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# PROGRAM AGENDA

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## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021

### 9:30 A.M. - 9:45 A.M. – WELCOME

**John F. Stack, Jr.**, Founding Dean, Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs, Florida International University (FIU)

**Mark B. Rosenberg**, President, Florida International University (FIU)

### 9:45 A.M. - 10:45 A.M. – *THE PANDEMIC*

**Moderator:**

**Eneida Roldan, MD**, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, FIU

**Panelists:**

**Cheryl Holder, MD**, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, FIU

**Aileen Marty, MD**, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, FIU

**Mary Jo Trepka, MD**, Robert Stempel College of Public Health, FIU

### 11:00 A.M. - 12:15 P.M. – *STRUGGLE FOR DEMOCRACY*

**Moderator:**

**Fred Hiatt**, *Washington Post*

**Panelists:**

**Michael Abramowitz**, Freedom House

**Nicole Bibbins Sedaca**, Georgetown University

**Derek Mitchell**, National Democratic Institute

**Daniel Twining**, International Republican Institute

### 12:30 P.M. - 1:45 P.M. – *CHALLENGES AT HOME: POLARIZATION AND FORCES PULLING US APART*

**Moderator:**

**Jon Decker**, Gray Television

**Panelists:**

**Larry Diamond**, Stanford University

**Matt Kaminski**, POLITICO

**Elisa Massimino**, Georgetown University

**Martin Palous**, FIU

**Anne Richard**, Georgetown University

### 2:00 P.M. - 2:45 P.M. – *CONVERSATION WITH FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE MADELEINE ALBRIGHT*

**Moderator:**

**Mark Green**, McCain Institute

### 3:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. – *CONVERSATION WITH CONGRESSMAN TED DEUTCH (D-FL) AND CONGRESSMAN ADAM KINZINGER (R-IL)*

**Moderator:**

**David J. Kramer**, FIU

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## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021

9:00 A.M. - 9:45 A.M. – *AUTHORS AND INSIGHTS: THE MAN WHO RAN WASHINGTON: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF JAMES BAKER*

**Moderator:**

**Mark Green**, McCain Institute

**Panelists:**

**Peter Baker**, *New York Times*

**Susan Glasser**, *The New Yorker*

10:00 A.M. - 11:15 A.M. – *U.S. LEADERSHIP AND ALLIANCES: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE*

**Moderator:**

**Susan Glasser**, *The New Yorker*

**Panelists:**

**Michael Carpenter**, Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement

**Toomas Hendrik Ilves**, former President of Estonia and Center for European Policy Analysis

**Will Inboden**, University of Texas-Austin

**Robert Kagan**, Brookings Institution

**Kori Schake**, American Enterprise Institute

11:45 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. – *THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S FOREIGN POLICY: WHAT TO EXPECT*

**Moderator:**

**Jonathan Tepperman**, *Foreign Policy*

**Panelists:**

**Paula Dobriansky**, Harvard University

**Robert Gelbard**, former Assistant Secretary of State

**Michael McFaul**, Stanford University

**Anne-Marie Slaughter**, New America

1:30 P.M. - 2:45 P.M. – *GREAT POWER COMPETITION*

**Moderator:**

**Simon Marks**, Feature Story News

**Panelists:**

**Eric Edelman**, School of Advanced International Studies

**Fiona Hill**, Brookings Institution

**Minxin Pei**, Claremont McKenna

**Christopher Walker**, National Endowment for Democracy

3:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. – *CONVERSATION WITH SEN. BEN CARDIN (D-MD)*

**Moderator:**

**Jonathan Tepperman**, *Foreign Policy*

4:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. – *CONVERSATION WITH SENATOR CHRIS COONS (D-DE)*

**Moderator:**

**David J. Kramer**, FIU

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## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021

