

WASHINGTON, DC

Conference on Diversity in International Affairs

Friday, April 4

REGISTRATION AND RECEPTION

5:30 p.m. – 6:10 p.m.

WELCOME REMARKS

6:10 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

James M. Lindsay, *Senior Vice President, Director of Studies, and Maurice R. Greenberg Chair, Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)*

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Vali Nasr, *Dean, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University*

Presider: Kendra Gaither, *Executive Director, Center for International Policy and Innovation, Carnegie Mellon University*

SPECIAL GUEST DISCUSSION on Diversity in International Affairs

7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Susan Rice, *U.S. National Security Adviser*

Presider: James M. Lindsay, *Senior Vice President, Director of Studies, and Maurice R. Greenberg Chair, CFR*

NETWORKING RECEPTION

7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 5

REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Registration: 1st Floor | Breakfast: 2nd Floor Foyer

WELCOME MESSAGE

10:40 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Kimberly McClure, *Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State; Co-Chair, GAP*

Live audio to breakout rooms

BREAKOUT SESSION ONE

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Please refer to breakout assignment sheet

Iran and the Middle East

Negotiations between the P5+1 and Iran resulted in an interim agreement in November 2013. What are the implications of the Joint Plan of Action for the United States and the Middle East?

Elliott Abrams, *Senior Fellow for Middle Eastern Studies, David Rockefeller Studies Program, CFR;*

Michael Singh, *Managing Director, Washington Institute for Near East Policy*

Presider: Ziad Haider, *Attorney, White & Case LLP*

1st Floor

Social Entrepreneurship

Social enterprise has emerged as a powerful force of change in recent years. This session brings together leaders in the field to discuss how they broke into social enterprise and the causes that inspired them.

Maya Ajmera, Founder, Global Fund for Children

Sang Lee, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Return on Change

Haroon Mokhtarzada, Vice President of Digital Products, Vistaprint

Presider: Ven Neralla, Director of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Department of Agriculture

2nd Floor: Rockefeller-Peterson Room

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Scholarships and Fellowships in International Affairs

Participants will learn about scholarships, fellowships, and other academic opportunities to study and fund degrees in international affairs.

Kenneth Jacobs, Assistant to the Leadership Institute for Public Service, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.

Erin Mann, National Director, Public Policy and International Affairs Program

Caryl McFarlane, Senior Program Officer, Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowships and Mellon Programs, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation

Patricia Scroggs, Director, Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program, Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center, Howard University

Presider: Wida Amir, Director of Washington, DC, Programs, Global Kids, Inc.

7th Floor

Increasing Your Chances of Landing an International Job

Breaking into an international career can be challenging if you are new to the field or a recent graduate. The panelists will discuss strategies for presenting a strong job application.

William Chichester, Principal Associate, Campus Sourcing Strategy Lead, Capital One

Eleanor Monte Jones, Associate Director of the Master of Science in Foreign Service, Georgetown University

Marc St. Hilaire, Career Adviser, Career Center, American University

Presider: Lily Lopez-McGee, Manager of the Diversity Network, Diversity Abroad

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LUNCH RECEPTION

12:00 noon – 12:45 p.m.

2nd Floor Foyer

PLENARY SESSION

12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Development: Women and Youth

This plenary will focus on development issues affecting women and youth around the globe.

Gwendolyn Mikell, Professor of Anthropology and Foreign Service, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University

Zeenat Rahman, Special Adviser on Global Youth Issues, U.S. Department of State

Presider: Nancy Walker, President, AfricaNet Consulting

2nd Floor: Rockefeller-Peterson Room

BREAKOUT SESSION TWO

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Please refer to breakout assignment sheet

Honing Your Writing Skills for Professional Success

This interactive seminar will focus on identifying and strengthening writing skills, critical to success in international careers. After the initial presentations, the group will break into smaller groups to work on interactive exercises.

Rebecca Davis, Director, Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives, American University

Ruth Davis, Special Adviser and Chief of Staff, Africa Bureau, U.S. Department of State

Lynne J. Sport, Senior Director, Human Resources and Administration, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Presider: Terry Davidson, Chief of Recruitment Outreach, U.S. Department of State

1st Floor

Can Minority Men and Women in International Careers “Lean In?”

Is Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg’s Lean In advice relevant and helpful for those who come from under-represented communities?

Abigail Golden-Vazquez, Deputy Director, Leadership Initiatives; Vice President, The Aspen Institute
Saafir Rabb II, Director, Interculture Inc.

Aaron Snipe, Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State

President: Lauri Fitz-Pegado, Partner, Livingston Group

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Why Study Abroad and How to Fund It?

Participants will explore the opportunities and challenges that come with study abroad. Panelists will address how to fund travel experiences through scholarships and other programs.

Gretchen Cook-Anderson, Director of Diversity Recruiting and Advising, IES Abroad

Roger Sanchez, Youth Ambassador, Global Kids, Inc.

Maurice Wilkins, Staff, LearnServe International and Paxen Learning Corporation

President: Scott Rechler, Director and Chief Executive Officer, LearnServe International

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Current U.S. Foreign Policy Trends

Panelists will discuss the current and upcoming priorities of U.S. foreign policy and consider how these goals will shape America’s role in the world and the careers of young foreign policy practitioners.

Jonathan Burks, Policy Director, Committee on the Budget, U.S. House of Representatives

Reema Dodin, Floor Director, Office of Richard J. Durbin, U.S. Senate

President: Aimee Carter, Washington Director, Corporate Affairs, CFR

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CLOSING PLENARY

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

How Technology is Changing the World We Live In

Leaders from varied sectors will discuss rapid technological changes and how they have disrupted tools of defense policy, international business and finance, and public participation in policy.

Albert Cho, Vice President, Strategy and Business Development, Xylem Inc.

Maria Teresa Kumar, President and CEO, Voto Latino

Peter Singer, Director, Center for 21st Century Security and Intelligence; Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy, Brookings Institution

President: Guillermo Santiago Christensen, Attorney, Baker Botts LLP

2nd Floor: Rockefeller-Peterson Room

CAREER COUNSELING SESSIONS

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

9:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

One-on-one career counseling sessions are available by appointment only. If you are registered to meet with a career counselor, please arrive at the designated room five minutes prior to the start of your session.

David Fletcher, *Career Adviser, School of International Service,* Room 102
American University

Julie Neill, *Associate Director, Career Services, Johns Hopkins University* Room 201
School of Advanced International Studies

Maria Pinto Carland, *Senior Adviser and Career Counselor, ICAP* Room 202

Richard Roper, *Former Associate Director of Master of Science in Foreign* Room 700
Service, Georgetown University

Marc St. Hilaire, *Career Adviser, American University* Room 701