

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

2016

TBD PM                    A Conversation with FBI Director James Comey  
  
James Comey, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States  
Moderator: TBD

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FRIDAY, APRIL 22

2016

8:00 – 9:00 AM            Registration & Breakfast

9:00 – 9:05 AM            Welcome & Opening Remarks  
Clark Ervin, Executive Director, Aspen Security Forum: Global; Former Inspector General,  
Department of State and Department of Homeland Security, United States

9:05 – 9:50 AM            NATO/Russia: Cold War Redux?  
Putin's Russia is acting much like the Soviet Union – invading and annexing its weaker neighbors; probing NATO's defenses in the air and at sea for vulnerabilities; building up its military; and violating arms control treaties. Are we in a new “Cold War,” and, if so, is the alliance up to the challenge? America's Ambassador to NATO, a warrior-diplomat, and two veteran Russia watchers, will attempt to divine Russia's intentions, assess its capabilities, and analyze NATO's strengths and weaknesses in this time of unsettling uncertainty.

Douglas Lute, Ambassador of the United States to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization  
Samuel Greene, Director, Russia Institute, King's College London  
Roderic Lyne, Vice-Chairman, Chatham House; Former Ambassador of the United Kingdom to the Russian Federation  
Moderator: John Gearson, Director of the Centre for Defence Studies, King's College London, United Kingdom

9:50 – 10:00 AM            Break

10:00 – 10:45 AM            Countering Violent Extremism: The Security Challenge of our Time  
How does a person become radicalized? Once radicalized, what leads someone from radical thinking to violent action? What works to counter extremism? Three noted experts grapple with these elemental questions that lie at the heart of an effective counterterrorism strategy.

Richard Barrett, Senior Vice President, The Soufan Group; Former Chairman, United Nations Counter Terrorism Implementation Task Force  
Gilles de Kerchove, Counterterrorism Coordinator, European Union  
Mark Simmonds, Chief Operating Officer, Counter-Extremism Project  
Moderator: Ciarán Devane, CEO, British Council, United Kingdom

10:45 – 11:00 AM            Break

11:00 – 11:45 AM

### **Reflections from the Intelligence World**

President Obama famously dismissed ISIL a couple of years ago as a “JV team,” and now it is at the very top of the lengthening list of American, and Western, security concerns. In retrospect, the Administration's mistranslation of the Russian word for “reset” can be taken as a metaphor for a fundamental misunderstanding of Putin's intentions and Russia's capabilities. While the invasion of Iraq in search of WMD is the most infamous, there are numerous examples of “getting it wrong” on fundamental questions of intelligence and, thus, policy. Two noted intelligence chiefs discuss the challenges facing analysts in today's ever more complicated security environment.

**John Scarlett**, Former Chief, Secret Intelligence Service, United Kingdom

**John Sawers**, Former Chief, Secret Intelligence Service, United Kingdom

**John McLaughlin**, Former Acting and Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency, United States

**Moderator: Gordon Corera**, Security Correspondent, BBC

11:45 AM – 12:00 PM **Break**

12:00 – 12:45 PM

### **Bright Spots and Dark Clouds: Promise and Peril in Latin America**

After decades of civil war and descent into the abyss of narco-trafficking, Colombia is stable and prosperous. Meanwhile, Venezuela is in political and economic chaos, and Mexico is riven by corruption and lawlessness. Three experts will discuss the challenges in these countries in particular and in the region as a whole.

**Juan Carlos Pinzón**, Ambassador of Colombia to the United States; Former Minister of Defense, Colombia

**Vinicius Mariano de Carvalho**, Lecturer, King's Brazil Institute, King's College London

**Daniel Lansberg-Rodriguez**, Director for Latin America, Greenmantle LLC

**Eduardo Medina-Mora**, Justice, Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation, Mexico

**Moderator: TBD**

12:45 – 1:45 PM

**Lunch**

1:45 – 2:30 PM

### **Rethinking Europe**

Europe is at a crossroads. As discussed earlier, the continent's security is being tested by an increasingly aggressive and assertive Russia to a degree not seen since the Cold War. As the attacks in Paris underscore, ISIL has Europe in its sights. The civil war in Syria and the establishment there of the capital of the “Islamic State” has spawned a human and economic crisis that has serious political, economic, and social consequences for Europe. And, this is not to mention the continuing economic strains of the Eurozone and the challenges of continued political integration. These Euro-experts will explore the dimensions of these challenges in detail.

**Robin Niblett**, Director, Chatham House

**Peter Ammon**, Ambassador of Germany to the United Kingdom

**Michel Barnier**, former European Commissioner for Internal Market and Services (*Invited*)

**Moderator: Matthew Kaminski**, Executive Editor, POLITICO Europe (*Invited*)

2:30 – 2:45 PM

**Break**

2:45 – 3:30 PM

### **The Continuing Struggle for Afghanistan and Indo/Pakistan Relations**

The Long War in Afghanistan continues, more than a decade after the 9/11 attacks and the subsequent American invasion to dislodge the Taliban and Al Qaeda. Yet, in the wake of America's withdrawal and NATO's refocus on its core mission of deterring Russian aggression, the Taliban is back with a vengeance. Meanwhile, both the Taliban and Al Qaeda are still active in Pakistan, posing, respectively, a local and global security threat. This session will explore these challenges, as well as the prospect of a further rapprochement between India and Pakistan and the degree to which the Afghanistan/Pakistan dynamic complicates that rapprochement.

