Senior Vice President for Research, Innovation, & Knowledge Enterprise & President of the USF Research Foundation, University of South Florida

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad

U.S. SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR AFGHANISTAN RECONCILIATION

Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad was appointed by Secretary Pompeo as the U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation on September 21, 2018. Previously, Ambassador Khalilzad served as U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations 2007-2009, Ambassador to Iraq 2005-2007, and Ambassador to Afghanistan from 2003 to 2005.

Prior to that, Ambassador Khalilzad served as Special Presidential Envoy to Afghanistan, and Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Southwest Asia, Near East, and North African Affairs at the National Security Council. He also has been a Special Presidential Envoy and Ambassador at Large for the Free Iraqis. Ambassador Khalilzad headed the Bush-Cheney transition team for the Department of Defense.

Between 1993 and 1999, Ambassador Khalilzad was Director of the Strategy, Doctrine, and Force Structure program for RAND's Project Air Force. While with RAND, he founded the Center for Middle Eastern Studies. Between 1991 and 1992, Ambassador Khalilzad served as Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Planning. He also served as a senior political scientist at RAND and associate professor at the University of California at San Diego in 1989 and 1991. From 1985 to 1989 at the Department of State, Ambassador Khalilzad was a member of the Policy Planning Staff and served as Special Advisor to the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, advising on the Iran-Iraq war and the Soviet War in Afghanistan. From 1979 to 1986, Ambassador Khalilzad was an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Columbia University.

Ambassador Khalilzad previously sat on the boards of the National Endowment for Democracy, America Abroad Media, the Center for the National Interest, the RAND Corporation's Middle East Studies Center, the Atlantic Council, the American University of Kurdistan, and the American University of Afghanistan. He was also a counselor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the editorial board of the National Interest magazine.

Ambassador Khalilzad received his bachelor's and master's degree from the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. He went on to earn a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He is the author of *The Envoy: From Kabul to the White House; My Journey Through a Turbulent World*.

DISTINGUISHED PLENARY SPEAKER



Lt General Thomas W. Bergeson

DEPUTY COMMANDER, U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND

Lt Gen Thomas W. Bergeson is the Deputy Commander, United States Central Command, where he directs and enables operations and activities to increase regional security and stability in support of enduring U.S. interests.

He is a command pilot with more than 3,300 hours in fighter aircraft, including the F-15, F-22 and A-10C. General Bergeson has commanded a fighter squadron, operations group, fighter wing, and numbered air force. He has served as Chief of Aviation, Strategic Operations, Multi-National Forces Iraq; Senior Defense Official and Defense Attaché in the United Kingdom; and Director, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia.

Prior to his current assignment, General Bergeson served as the Deputy Commander, United Nations Command Korea; Deputy Commander, U.S. Forces Korea; Commander, Air Component Command, South Korea/U.S. Combined Forces Command; and Commander, 7th Air Force, Pacific Air Forces, Osan Air Base, South Korea.

PLENARY SPEAKERS



Opening Remarks DAY 1

Dr. Eric Eisenberg is a professor of communication, and since 2007, has served as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at USF. Dean of the largest college at USF—with nearly 600 faculty, 18,000 students, and a budget of roughly \$100 million—Eisenberg sharpened the college's focus through the creation of three interdisciplinary schools, 22 departments, and 10 interdisciplinary research centers. Eisenberg played a significant role in the university's strategic efforts to improve student success through transformed pedagogy measurably. He twice received the National Communication Association award for the outstanding research publication in organizational communication, and the Burlington Foundation award for excellence in teaching.



Opening Remarks DAY 1

LTG (R) Terry Wolff was appointed director of Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA) in February 2019 after serving as the deputy special presidential envoy for the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS. He completed 34 years of military service and retired from active duty in February 2014. LTG (R) Wolff has extensive experience in Washington, DC, working military strategy, policy matters, and inter-agency affairs: nearly two years on the National Security Council as a special assistant to the president and senior director for Iraq and Afghanistan; over two years as the joint staff J-5; and 39 months as the deputy special presidential envoy, working part of the Obama and Trump Administrations.