### 9:00 A.M. - 10:15 A.M. – *GLOBAL IMPLICATIONS OF ILLEGAL FISHING*

**Moderator:**

**Luis Guillermo Solis**, FIU, former President of Costa Rica

**Panelists:**

**Jean Manes**, Civilian Deputy to the Commander/Foreign Policy Advisor, US SOUTHCOM

**Karl Schultz**, Admiral and Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard

**Ian Urbina**, investigative journalist, The Outlaw Ocean Project

### 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. – *CHINA, HONG KONG AND DEMOCRACY - THE WAY FORWARD*

**Moderator:**

**Andrew Duncan**, human rights activist

**Panelists:**

**Bethany Allen-Ebrahimian**, Axios

**Nathan Law**, Hong Kong activist

**Matt Pottinger**, Former Deputy National Security Adviser

**Josh Rogin**, *Washington Post*

### 12:30 P.M. - 1:45 P.M. – *SOCIAL MEDIA AND DISINFORMATION*

**Moderator:**

**Brian Fonseca**, FIU

**Panelists:**

**Eileen Donahoe**, Stanford University

**Jamie Fly**, German Marshall Fund

**Edward Lucas**, Center for European Policy Analysis

**Alina Polyakova**, Center for European Policy Analysis

### 2:00 P.M. - 3:15 P.M. – *RESTORING TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS*

**Moderator:**

**Kurt Volker**, Center for European Policy Analysis

**Panelists:**

**Karen Donfried**, German Marshall Fund

**Daniel Fried**, Atlantic Council

**Ben Hodges**, Center for European Policy Analysis

**Marietje Schaake**, Stanford University

### 3:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. – *CONVERSATION WITH STEPHEN BIEGUN, FORMER DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE*

**Moderator:**

**David J. Kramer**, FIU



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## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021

### 9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. – *GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS*

**Moderator:**

**Mihaela Pinte**, FIU

**Panelists:**

**Moises Naim**, Carnegie Endowment

**Mark Medish**, The Messina Group

### 10:15 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. – *CHANGES AFOOT IN EURASIA?*

**Opening remarks:**

**Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya**, Belarus Democratic leader

**Moderator:**

**Damon Wilson**, Atlantic Council

**Panelists:**

**Natalia Arno**, Free Russia Foundation

**Natalia Kaliada**, Belarus Free Theatre

**David A. Merkel**, International Institute for Strategic Studies

**Zygmantas Pavilionis**, Lithuanian Parliament

**Lilia Shevtsova**, Liberal Mission Foundation

### 12:15 P.M. - 1:30 P.M. – *CHALLENGES IN THE MIDDLE EAST*

**Moderator:**

**Mohamed K. Ghumrawi**, FIU

**Panelists:**

**Elliott Abrams**, Council on Foreign Relations

**Michele Dunne**, Carnegie Endowment

**Stephen McInerney**, Project on Middle East Democracy

**Nancy Okail**, Stanford University

### 2:00 P.M. - 2:45 P.M. – *CONVERSATION ON NORTH KOREA*

**Moderator:**

**Lindsay Lloyd**, George W. Bush Presidential Center

**Panelists:**

**Victor Cha**, Georgetown University, Center for Strategic and International Studies  
and George W. Bush Presidential Center

**Joseph Kim**, George W. Bush Presidential Center

### 2:45 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. – *CONVERSATION WITH JULIE BISHOP, FORMER AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AND AMBASSADOR MARK GREEN, MCCAIN INSTITUTE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*

**Introductory remarks:**

**Cindy McCain**, McCain Institute

**Henry Kissinger**, former Secretary of State

**Moderator:**

**Jon Decker**, Gray TV

### 3:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. – *CONVERSATION WITH CONGRESSWOMAN KAREN BASS (D-CA)*

**Moderator:**

**Paul Fagan**, McCain Institute

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## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021

### 9:00 A.M. - 10:15 A.M. – *FIGHTING CORRUPTION AND KLEPTOCRACY*

**Moderator:**

Charles Davidson, *The American Interest*

**Panelists:**

Natasha Bertrand, POLITICO

Nino Evgenidze, Economic Policy Research Center

Daria Kaleniuk, Anticorruption Action Centre

Vladimir Kara-Murza, Free Russia Foundation

### 10:45 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. – *CHANGES IN AFRICA*

**Moderator:**

John Tomaszewski, U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations Staff

