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Sunday, May 5, 2019

6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.  Reception, Discussion, and Opening Dinner
The Evolving U.S. Domestic Political Landscape and Its Implications for International Cooperation

Speakers:
Michèle Flournoy, Cofounder and Managing Partner, WestExec Advisors; Former Undersecretary for Policy, U.S. Department of Defense
James M. Lindsay, Senior Vice President, Director of Studies, and Maurice R. Greenberg Chair, Council on Foreign Relations (United States)

Moderator:
Rohinton P. Medhora, President, Centre for International Governance Innovation (Canada)

Welcoming Remarks:
Richard N. Haass, President, Council on Foreign Relations (United States)

Monday, May 6, 2019

8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m.  Registration and Light Breakfast
9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.  Session One  Rockefeller-Peterson Room
What Should the Future World Order Look Like?

Guiding Questions: What is wrong with the existing world order? Where is it falling short the most? Can it be salvaged or incrementally reformed, or should it be transformed more comprehensively? What new global norms, rules, and institutions should take priority? How should it be buttressed? How do we get there from where we are today?

Facilitator:
Samir Saran, President, Observer Research Foundation (India)

Opening Remarks:
Michael Fullilove, Executive Director, Lowy Institute (Australia)

10:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m.  Coffee Break  Second Floor Reception Area
10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.  Session Two  Rockefeller-Peterson Room
Managing Global Catastrophic Risk: Nuclear Weapons

Guiding Questions: What challenges do changing global power dynamics and new technologies—ballistic missile defense systems, anti-satellite weapons, and hypersonic missiles—pose to the classic model of arms control and the nuclear deterrence landscape? How can countries adapt to these changes and cooperate to manage the
risks of escalation and prevent a new nuclear arms race? As the norms against nuclear weapons proliferation erode and insecurity increases, what new policies or frameworks can reestablish nuclear stability and reduce and eventually eliminate the risk of nuclear weapons use?

Facilitator:  
**Gilead Sher**, Head of the Center for Applied Negotiations, Institute for National Security Studies (Israel)

Opening Remarks:  
**Wu Chunsi**, Director of the Institute of International Strategic Studies, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (China)

12:15 p.m.–12:45 p.m.  
**Lunch**  
First Floor Reception Area

12:45 p.m.–1:45 p.m.  
**Public Session**  
First Floor Conference Room

**A Century of Think Tanks**

Panelists:  
**Thierry de Montbrial**, Executive Chairman, French Institute of International Relations (France)  
**Richard N. Haass**, President, Council on Foreign Relations (United States)  
**Carlos Ivan Simonsen Leal**, President, Getulio Vargas Foundation (Brazil)  
**Robin Niblett**, Director, Chatham House (United Kingdom)

Moderator:  
**Karen Donfried**, President, German Marshall Fund of the United States

1:45 p.m.–2:00 p.m.  
**Coffee Break**  
Second Floor Reception Area

2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.  
**Session Three**  
Rockefeller-Peterson Room

**Confronting the Challenges of a Rapidly Urbanizing World**

Guiding Questions: What are the environmental and health challenges emerging from a rapidly urbanizing world? What approaches and interventions are proving effective in addressing these challenges? What more should multilateral and bilateral donors be doing to help lower-income nations adapt to this changing environmental and health landscape? What is the role of the private sector in confronting these challenges?

Panelists:  
**Thomas J. Bollyky**, Senior Fellow for Global Health, Economics, and Development and Director of the Global Health Program, Council on Foreign Relations (United States)  
**Clare Romanik**, Senior Urban Specialist and Ocean Plastics Specialist, The United States Agency for International Development
Moderator:
Alyssa Ayres, Senior Fellow for India, Pakistan, and South Asia, Council on Foreign Relations (United States)

3:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m. (Optional) Rockefeller-Peterson Room
Remarks on the Paris Peace Forum

Speaker:
Justin Vaïsse, Director General and Founder, Paris Peace Forum

4:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m. Free Time

6:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Reception, Discussion, and Dinner Council on Foreign Relations 1777 F Street, NW Washington, DC
A Conversation With Elliott Abrams

Speaker:
Elliott Abrams, U.S. Special Representative for Venezuela, U.S. Department of State

Moderator:
Andrés Rozental, Founding President, Mexican Council on Foreign Relations (Mexico)

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

8:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m. Registration and Light Breakfast

8:30 am.–9:45 a.m. Public Session Rockefeller-Peterson Room
CoC Report Card on International Cooperation Launch

Panelists:
Ferdinando Nelli Feroci, President, Institute of International Affairs (Italy)
Richard N. Haass, President, Council on Foreign Relations (United States)
Sunjoy Joshi, Chairman and Chief Executive, Observer Research Foundation (India)

Moderator:
Mara Liasson, National Political Correspondent, National Public Radio

9:45 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Coffee Break First Floor Reception Area

10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Session Four First Floor Conference Room
How Do We Ensure Freedom Has a Future?
Guiding Questions: What is the global trend with respect to human freedom? What effect are globalization and technological innovation having on human rights and democracy? What should be the role of the multilateral system in advancing universal conceptions of human rights?