Opening Remarks DAY 1

Dr. Todd Veazie serves as Director of the Strategic Multilayer Assessment (SMA) Office at the Joint Staff's Operations Directorate. SMA supports military leaders by assessing complex operational environments and technical challenges that require collaborative multi-agency, multidisciplinary, mixed-method approaches to expand strategic horizons and create effective strategy. Prior to reentering public service, Captain (R) Veazie was Chief Operating Officer at Kiernan Group Holdings, Inc, a global consulting firm specializing in law enforcement, risk services, defense, intelligence, and critical infrastructure resiliency. He served in the U.S. Navy, transitioned to the federal executive service, and was assigned to the National Counterterrorism Center. As a SEAL officer, he served in east and west coast SEAL Teams and deployed to over fifty countries around the globe.



Opening Remarks DAY 2

Dr. Frederick Starr joined the American Foreign Policy Council as Distinguished Fellow for Eurasia in January 2017. He serves as the founding chairman of the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute. Dr. Starr is also a research professor at Johns Hopkins University-SAIS in Washington and head of advisory council at the Institute for Security and Development Policy in Stockholm. He has focused on the challenge of reopening continental-wide transport passing through Central Asia and Afghanistan, which he sees as the key to success in Afghanistan itself.

PLENARY SPEAKERS



Closing Remarks DAY 2

Dr. Paul Sanberg is Senior Vice President for Research, Innovation, & Knowledge Enterprise, President of the USF Research Foundation, Distinguished University Professor of Medicine, Engineering, and Business, Executive Director of the Center of Excellence for Aging and Brain Repair at USF, and President of the National Academy of Inventors. Dr. Sanberg is widely recognized for his scientific and academic achievements. He is an inventor on 164 U.S. and foreign patents and author of more than 680 articles and 14 books, with more than 33,110 citations to his published work. As Senior Vice President of USF Research & Innovation (USFRI), Dr. Sanberg's vision and initiatives have established USFRI as a mission-critical central hub for the university's research enterprise in support of the university's strategic plan. USFRI promotes and supports the research and scholarship activities of faculty, staff, and students, and strives to make USF a leading national research university.

DAY ONE SPEAKERS

PANEL: Regional Perspectives on the Afghanistan Peace Process



Moderator

Dr. Andrew Wilder is vice president of Asia Programs, U.S. Institute of Peace. He first joined USIP as the Director of Afghanistan and Pakistan Programs. Before USIP, he was a research director for politics and policy at the Feinstein International Center at Tufts University. Dr. Wilder has conducted extensive research exploring issues relating to state-building, development, and stabilization efforts in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Recent research focuses on electoral politics in Afghanistan and the effectiveness of aid in promoting stabilization objectives in Afghanistan and Pakistan.



Ambassador Ali Jalali has served as a distinguished professor of International Relations at NESa since October 2005. He is a former Interior Minister of Afghanistan and Afghanistan Ambassador to Germany. As Interior Minister of post-Taliban Afghanistan, he created a trained force of 50,000 Afghan National Police (ANP) and 12,000 Border Police to work effectively in counter-narcotics, counterterrorism, and criminal investigation to fight against organized crime and illegal border crossings. As Afghanistan Ambassador to Germany, Jalali interacted with Germany and European Union on major bilateral and multi-lateral issues. During his military service in Afghanistan army, Amb. Jalali served in command, staff, and educational posts with a final rank of colonel.



Dr. Barnett Rubin, associate director of the Center on International Cooperation (CIC), oversees the Afghanistan Pakistan Regional Program. He was the senior adviser to the Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan at the U.S. Department of State and special advisor to the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan during the negotiations that produced the Bonn Agreement. Dr. Rubin subsequently advised the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan on the drafting of the constitution of Afghanistan, the Afghanistan Compact, and the Afghanistan National Development Strategy.