**Panelists:**

Fred Bauma, Congolese activist

Mantate Mlotshwa, Zimbabwean activist

Farida Nabourema, Togolese activist

### 12:30 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. – *THE AMERICAS*

#### Conversation with Jose Miguel Insulza, former OAS Secretary General

**Moderator:**

Luis Guillermo Solis, FIU, former President of Costa Rica

**Panelists:**

Cynthia Arnson, Woodrow Wilson Center

Luis Bitencourt, William J. Perry Center

Rafael Fernandez de Castro, UC San Diego

Jose Miguel Insulza, former OAS Secretary General

### 2:15 P.M. - 3:15 P.M. – *CLIMATE CHANGE: BACK TO PARIS - NOW WHAT?*

**Moderator:**

Michael Grunwald, journalist

**Panelists:**

Simone Athayde, FIU

Alex Dehgan, Arizona State University and Conservation X Labs

Kevin Grove, FIU

Michael Heithaus, FIU

### 3:15 P.M. – CLOSING

David J. Kramer, FIU

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## GUEST SPEAKERS

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**Michael Abramowitz** is the President of Freedom House, a non-partisan voice dedicated to promoting democracy. There he oversees a unique combination of analysis, advocacy and direct support to frontline defenders for freedom, especially those working in closed authoritarian societies. Formerly he directed the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's Levine Institute for Holocaust Education, and before that he led the museum's genocide prevention efforts. He spent the first 24 years of his career at The Washington Post where he was national editor and then White House correspondent. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and former Fellow at the German Marshall Fund and the Hoover Institution. A graduate of Harvard College, he is also a board member of the National Security Archive and a member of the Human Freedom Advisory Council for the George W. Bush Presidential Center.



**Elliott Abrams** is Senior Fellow for Middle Eastern Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington, D.C. Previously he served as Special Representative for Iran and Venezuela at the Department of State. He served as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor in the administration of President George W. Bush, where he supervised U.S. policy in the Middle East for the White House. He was an Assistant Secretary of State in the Reagan Administration and was president of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C., from 1996 until joining the White House staff in 2001. He is a member of the board of the National Endowment for Democracy. He teaches U.S. foreign policy at Georgetown University's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service.



**Madeleine K. Albright** is a professor, author, diplomat and businesswoman who served as the 64th Secretary of State of the United States. In 1997, she was named the first female Secretary of State and became, at that time, the highest-ranking woman in the history of the U.S. government. From 1993 to 1997, she served as the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations and was a member of the President's Cabinet. She is a Professor in the Practice of Diplomacy at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. In 2012, she was chosen by President Obama to receive the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. A seven-time New York Times bestselling author, her most recent book, *Hell and Other Destinations*, was published in April 2020.



**Bethany Allen-Ebrahimian** is the China reporter at Axios. Before joining Axios, Bethany served as the lead reporter for the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists' China Cables project, a major leak of classified Chinese government documents revealing the inner workings of mass internment camps in Xinjiang. Previously, Bethany was an editor and contributing reporter at Foreign Policy magazine and a national security reporter at The Daily Beast. Bethany spent four years in China. She is now based in Washington, DC.



**Natalia Arno** is Founder and President of the Free Russia Foundation, a nonprofit and nonpartisan U.S.-based nongovernmental organization that informs U.S. policymakers on events in Russia in real-time and supports the formulation of an effective and sustainable Russia policy in the United States. Prior to her current role, she worked for the International Republican Institute for ten years, including six years as IRI Russia Country Director. In December 2009, she represented Russia in the World Summit of Women Leaders in Geneva, Switzerland.



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**Cynthia Arnson** is the Director of the Wilson Center’s Latin American Program and is one of the country’s foremost experts on the Spanish-speaking countries of the Western Hemisphere. During more than 20 years at Wilson, she has testified before the House and Senate on numerous occasions and has authored or edited books on conflict resolution, populism, and U.S policy in Latin America. A former foreign policy aide in Congress, Arnson has also held positions at Human Rights Watch and in academia.