**Asif Ibrahim**, Special Envoy to the Prime Minister of India for Countering Terrorism and Extremism, India  
**Salahuddin Rabbani**, Foreign Minister, Afghanistan  
**Hina Rabbani Khar**, Former Foreign Minister, Pakistan  
**Moderator: Sam Kiley**, Foreign Affairs Editor, Sky News

3:30 – 3:45 PM

Break

3:45 – 4:30 PM

**Homeland INsecurity**

In the age of terrorism and Twitter, the “homeland” is inherently unsafe. In free societies, there are unlimited targets, and limited means of foiling plots before it’s too late. Making bad matters still worse, the “viral” nature of social media and the anonymity of the Internet make recruiting terrorists all too easy, and stopping them much, much harder. What, then, are those whose job it is to protect the “homeland” to do?

**Pauline Neville-Jones**, Member, House of Lords; Former National Security Advisor, Minister of State for Security and Counterterrorism, and Special Representative to Business for Cyber Security, United Kingdom

**Charles Farr**, Chairman, Joint Intelligence Council, United Kingdom

**Alejandro Mayorkas**, Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, United States

**Moderator: Frank Gardner**, Security Correspondent, BBC

4:30 – 4:45 PM

Break

4:45 – 5:30 PM

**Cybersecurity: The New Frontier**

Cyber is the new security frontier. There is cyberwarfare; cyberterrorism; cyberespionage; and cybercrime. There are state actors; non-state actors; and “blokes in their basements.” Though cyber threats have been with us for some time, and they are growing in intensity and severity, we still lack clear rules of the road to govern how best to confront them. And, the line between offensive and defensive is blurry. This panel will attempt to make sense of this muddle.

**Marina Kaljurand**, Foreign Minister, Estonia

**General Keith Alexander**, Former Director, National Security Agency; Former Commander, US Cyber Command, United States

**Shami Chakrabarti**, Director, National Council for Civil Liberties, United Kingdom

**Moderator: David Sanger**, Chief Washington Correspondent, *The New York Times*

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Reception

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23**

**2016**

8:30 – 9:00 AM

Breakfast

9:00 – 9:45 AM

**The Crucible: Syria in the Crosshairs**

Syria has become the ultimate security nightmare - the central front in the proverbial “war on terrorists;” a civil war between the brutal Assad regime and a dizzying array of rebel groups with differing agendas and allegiances; AND, the genesis of a humanitarian and migration crisis that is reshaping the boundaries of the Mideast and the demographics and politics of Europe. The global point man for this crisis, and the former American point man, will discuss the ongoing effort to untie this Gordian Knot.

**Staffan de Mistura**, Special Envoy to Syria, United Nations

**Gareth Bayley**, Special Representative of the United Kingdom for Syria (*Invited*)

**Brett McGurk**, Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL, United States

*(Invited)*

**Moderator: Mark Urban**, Diplomatic and Defense Editor, BBC

9:45 – 9:50 AM

Break

9:50 – 10:35 PM

**Shadows Across Africa**

From Boko Haram in the West to Al Shabab in East, Africa is plagued by terrorism, endangering not only the continent's security, but the progress it has made in recent years in terms of political and economic development and social cohesion. This session will explore Africa's security challenges and the prospects for successfully confronting them.

**Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed**, Founder and Secretary-General, Tayo Political Party;  
Former Prime Minister, Somalia

**Alexander Rondos**, Special Representative for the Horn of Africa, European Union

**Smail Chergui**, Commissioner for Peace and Security, African Union

**Martin Kobler**, Special Representative and Head of United Nations Support Mission in  
Libya

**Moderator: Karin von Hippel**, Director-General, Royal United Services Institute

10:35 – 10:45 AM

Break

10:45 – 11:30 AM

**The Nuclear Deal with Iran: The Beginning of a Fundamental Change in the Relationship with the West?**

Does the nuclear deal with Iran presage a fundamental change in the relationship with the West, with the eventual cessation of support for terrorism and regional meddling as its supporters fervently hope, or is a discrete thing that will ultimately only enrich the country and empower it to be more of a security threat in the future, as its detractors predict? This session will discuss and debate this key question with global geopolitical implications.

**Gholamali Khoshroo**, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the  
United Nations

**Peter Westmacott**, Former Ambassador of the United Kingdom to the United States

**Moderator: Deborah Haynes**, Defense Editor, *The Times of London*

11:30 – 11:35 PM

Break

11:35 – 12:20 PM

**Saber Rattling in East Asia: The Challenge that China and North Korea Pose to Regional Stability and Security**

Much like Russia with NATO, China is building up its maritime and air capabilities in the South China Sea and testing the strength of the alliance between the United States and our key partners in the Asia Pacific. Meanwhile, North Korea continues to conduct missile tests and to threaten not only South Korea in particular and regional stability overall, but also the United States. What more must be done to confront these challenges, and is the alliance up to it?

**Sung-Yoon Lee**, Kim Koo-Korea Foundation Professor in Korean Studies and Assistant  
Professor, The Fletcher School, Tufts University, United States

**Keiichi Hayashi**, Ambassador of Japan to the United Kingdom *(Invited)*

**Moderator: TBD**

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**The View from the Oval Office**

President Obama's top adviser on homeland security and counterterrorism takes us inside the Oval Office to give a sense of the kind of advice she gives to the U.S. Commander-in-Chief each day as to the various security challenges facing the United States and the world.

**Lisa Monaco**, Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism  
**Moderator: Catherine Herridge**, Chief Intelligence Correspondent, Fox News

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**Closing Reception**