

# New York Meetings Program

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The New York Meetings Program provides members with the opportunity to exchange ideas with world leaders, policymakers, scholars, respected experts, and opinion shapers. Each year, the Meetings Program convenes over 100 events, including single-speaker interviews, debates, panels, town hall meetings, author interviews, videoconferences, and film screenings. This year, the program focused extensively on the developments in Iraq and their effect on U.S. foreign policy before, during, and after the war. This included several town hall meetings; discussions with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld, chief United Nations weapons inspector Hans Blix, and International Atomic Energy Agency Director General Mohamed ElBaradei; as well as expert panels on the economic and humanitarian repercussions of the war and the effects on U.S. relations with countries neighboring Iraq. Meeting highlights included discussions on the prospects for democracy and stability in the Middle East, debates about the Israeli-Palestinian peace process and North Korea's nuclear weapons program, and panels examining the rifts in the United Nations and the transatlantic relationship. The Council also hosted meetings with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan, President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan, and President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa.

## Program Highlights

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### **Junichiro Koizumi**

Prime Minister of Japan

“Japan-U.S. Alliance in the 21st Century:  
Three Challenges”\*

PRESIDER: Peter G. Peterson

SEPTEMBER 10, 2002

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### **Alvaro Uribe**

President of Colombia

“Meeting with Alvaro Uribe”\*

PRESIDER: Thomas F. McLarty III

SEPTEMBER 12, 2002

### **Thabo Mbeki**

President of the Republic of South Africa; Chairman,  
African Union

“Meeting with Thabo Mbeki”

PRESIDER: Robert E. Rubin

SEPTEMBER 12, 2002

THE DAVID ROCKEFELLER LECTURE

### **Hamid Karzai**

President of the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan

“Meeting with Hamid Karzai”\*

PRESIDER: George J. Mitchell

SEPTEMBER 13, 2002

**Ahmed Maher El Sayyed**

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Egypt

“Security Instead of Peace or Security through Peace?”\*

PRESIDER: Frank G. Wisner II

SEPTEMBER 18, 2002

**Ami Ayalon**

Former Director, Shin Bet Security Service, Israel

“Israelis and Palestinians at the Brink: New Thinking and New Initiatives for Peace”

PRESIDER: Leslie H. Gelb

SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

**Sari Nusseibeh**

President, Al-Quds University; Palestinian National Authority Commissioner for Jerusalem Affairs

“Israelis and Palestinians at the Brink: New Thinking and New Initiatives for Peace”

PRESIDER: Barton Gellman

OCTOBER 3, 2002

**Tony Judt**

Director, Remarque Institute, New York University

**Robert W. Kagan**

Senior Associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

“Americans Are from Mars, Europeans Are from Venus: They Agree on Little and Understand Each Other Less and Less”

PRESIDER: Leslie H. Gelb

OCTOBER 8, 2002

THE JOHN B. HURFORD MEMORIAL LECTURE



*Speaker Junichiro Koizumi, Prime Minister of Japan, and Presider Peter G. Peterson at the September 10, 2002, Meeting, “Japan-U.S. Alliance in the 21st Century: Three Challenges.”*

**Bernard Lewis**

Professor Emeritus, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University

“What Went Wrong? Western Impact and Middle Eastern Response”

PRESIDER: Walter Russell Mead

OCTOBER 10, 2002

\*Meeting endowed by the Thomas J. Watson Foundation.



*Speaker Mohamed ElBaradei, Director General, International Atomic Energy Agency, and Presider Nancy E. Soderberg at the January 30, 2003, Meeting, “Iraq: Inspections—What’s Next?”*



Speaker Timothy Garton Ash, Director, European Studies Center, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford, Speaker Madeleine K. Albright, Principal, Albright Group LLC, Presider Joseph A. Klein, Speaker Brent Scowcroft, President, Forum for International Policy, and Speaker Andrew Kohut, Director, Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, at the December 5, 2002, Meeting on the Release of the Pew Global Attitudes Survey, "A Reason for Reflection: Views of America from Abroad as We Head into a Likely War with Iraq."