Dr. Marvin Weinbaum, professor emeritus of political science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Director for Pakistan Studies at the Middle East Institute, served as an analyst for Pakistan and Afghanistan in the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Intelligence and Research. His research, teaching, and consultancies have focused on the issues of national security, state-building, democratization, and political economy in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

DAY ONE SPEAKERS

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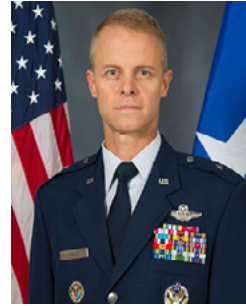
Ms. Laurel Miller, director of Crisis Group's Asia Program, leads the organization's research, analysis, and policy advocacy about and in the region. Prior to joining Crisis Group, she was a senior foreign policy expert at the RAND Corporation, her research and analysis covering conflict resolution, democratization, institution-building, and anti-corruption in countries throughout the world. Among other assignments, Ms. Miller was the deputy and then acting special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan at the U.S. Department of State.

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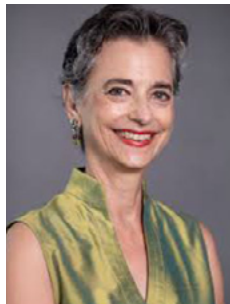
PANEL: Regional Perspectives on Iran



Moderator
Dr. Mohsen Milani, founding executive director of the Center for Strategic & Diplomatic Studies and professor of politics at the University of South Florida, served as chair of the Department of Government and International Affairs at USF for thirteen years. During his tenure as chair, the department began a new Ph.D. program in Governance. Milani was a research fellow at Harvard University, Oxford University, and the Foscarini University in Venice, Italy. Since 2000, he has been invited to 200 conferences in 27 countries. Both private and governmental entities solicit his advice.



Brigadier General Derek France is the Deputy Director of Operations, U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, FL. He is responsible to the USCENTCOM Commander on all matters pertaining to the strategic and operational employment of assigned forces and the conduct of joint and combined combat operations and for the coordination of all aspects of operations to include air, ground, naval information operations, joint fires, and cyber and special operations forces in the USCENTCOM area of responsibility. General France is a Command Pilot with more than 2,800 hours in the F-15C and F22. He served as a Weapons School Instructor Pilot and Operations Officer, Deputy Detachment Commander, and Instructor Pilot in the Royal Saudi Air Force Fighter Weapons School in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia and commanded the 43d Fighter Squadron, Tyndall Air Force Base, FL, the 3d Operations Group Joint Base Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, and the 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall Air Force Base, FL.



Ms. Barbara Slavin is the director of the Future of Iran Initiative and a nonresident senior fellow at the Atlantic Council, a lecturer in international affairs at George Washington University, and a columnist for Al-Monitor.com, a website devoted to news from and about the Middle East. She is a regular commentator on U.S. foreign policy and Iran on NPR, PBS, and C-SPAN. As a career journalist, Ms. Slavin previously served as assistant managing editor for world and national security at the Washington Times, a senior diplomatic reporter for USA TODAY, Cairo correspondent for the Economist, and an editor at the New York Times Week in Review.



Dr. Ariane Tabatabai, associate political scientist at the RAND Corporation and adjunct senior research scholar at the Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, is a Truman national security fellow and a Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) term member. Before joining RAND, Dr. Tabatabai served as the director of curriculum, a visiting assistant professor of security studies at the Georgetown University Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, and an international civilian consultant for NATO.

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Mr. Michael Singh, a Lane-Swig Senior Fellow, is managing director at The Washington Institute and former senior director for Middle East affairs at the National Security Council. During his White House tenure, He was responsible for devising and coordinating U.S. national security policy toward the region, stretching from Morocco to Iran, with a particular emphasis on Iran's nuclear and regional activities, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Syria, and security cooperation in the broader Middle East. Previously, Mr. Singh served as a special assistant to secretaries of state Condoleezza Rice and Colin Powell and at the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv.

