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2011 National Conference
November 2-4, 2011
Mayflower Hotel
Washington, DC

US National Security: Six Top Issues for the 2012 Elections

Wednesday, November 2

Opening Dinner: US Education—Competing Globally

6:30 – 8:30 **Keynote:** Richard C. Levin, President of Yale University
Moderator: Stone Phillips, former NBC Dateline Anchor

Thursday, November 3

1918 Society Breakfast (East Room) (Available to 1918 Society Members Only)

Video-Conference from Overseas Location

7:30 –8:45 **Keynote:** Ambassador Marc Grossman, US Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan
Moderator: Ambassador Paula J. Dobriansky, Chair of the Board WACA, Thomson Reuters

Welcoming Remarks

9:00-9:30 Ambassador Paula J. Dobriansky, Chair of the Board, WACA, Thomson Reuters
Lori E. Murray, President & CEO, WACA

Keynote Opening Remarks: *The Six Top Issues for The 2012 Elections*

9:30-10:00 **Keynote:** Stephen J. Hadley, former National Security Advisor

10:00-10:30 **Keynote:** A Discussion with Senator Sam Nunn, Co-Chairman and CEO, Nuclear Threat Initiative
Moderator: Phillip Taubman, former NYT Reporter, Stanford University, author of the upcoming book, *The Partnership: Five Cold Warriors and Their Quest to Ban the Bomb*

Plenary 1: *The 2012 Election--National Security, Does it Matter?*

10:30-11:30 Panel Discussion

Moderator: Gloria Borger, CNN

Charlie Cook, The Cook Political Report

Bill McInturff, Public Opinion Strategies, Lead Pollster 2008 McCain for President

Donald A. Baer, Burston-Marsteller, Former White House Director of Strategic Planning & Communications

Keynote: *The Importance of NATO for 21st Century Security*

11:30-12:00 **Keynote:** Ambassador Sorin Dumitru Ducaru, NATO Permanent Representative for Romania, the Dean of the North Atlantic Council



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Plenary 2: Afghanistan/Pakistan

- 12:00-1:30 **Keynote Luncheon: *Is There an Endgame?***
Moderator: Fred Hiatt, Editorial Page Editor, The Washington Post
Ambassador Wendy Chamberlin, former US Ambassador to Pakistan
General Michael Hayden, former Director CIA, NSA
Ambassador Ronald Neumann, former US Ambassador to Afghanistan
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Plenary 3: US Economic Competitiveness

- 2:00-3:00 **Panel Discussion: *D2 T2 (Deficits/Debt/Taxes/Trade) What Needs to be Done?***
Moderator: Alan Murray, WSJ
Jared Bernstein, former Chief Economist to Vice President Biden
Donald Kohn, former Vice Chair of the Federal Reserve
Lawrence B. Lindsey, former Director National Economic Council
Deborah L. Wince-Smith, Council on Competiveness
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Plenary 4: US Energy Policy

- 3:00-3:30 **Keynote Discussion: *The Future of Energy***
Doug Foshee, Chairman, President & CEO El Paso Corp.
Moderator: Jason Grumet, Bipartisan Policy Center
- 3:30-4:30 **Panel Discussion: *Confronting A Challenging Future***
Moderator: Jason Grumet, Bipartisan Policy Center
Jim Burkhard, IHS CERA
James D. Marston, Environmental Defense Fund
Senator Byron Dorgan, (D-ND 1992-2011) Arent Fox LLP
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Embassy Receptions:

- 5:30-8:00 France, Taiwan, Indonesia, Turkey
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Friday, November 4

International Business & Trade Breakfast

- 7:30-8:45 ***A Conversation with Ambassador Beazley: Setting the Stage for APEC and the East Asia Summit***
(Prepaid guests only)
- Ambassador Kim Christian Beazley, Australia
Moderator: Edward Alden, CFR, former FT bureau chief
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Welcoming Remarks

- 8:45-9:00 Lori E. Murray, President & CEO, WACA
Ambassador Paula J. Dobriansky, Chair of the Board, WACA, Thomson Reuters
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Keynote Opening Remarks: *US Foreign Policy Trend Lines- Looking Ahead*

- 9:00-9:30 **Keynote:** William J. Burns, Deputy Secretary of State



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Plenary 5: *US Education*

Can the Next Generation Meet the Global Challenges?

- 9:30-10:00 Steven Brill, Co-founder, Press+ and Author, *Class Warfare: Inside the Fight to Fix America's Schools*
Moderator: Nick Anderson, Education Editor, The Washington Post
- 10:00-10:30 Joel Klein, former Chancellor, NYC Department of Education
Moderator: Nick Anderson, Education Editor, The Washington Post
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Plenary 6: *China*

- 11:00-12:00 **Panel Discussion: *Forecasting China's Growth and Influence***
Moderator: John Bussey, Assistant Managing Editor, WSJ
David Shambaugh, George Washington University
Richard McGregor, The Financial Times
Derek Scissors, The Heritage Foundation
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Plenary 7: *The Middle East*

- 12:00-1:00 **Panel Discussion: *The Arab Spring, is the Bloom off the Rose?***
Moderator: KT McFarland, Fox News National Security Analyst
Ambassador John Negroponte
Robin Wright, US Institute for Peace
Ambassador Petr Gandalovic, Czech Republic
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Keynote Luncheon

- 1:00 Lunch served
- 1:30 – 2:00 ***China: Prospects for the US – China Relationship***
Zbigniew Brzezinski, former National Security Advisor
Moderator: Ambassador Paula J. Dobriansky, Chair of the Board WACA, Thomson Reuters
- 2:00 – 2:30 ***Top US National Security Issues for the 2012 Election***
Senator John McCain (R-AZ)
Moderator: Ambassador Paula J. Dobriansky, Chair of the Board WACA, Thomson Reuters
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- 2:45-3:00 **Closing Remarks**
Lori E. Murray, President & CEO, WACA
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