**Charles Duelfer**

Former Deputy Executive Chairman, United Nations Special Commission

**Khidir Hamza**

Former Director, Iraq's nuclear program; author, *Saddam's Bombmaker*

**Richard Spertzel**

Chief, Biological Weapons Team, United Nations Special Commission

"Iraq: Sending the Arms Inspectors—If They Get In, What Can They Find?"

PRESIDER: Judith Miller

OCTOBER 16, 2002

**Michael O'Hanlon**

Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Studies, Brookings Institution

**Kenneth M. Pollack**

Senior Fellow and Director of Research, Saban Center for Middle East Policy, Brookings Institution; author, *The Threatening Storm: The Case for Invading Iraq*

"Iraq: A Town Hall Meeting"

PRESIDER: Leslie H. Gelb

OCTOBER 17, 2002

**Hans Blix**

Executive Chairman, United Nations Monitoring, Verification, and Inspection Commission

"Iraq: Can Inspections Do the Job?"

PRESIDER: Richard N. Gardner

OCTOBER 31, 2002

**Jeffrey E. Garten**

Author, *The Politics of Fortune*

**C. Michael Armstrong**

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, AT&T

**John L. Thornton**

President and Co-Chief Operating Officer, Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

"The Politics of Fortune: A New Agenda for Business Leaders—Business and Foreign Policy in the Post-9/11, Post-Enron Era"

PRESIDER: Paul E. Steiger

NOVEMBER 12, 2002

THE BERNARD L. SCHWARTZ LECTURE ON BUSINESS AND FOREIGN POLICY

**Jeremy Greenstock**

Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations

**Jean-David Levitte**

Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations

"Iraq: The United States and the United Nations—Views from the United Kingdom and France"\*

PRESIDER: Walter S. Isaacson

NOVEMBER 13, 2002

**Madeleine K. Albright**

Principal, Albright Group LLC; former U.S. Secretary of State

**Timothy Garton Ash**

Director, European Studies Center, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford

**Andrew Kohut**

Director, Pew Research Center for the People and the Press

**Brent Scowcroft**

President, Forum for International Policy; former U.S. National Security Adviser

“A Reason for Reflection: Views of America from Abroad as We Head into a Likely War with Iraq”

PRESIDER: Joseph A. Klein

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS: Rebecca W. Rimel  
DECEMBER 5, 2002

**John J. Devine**

President, Arkin Group, LLC; former Deputy Director of Operations, Central Intelligence Agency

**David L. Grange**

Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation; Brigadier General, U.S. Air Force (Ret.)

**Thomas G. McInerney**

Former President and Chief Executive Officer, Business Executives for National Security; Lieutenant General, U.S. Air Force (Ret.)

**Bernard E. Trainor**

Adjunct Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations; Lieutenant General, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.)

“Iraq: The War”

PRESIDER: Lawrence J. Korb  
DECEMBER 12, 2002

**Max Boot**

Olin Senior Fellow, National Security Studies, Council on Foreign Relations

**Rachel Bronson**

Senior Fellow and Director, Middle East and Gulf Studies, Council on Foreign Relations

**Charles A. Kupchan**

Senior Fellow and Director of Europe Studies, Council on Foreign Relations

**Walter Russell Mead**

Senior Fellow, U.S. Foreign Policy, Council on Foreign Relations

“Iraq Town Hall”

PRESIDER: Leslie H. Gelb  
DECEMBER 18, 2002  
ANNUAL DAUGHTERS AND SONS EVENT

**Edward P. Djerejian (in Houston)**

Director, James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, Rice University

**Amy Myers Jaffe (in Houston)**

Senior Energy Adviser, James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, Rice University



*President Charlie Rose, Speaker Brent Scowcroft, President, Forum for International Policy, and Speaker Samuel R. Berger, Chairman, Stonebridge International, at the February 24, 2003, Meeting, “Iraq and the War on Terrorism: What Should Our National Security Priorities Be?”*

**Laith Kubba (in New York)**

President, Iraq National Group

**Frank G. Wisner II (in New York)**

Vice Chairman, External Affairs, American International Group, Inc.