DAY TWO SPEAKERS

PANEL: Regional Diplomacy



Moderator

Ms. Brianne Todd, is assistant professor of Central Asian Studies at NESAS. Her areas of expertise include transnational threats and regional security issues in Central Asia, Russia, and the Caucasus. Before joining NESAS, she worked at the Center for Political-Military Analysis at the Hudson Institute, where Todd analyzed U.S. and foreign defense, intelligence, and homeland security and counterterrorism policies, and on the Eurasian Strategy Project, where she focused on Eurasian political and security issues. Previously she worked for the U.S. Department of State in Washington, DC, where she was awarded the Franklin Award, and at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, Russia.



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PANEL: Regional Diplomacy



Ambassador Michael Ranneberger, a highly experienced senior foreign service executive with the rank of career minister, has led major U.S. foreign policy initiatives both in Washington and abroad. He has a distinguished record leading policy formulation and implementation in Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East, frequently involving high profile, politically sensitive issues. Skilled at analyzing complex problems and identifying operationally effective courses of action to achieve results, Amb. Ranneberger's efforts are considered a worldwide model for other U.S. Missions in fostering a highly cohesive inter-agency approach to development and implementation of major programs.

DAY TWO SPEAKERS

PANEL: Regional Economics



Moderator

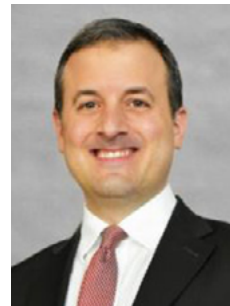
Dr. Adib Farhadi is an assistant professor of Peace & Conflict in the Department of Religious Studies and faculty director of Executive Education. He is a recognized global leader in fragile and post-conflict states with more than 20 years of experience in stabilization, reconstruction, and economic development. Dr. Farhadi's research has focused on the economic impact and modeling of the 'Silk Road' projects essential to bringing peace and stability to Afghanistan and the entire region. He earned a B.S. in Biology from East Carolina University, an M.A. in Liberal Studies from New York University, and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Canberra.



Ms. Karen Freeman is the Assistant Administrator for the Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs. A Career Minister with the U.S. Foreign Service, Ms. Freeman was previously the Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA). Prior to that, she served as Mission Director of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Kenya and the East Africa Mission. Before being appointed Mission Director in Nairobi, she was the Senior Deputy Mission Director in Islamabad, Pakistan. Other senior management positions include the USAID/Ethiopia Deputy Mission Director, where she directed more than \$530 million in relief during the humanitarian crisis, and the USAID Mission Director in Zimbabwe, where her oversight focused on a program ensuring the well-being of the people during the height of historic hyperinflation, political transition, and violence.



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Dr. Richard Ponzio is director of the Just Security 2020 Program and a senior fellow at Stimson. Previously, he directed the Global Governance Program at The Hague Institute for Global Justice, where (in a partnership with Stimson), he served as director for the Albright-Gambari Commission on Global Security, Justice, & Governance. Dr. Ponzio is an expert in the areas of global and national democratic institution-building, global political economy, and international institutions' role in responding to state fragility, global financial volatility, and population displacement.

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PANEL: Regional Economics



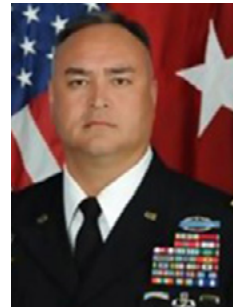
Mr. Mitchell Shivers, president of Hughes & Shivers, LLC., was a former principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for Asian & Pacific Security Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense. In that capacity, he was one of the Pentagon's top policy officials developing, implementing and overseeing policy for the region. Mr. Shivers also served as the region's acting assistant secretary of defense toward the end of the George W. Bush Administration, deputy assistant secretary of defense for Central Asia, and senior advisor and the economic sector chief of the State Department's Afghanistan Reconstruction Group (ARG) at the United States Embassy, Kabul, Afghanistan, where he was the principal American advisor on economics and finance to American ambassadors to Afghanistan, Zalmay Khalilzad and his successor, Ronald Neumann as well as advisor to the Afghan ministers of Finance, Economy, and Commerce.