Facilitator:  
**Memduh Karakullukçu**, Vice Chairman and President,  
Global Relations Forum (Turkey)

Opening Remarks:  
**Sook Jong Lee**, Senior Fellow, East Asia Institute (South Korea)

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. **Lunch**  
Eighth Floor

12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m. **Session Five**  
First Floor Conference Room  
**Global Governance Working Papers: Multilateral Responses to a Planetary Environmental Crisis**

Panelists:  
**Susanne Droege**, Senior Fellow, Global Issues Division,  
German Institute for International and Security Affairs (Germany)  
**Oliver Geden**, Head of the European Union/Europe Research Division,  
German Institute for International and Security Affairs (Germany)  
**Maria Panezi**, Research Fellow,  
Centre for International Governance Innovation (Canada)

Facilitator:  
**Stewart M. Patrick**, James H. Binger Senior Fellow in Global Governance and Director of the International Institutions and Global Governance Program,  
Council on Foreign Relations (United States)

1:30 p.m.–1:45 p.m. **Coffee Break**  
First Floor Reception Area

1:45 p.m.–2:45 p.m. **Session Six**  
First Floor Conference Room  
**Multilateral Conflict Management: Yemen**

Guiding Questions: How can the United Nations’ attempts at mediation move forward, particularly given the stalled implementation of the UN-brokered Stockholm Agreement? What lessons can be learned for future mediation efforts? What political and security conditions need to be established to diminish the incentives of supporting the growing proxy war?

Facilitator:  
**Volker Perthes**, Executive Chairman and Director,  
German Institute for International and Security Affairs (Germany)
Opening Remarks:

**Patrycja Sasnal**, Deputy Head of Research and Head of the Middle East and North Africa Program, Polish Institute of International Affairs (Poland)

2:45 p.m.–3:00 p.m.  **Closing Remarks and Wrap-Up**  

First Floor Conference Room

Speaker:

**Richard N. Haass**, President, Council on Foreign Relations (United States)
Participant Biographies
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Thomas J. Bollyky is director of the global health program and senior fellow for global health, economics, and development at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). He is also an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University. Bollyky directed the first CFR-sponsored Independent Task Force devoted to global health, titled *The Emerging Global Health Crisis: Noncommunicable Diseases in Low- and Middle-Income Countries*. He is the author of the book *Plagues and the Paradox of Progress: Why the World Is Getting Healthier in Worrisome Ways*. Prior to joining CFR, Bollyky was a fellow at the Center for Global Development and director of intellectual property and pharmaceutical policy at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. He was also a Fulbright scholar to South Africa, where he worked as a staff attorney at the AIDS Law Project, and an attorney at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP. Bollyky has testified multiple times before the U.S. Senate, and his work has appeared in many publications, including *Atlantic*, *Foreign Affairs*, and *New York Times*. He has served as a consultant to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and as a temporary legal advisor to the World Health Organization. In 2013, the World Economic Forum named Bollyky as one of its global leaders under forty. Bollyky received a BA in biology and history from Columbia University and a JD from Stanford Law School.

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François de Montbrial

François de Montbrial is a member of the Académie des Sciences Morales et Politiques at the Institut de France since 1992, he is also a member of several other foreign academies. The first chairman of the Foundation for Strategic Research, serving from 1993 to 2001, de Montbrial also chaired the department of economics at the Ecole Polytechnique from 1974 to 1992. Earlier, he created the Policy Planning Staff at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and served as its first director, from 1973 to 1979. The author of more than twenty books, several of them translated in various languages, including *Action and Reaction in the World System* and *Living in Troubled Times*, he is a commander of the Legion of Honor, a grand officer of the National Order of Merit, and a recipient of the Order of the Rising Sun—Gold and Silver Star in Japan in 2009—as well as other state honors. A graduate of the Ecole Polytechnique and the Ecole des Mines, de Montbrial holds a PhD in mathematical economics from the University of California, Berkeley.

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Anton du Plessis is executive director of the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) and has worked on human security, international criminal justice, and rule of law issues in more than twenty African countries, with a focus on delivering training and technical assistance to senior law enforcement and criminal justice officials. He is an admitted advocate of the High Court of South Africa with more than fourteen years of legal and management experience. He has been a consultant and expert advisor to various UN entities and other intergovernmental organizations, including the UN Security Council's Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate and the UN Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force. Du Plessis is a World Economic Forum (WEF) Young Global Leader (2014–20) and vice chair of WEF’s Global Agenda Council on Terrorism. Before assuming his current positions, he served as head of the Transnational Threats and International Crimes Division, which he founded in 2008 at ISS. Previously, he was a criminal justice and
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