Videokonferenced Meeting: “Iraq: The Day After”

PRESIDER: Rachel Bronson (in New York)

JANUARY 16, 2003

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**Daniel Benjamin**

Senior Fellow, Center for Strategic and International Studies; author, *The Age of Sacred Terror*

**Caryle Marie Murphy**

Reporter, *Washington Post*; author, *Passion for Islam: Shaping the Modern Middle East: The Egyptian Experience*

**Shibley Telhami**

Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland; author, *The Stakes: America and the Middle East*

“Islamic Extremism: Understanding the Origins and Trends”

PRESIDER: Michael S. Doran

JANUARY 16, 2003

**Gary Hart**

Senior Counsel, Coudert Brothers; former Member, U.S. Senate (D-CO)

“In Search of National Security”

PRESIDER: George E. Rupp

JANUARY 21, 2003

THE ELIHU ROOT LECTURE

\*Meeting endowed by the Thomas J. Watson Foundation.

**Paul D. Wolfowitz**

Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Defense

“Iraq: What Does Disarmament Look Like?”\*

PRESIDER: Peter G. Peterson

JANUARY 23, 2003

**Youssef Boutros-Ghali**

Minister of Foreign Trade, Egypt

**Osama El Baz**

Political Adviser to Hosni Mubarak, President of Egypt

**Gamal H. Mubarak**

Assistant Secretary General and Head of Policies Committee,  
National Democratic Party, Egypt

“Voices from the Middle East: Egypt”

PRESIDER: Frank G. Wisner II

JANUARY 28, 2003

**Bill Emmott**

Editor in Chief, *The Economist*

**Patrick Jarreau**

Washington Bureau Chief, *Le Monde*

**Rami Khouri**

Executive Editor, *Daily Star*

“Iraq: Views from the Foreign Newsroom”

PRESIDER: Garrick Utley

FEBRUARY 10, 2003

**Stephen J. Hadley**

Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security  
Adviser

“Meeting with Stephen Hadley”\*

PRESIDER: Leslie H. Gelb

FEBRUARY 12, 2003

**Samuel R. Berger**

Chairman, Stonebridge International; former National  
Security Adviser

**Brent Scowcroft**

President, Forum for International Policy; former National  
Security Adviser

“Former Assistants to the President for National  
Security Affairs: Iraq and the War on Terrorism:  
What Should Our National Security Priorities Be?”

PRESIDER: Charlie Rose

FEBRUARY 24, 2003

HOME BOX OFFICE SERIES

**Max Boot**

Olin Senior Fellow, National Security Studies, Council on  
Foreign Relations

**William Kristol**

Editor, *Weekly Standard*

**John J. Mearsheimer**

R. Wendell Harrison Distinguished Service Professor  
and Co-Director, Program on International Security Policy,  
University of Chicago



Speaker Ahmad Chalabi, Co-Founder, Iraqi National Congress, at the June 10, 2003, Meeting, “A Conversation with Ahmad Chalabi.”



Presider Bernard M. Gwertzman, Speaker Taher Masri, former Prime Minister of Jordan, and Speaker Mustafa B. Hamarneh, Director, Center for Strategic Studies, University of Jordan, at the September 24, 2002, Meeting, “Voices from the Middle East: America, Iraq, and Israeli-Palestinian Violence: The View from Jordan.”

Presider Garrick Utley, Speaker Max Boot, Olin Senior Fellow, National Security Studies, Council on Foreign Relations, Speaker Richard A. Clarke, security and counter-terrorism specialist, and former Senior White House Adviser and Special Assistant to the President, and Speaker Joseph C. Wilson IV, Adjunct Scholar, Middle East Institute, and former Acting Ambassador to Iraq, at the April 2, 2003, Meeting, "Iraq Town Hall."



### Stephen M. Walt

Belfer Professor of International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

"Iraq: The War Debate"

PRESIDER: Leslie H. Gelb

FEBRUARY 25, 2003

HOME BOX OFFICE SERIES

### Harold Brown

Counselor, Center for Strategic and International Studies; former U.S. Secretary of Defense

"Meeting with Harold Brown"

PRESIDER: Leslie H. Gelb

FEBRUARY 26, 2003

THE PAUL C. WARNKE LECTURE

### Michael S. Doran

Assistant Professor, Department of Near Eastern Affairs, Princeton University; Adjunct Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations

