

The Herzstein Texas National Security Forum

“Security in Transition: National Security Challenges Facing the Next President”

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Hosted by: The White House Transition Project; Rice University’s Baker Institute for Public Policy; Clements Center for National Security; Strauss Center for International Security and Law; LBJ Presidential Library; Center for Politics and Governance; LBJ School of Public Affairs

Location: University of Texas at Austin (Etter-Harbin Alumni Center and LBJ Presidential Library)

Wednesday, September 21 (optional)

5:15 – 6:30 pm Book talk on *The Pivot: The Future of American Statecraft in Asia*
(Main Building 212)

Kurt Campbell, former Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs
with discussants

Michael Green, former Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Asian Affairs at the National Security Council

James Steinberg, former Deputy Secretary of State and former Deputy National Security Advisor

Thursday, September 22

(Etter-Harbin Alumni Center Ballroom)

National Security Issues Confronting the Next President

9:00 – 10:15 am Session 1: *Asia*

Moderator:

Rana Siu Inboden, Distinguished Scholar, Strauss Center for International Security and Law

Panelists:

Michael Green, former Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Asian Affairs at the National Security Council

Kurt Campbell, former Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs

Philip Zelikow, former Counselor, Department of State

10:30 – 11:45 am Session 2: *Middle East*

Moderator:

Lawrence Wright, Author and staff writer for *The New Yorker* magazine

Panelists:

James Jeffrey, former Deputy National Security Advisor and former Ambassador to Iraq, Turkey, and Albania

Kimberly Kagan, Founder and President of the Institute for the Study of War

Derek Chollet, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs

12:00 – 1:30 pm Lunch and *Conversation on National Security Challenges Facing the Next President*

William McRaven, Chancellor of the University of Texas System and former Commander of U.S. Special Operations Command

James Steinberg, former Deputy Secretary of State and former Deputy National Security Advisor

John Negroponte, former Deputy Secretary of State and former Director of National Intelligence

2:00 – 3:15 pm Session 3: *Europe/Russia*

Moderator:

Ryan Evans, Founder and Editor-in-Chief of War on the Rocks

Panelists:

Kurt Volker, former U.S. Permanent Representative to NATO and former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs

Kristen Silverberg, former Ambassador to the European Union and former Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs

Philip Breedlove, former Commander of U.S. European Command and former Supreme Allied Commander Europe

3:30 – 4:45 pm Session 4: *Terrorism*

Moderator:

Paul Pope, Senior Fellow, Intelligence Studies Project, University of Texas

Panelists:

Farah Pandith, former Special Representative to Muslim Communities for the Department of State and former Director for Middle East Initiatives at the National Security Council

John McLaughlin, former Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Nicholas Rasmussen, Director of the National Counterterrorism Center and former Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Counterterrorism at the National Security Council

4:45 – 6:00 pm Break

6:00 – 7:30 pm Keynote Address

(LBJ Presidential Library Auditorium)

James Clapper, Director of National Intelligence

Welcome by

Maurie D. McInnis, Executive Vice President and Provost of the University of Texas at Austin

Introduction by

William McRaven, Chancellor of the University of Texas System and former Commander of U.S. Special Operations Command

Followed by Plenary Panel

Moderator:

Mark Updegrove, Director of the LBJ Presidential Library

Panelists:

James Clapper, Director of National Intelligence

Stephen Hadley, former National Security Advisor

Bob Inman, former Director of the National Security Agency and former Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Friday, September 23

(LBJ Presidential Library 10th Floor Atrium)

The Process of Presidential Transitions on National Security

8:15 am Welcome by **Terry Sullivan** and **Martha Kumar**, The White House Transition Project

8:30 – 9:15 am First Plenary: *Reflections on the White House NSC Transition from Bush to Obama*

Stephen Hadley, former National Security Advisor

Moderator:

Peter Feaver, former Special Advisor for Strategic Planning at the National Security Council

9:15 – 10:30 am Session 1: *Intelligence Support to the Nominees, President-elect, and the Transition Process*

Moderator:

Steve Slick, Director of the Intelligence Studies Project, University of Texas at Austin

Panelists:

James Clapper, Director of National Intelligence

John McLaughlin, former Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

John Helgerson, former CIA Inspector General and former Chairman of the National Intelligence Council

10:45 – 12:00 pm Session 2: *Managing Diplomacy — Shaping a new State Department and Coordinating with a new President and White House team*

Moderator:

William Inboden, Executive Director of the Clements Center for National Security, University of Texas at Austin

Panelists:

James Steinberg, former Deputy Secretary of State and former Deputy National Security Advisor

Philip Zelikow, former Counselor, Department of State

John Negroponte, former Deputy Secretary of State and former Director of National Intelligence

12:00 – 1:00 pm Break

1:00 – 2:00 pm Second Plenary: Responsible transitions: The White House transition from Bush to Obama

Joshua Bolten, former White House Chief of Staff

Moderator:

Martha Kumar, Director of the White House Transition Project

2:00 – 3:15 pm Session 3: *A Commanding Presence — Effecting the President’s Role as Commander in Chief: The View from the Pentagon*

Moderator:

Christine Abizaid, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Central Asia

Panelists:

Norton Schwartz, former Chief of Staff of the Air Force

Philip Breedlove, former Commander of U.S. European Command and former Supreme Allied Commander Europe

Peter Feaver, former Special Advisor for Strategic Planning at the National Security Council

Julianne Smith, former Deputy National Security Advisor to the Vice President

3:15 – 4:30 pm Session 4: *The Transfer of Security While in the Middle of Politics: The National Security Council*

Moderator:

Paul D. Miller, Associate Director of the Clements Center for National Security at the University of Texas Austin

Panelists:

Joshua Bolten, former White House Chief of Staff

Julianne Smith, former Deputy National Security Advisor to the Vice President

Peter Feaver, former Special Advisor for Strategic Planning at the National Security Council

Meghan O’Sullivan, former Special Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor