

Global Leadership Forum 2010

Building Strategic Partnerships for Global Security

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RUSI, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2ET

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0830 Registration and Coffee

0900 Welcome Remarks

Speakers: **Professor Michael Clarke**, Director, Royal United Services Institute

Professor G John Ikenberry, Albert G Milbank Professor of Politics and International Affairs,
Princeton University

Simon Allan, Partner, Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP

0915 Keynote Address: The House that NATO Built

Chair: **Professor Michael Clarke**, Director, Royal United Services Institute (confirmed)

Speaker: **Ambassador Ivo Daalder**, United States Permanent Representative, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation

1000 Session One. New British Government, New Approach to Partnerships?

How will debates associated with the SDSR affect UK alliances with the US, NATO and Europe?

How can the UK use partnerships more effectively wield its military and diplomatic power?

What should the British Government do to present transatlantic partnership in a more favorable light for British public opinion?

Chair: **Dr William Inboden**, Distinguished Scholar at the Strauss Center for International Security and Law, University of Texas-Austin

Speakers: **Jon Day**, Director-General, Security Policy, Ministry of Defence

David Frost, Director of the Strategy, Policy Planning and Analysis Department, Foreign & Commonwealth Office

Sir Christopher Meyer, British Ambassador to the United States, 1997-2003

1130 Coffee break

1200 Session Two. NATO in Crisis? Strategy in Afghanistan

How can NATO help devise an integrated approach to Afghanistan that is not dominated by the military? How has the change of leadership in ISAF affected operations and strategy?

Discussing the drawdown in Afghanistan, what can be achieved and what should not be tried?

What lessons is NATO learning from Afghanistan for its new Strategic Concept and the institutional reform process?

Chair: **Dr Dana Allin**, Senior Fellow for US Foreign Policy and Transatlantic Affairs and Editor, *Survival*, IISS

Speakers: **Dr Stephen Biddle**, Roger Hertog Senior Fellow for Defense Policy, Council on Foreign Relations, 'Coalition Strategy in Afghanistan'

Professor Christopher Coker, Professor of International Relations, London School of Economics

Dr Nikolas K Gvosdev, Professor, National Security Decision-Making, U.S. Naval War College

1330 Luncheon

1430 Session Three. China's Rise in Western Grand Strategy Debates

Does China have a grand strategy or its primary concern merely regime stability? How does its long-term vision affect American unipolarity?

Is China's military build-up incongruous with its national discourse on "peaceful rise"?

Are there different perceptions in the West as to how to deal with China?

Chair: **Nicholas Carn**, Partner, Odey Asset Management

Speakers: **Professor David Shambaugh**, Professor of Political Science and International Affairs and Director, China Policy Program, George Washington University

Alexander Neill, Head, Asia Programme, Royal United Services Institute

1520 Session Four. Pressure and Diplomacy: Iran & the Middle East

How effective are America's strategies of diplomacy and pressure on Iran? What are the broader implications of its strategy in the Greater Middle East?

How much more support can the US and its allies expect from China and Russia?

Chair: **Christopher Dickey**, Paris Bureau Chief, Middle East Regional Editor, Newsweek International

Speakers: **Steven E. Miller**, Director, International Security Program; Editor-in-Chief, *International Security*; Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University

Barak Seener, Middle East Director, Henry Jackson Society

1620 Coffee break

1645 Session Five. Mid-Term Audit: Has Obama's Foreign Policy Worked?

How have domestic challenges affected the Obama's foreign policy and what are the likely effects of difficult mid-term elections in November?

Have Obama's policies of engagement with adversaries worked? How can Obama reinvigorate more traditional alliances with Israel, Japan or the UK?

Obama has focused on non-proliferation as a key priority in his foreign policy. How much progress has been made?

Chair: **Stryker McGuire**, Editor, LSE Research at the London School of Economics, Contributing Editor, Newsweek

Speakers: **Professor Michael Cox**, Professor of International Relations, Director of LSE IDEAS, London School of Economics

Professor G John Ikenberry, Albert G. Milbank Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Princeton University

Steve Clemons, Senior Fellow and Director, American Strategy Program, New America Foundation

1800 Closing Reception