### Matthew A. Levitt

Senior Fellow, Terrorism Studies, Washington Institute for Near East Policy

### David E. Long

Consultant in Middle East and Southwest Asian Affairs; former Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State

"The United States and Saudi Arabia: The Road Ahead"

PRESIDER: F. Gregory Gause III

MARCH 5, 2003

### Nancy Pelosi

Minority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives (D-CA)

"Principle and Power"

PRESIDER: Peter G. Peterson

MARCH 7, 2003

THE DAVID A. MORSE LECTURE

### Dov S. Zakheim

Undersecretary, Comptroller, and Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Department of Defense

"Meeting with Dov Zakheim"\*

PRESIDER: Denis A. Bovin

MARCH 12, 2003

### William Dudley

Managing Director and Chief U.S. Economist, Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

### Ethan Harris

Chief U.S. Economist, Lehman Brothers

### Stephen Roach

Chief Economist and Director of Global Economics, Morgan Stanley

"World Economic Update"

PRESIDER: Daniel K. Tarullo

APRIL 4, 2003

### Fareed Zakaria

Editor, *Newsweek International*; author, *The Future of Freedom*

"The Future of Freedom: Illiberal Democracy at Home and Abroad"

PRESIDER: Joseph S. Nye Jr.

APRIL 15, 2003

### George E. Rupp

President, International Rescue Committee

### Shashi Tharoor

Undersecretary General for Communications and Public Information, United Nations

"Iraq Special Briefing: Humanitarian Relief—The Policy Decisions Ahead"

PRESIDER: William H. Luers

APRIL 23, 2003

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**Bouthaina Shaaban**

Spokesperson and Director of Media Relations,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Syria

“Syria and the United States: The Road Ahead”

PRESIDER: Karen Elliott House  
APRIL 28, 2003

**Robert Baer**

Former Field Officer, Central Intelligence Agency;  
author, *See No Evil: The True Story of a Ground Soldier  
in the CIA's War on Terrorism*

**Fred Francis**

Senior Correspondent, NBC News

**Qubad J. Talabany**

Deputy U.S. Representative, Patriotic Union of Kurdistan

“Iraq Special Briefing: Kurdistan”

PRESIDER: David L. Phillips  
MAY 6, 2003

**Madeleine K. Albright (in Washington)**

Principal, Albright Group LLC; former U.S. Secretary of State

**James A. Baker III (in Houston)**

Senior Partner, Baker Botts LLP; former U.S. Secretary of State

**Henry A. Kissinger (in New York)**

Chairman, Kissinger Associates, Inc.; former U.S. Secretary  
of State

Videoconferenced Meeting: “A Conversation  
with Former Secretaries of State”\*



Presider Peter G. Peterson and Speaker Donald H. Rumsfeld, U.S. Secretary of Defense, at the May 27, 2003, “Meeting with Donald Rumsfeld.”

PRESIDER: Leslie H. Gelb

MAY 6, 2003

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**Geneive Abdo**

Correspondent, *Boston Globe*; co-author,  
*Answering Only to God: Faith in 21st Century Iran*

**Gary G. Sick**

Senior Research Scholar, Columbia University

**Puneet Talwar**

Professional Staff Member, Senate Committee  
on Foreign Relations

“Iran”

PRESIDER: Rachel Bronson

MAY 16, 2003

**Robert L. Gallucci**

Dean, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University

**Henry Sokolski**

Executive Director, Nonproliferation Policy Education Center

“North Korea Debate: What Should the United States  
Do if North Korea Does Not Cease Its Weapons  
of Mass Destruction Program?”

PRESIDER: Morton I. Abramowitz

MAY 22, 2003

HOME BOX OFFICE SERIES

**Donald H. Rumsfeld**

U.S. Secretary of Defense

“Meeting with Donald Rumsfeld”\*

PRESIDER: Peter G. Peterson

MAY 27, 2003

**John D. Negroponte**

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations

“A Conversation with John Negroponte”\*

PRESIDER: Leslie H. Gelb

JUNE 3, 2003

**Samantha Power**

Author, *“A Problem from Hell”: America and the Age of  
Genocide*; gold medalist, 2003 Arthur Ross Book Award

“Arthur Ross Book Award Lunch”

PRESIDER: Morton L. Janklow

JUNE 23, 2003

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