Mr. Michael Peters is president and CEO of Emergent Strategies, Architekt Resources, Illuminate Technologies, and Trusted Inc., Washington, DC. In addition to teaching executives in the Harvard Graduate School of Design, he leads the large collaborative projects for Harvard University's Executive Education Program in 15 countries with Washington, DC. He has helped build organizations in real estate development, technology, manufacturing, construction, and retail as well as build underserved communities by leveraging technology for economic development, education, and job creation. Mr. Peters has forged the ideas for multiple patents in laser use, anti-fraud security documents, Piezo alternative energy, blockchain, collaboration neuroscience, and technological innovations across disciplines and industries.

DAY TWO SPEAKERS

PANEL: Regional Security



Moderator

COL (R) Jack Gill is an associate professor on the faculty of the Near East – South Asia Center (NESA). A former U.S. Army South Asia foreign area officer, he retired as a colonel in 2005 after more than 27 years of service. Before joining the NESA Center, Gill worked on South Asia issues in the Pentagon from 1998-2001, including the 1999 Kargil crisis. He has been following South Asia issues from the intelligence and policy perspectives since the mid-1980s in positions with the U.S. Joint Staff, the U.S. Pacific Command staff, and the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Maj. Gen. (R) Edward Reeder is president & CEO of Five Star Global Security, a global security company owned and operated by former Special Operators from the U.S. Special Operations Community. He was commissioned in the Infantry through the Appalachian State University ROTC in 1981 and attended the U.S. Army Special Forces Qualification Course in 1986. His command assignments are impressive, and his personal awards include various U.S. and foreign decorations and badges. Maj. Gen (R) Reeder earned a Master of Science in administration from Central Michigan University and a Master of Science in national security strategy from the U.S. National War College.



Dr. Richard Russell is professor of National Security Affairs at the Near East and South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA) and a non-resident senior fellow for Strategic Studies at the Center for the National Interest as well as a lecturer at Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University. Dr. Russell's career blends scholarship with national security practice. He has taught nearly ten years of graduate courses on international security, grand strategy and military operations for Georgetown University's Security Studies Program. Additionally, he has served seventeen years as a political-military analyst for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Mr. Andre Hollis is the chief executive officer and majority owner of Tiger International Advisors, LLC, an internationally focused strategic business development, consulting and due diligence Firm with offices in the U. S., Europe and the Middle East. Tiger Principals possess over 400 years of collective experience in international commerce, law, government service, law enforcement, banking and other industries. A distinguished military graduate of Princeton University, Mr. Hollis earned a commission in the U.S. Army and his Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia School of Law; he practiced as a commercial litigator in State and Federal Courts. He served as counsel and senior counsel for the House of Representatives' Committees on Commerce and Government Reform and was the Department of Defense deputy assistant secretary for Counternarcotics. Mr. Hollis was recognized by the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security with the Medal for Exceptional Public Service and Distinguished Public Service Award, respectively.

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Dr. Anda Jackson, a political scientist, has conducted research while living in Bosnia, Iraq, Afghanistan and Mali, studying civil wars, state failure, ethnosectarian violence, social movements, revolutionary ideologies and organizations, violent extremism, insurgency, counter-insurgency, and U.S. efforts to build partner capacity to govern. Her Afghan research describes the government actions, insurgent and traditional local organizations, and residents in a set of communities in order to explain why some organizations succeed and others fail in controlling the behavior of populations. Dr. Jackson is an instructor for General Officers deploying to Afghanistan and Iraq at the Air Force Culture and Language Center.

DAY TWO SPEAKERS

PANEL: Information Environment



Moderator

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Dr. Randy Borum is a professor, director of intelligence studies, and associate director of the School of Information at the University of South Florida. From 2017-2019, he was jointly appointed as a senior behavioral scientist in the National Security Directorate at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL). He supported three Directors of National Intelligence (DNI) on the Intelligence Science Board (ISB) and served on the Defense Science Board Task Force on Understanding Human Dynamics. Dr. Borum has taught courses on Terrorism, Intelligence Concepts, Intelligence Analysis, Information Behavior, Strategy & Decision-Making, Interrogation, and Criminal Psychology. He is author/co-author of more than 175 professional publications.

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