**Simone Athayde** joined FIU in August of 2020 as an Associate Professor with a joint appointment in the Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies and the Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center. Athayde is an environmental anthropologist and interdisciplinary ecologist who has worked across the Amazonian region for more than 20 years. She is a coordinating lead author of the Assessment on Multiple Conceptualizations of the Diverse Values of Nature for the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and a lead author of the Science Panel for the Amazon (SPA) of the United Nations. Her research examines the impacts of large infrastructure projects and climate change on indigenous peoples and local communities across the Amazon, as well as their responses and agency over these processes.



**Peter Baker** is the Chief White House Correspondent for The New York Times and has covered the last five presidents. He joined The Times in 2008 and writes about President Joe Biden and, before that, President Donald J. Trump and President Barack Obama. He previously worked for 20 years at The Washington Post, where he covered Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. At The Post, he also served as Moscow Co-Bureau Chief and covered the opening months of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. He is the author or co-author of six books, most recently “The Man Who Ran Washington: The Life and Times of James A. Baker III,” published with Susan Glasser in September. He is a political analyst for MSNBC and a regular panelist on Washington Week on PBS.



**Karen Bass** is a Representative of the 37th District of California and serves on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs where she is the Chair of the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations. She also serves on the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, where she is active in working to craft sound criminal justice reform policies. Congressmember Bass served as the Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in 2019 and 2020. During her tenure, the Congressional Black Caucus worked with the Congressional Hispanic, Asian Pacific Islander, and Native American Caucuses to demand a targeted response to the COVID-19 pandemic and initiate a national needs assessment for communities of color. She also introduced the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act - the most transformative piece of policing legislation to ever pass in a chamber of Congress.



**Natasha Bertrand** is Politico’s White House Correspondent mainly covering U.S. foreign policy and national security. She has been among the leading writers covering the U.S. intelligence community and news surrounding the impeachment inquiry against President Donald Trump. Previously, she was a staff writer for The Atlantic covering national security and politics. She worked as a politics reporter for Business Insider after graduating from Vassar College in 2014 with a dual degree in political science and philosophy. She is an NBC News and MSNBC contributor. Bertrand is listed in Forbes magazine’s 30 under 30 class of 2021.

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**Nicole Bibbins Sedaca** is the Deputy Director of the Master of Science in Foreign Service program at Georgetown University and teaches courses on democracy, human rights and ethics. She is a Kelly and David Pfeil Fellow at the George W Bush Institute and non-resident senior fellow at the Atlantic Council. Previously she served in the U.S. Department of State, as well as with the International Republican Institute in Quito, Ecuador.



**Julie Bishop** was Australia's first female Foreign Minister, serving in the position from 2013 to 2018 and deputy leader of the Liberal Party from 2007 to 2018. She was the Member of Parliament for Curtin from 1998 to 2019. She has been the chancellor of Australian National University since January 2020. As Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ms Bishop led the development of the 2017 Australian Foreign Policy White Paper - the first review of Australia's international engagement for 14 years. She has overseen the single largest expansion of Australia's overseas diplomatic presence in 40 years. Before entering Parliament Ms Bishop was a commercial litigation lawyer at Perth firm Clayton Utz, becoming a partner in 1985, and managing partner in 1994. Ms Bishop graduated with a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Adelaide in 1978 and attended Harvard Business School in Boston in 1996, completing the Advanced Management Program for Senior Managers.



**Stephen E. Biegun** has spent nearly two decades in government service with the Department of State, the White House, and the United States Congress. In 2021, Mr. Biegun concluded his most recent government service as the Deputy Secretary of State. He also served concurrently as the lead negotiator for the United States government with North Korea, working in close coordination with counterparts in South Korea, Japan, Russia, and China to pursue the elimination of nuclear weapons on the Korean peninsula and normalize U.S.-North Korea relations. Previously, Mr. Biegun served for 15 years as a corporate vice president with Ford Motor Company, where he led an 80-person global team and managed a \$15 million operations budget. Mr. Biegun began his career as a foreign policy specialist with the United States Congress with a focus on Russia, the former Soviet Union, and Europe, ultimately rising to a number of senior-level positions including chief of staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.



**Luis Bitencourt** is Professor of International Security at the William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies. Prior to rejoining the Center in August 2020, he was a consulting professor for the Global Defense Reform Program-sponsored Defense Education Cooperation Program between the Perry Center and Brazil's Escola Superior de Guerra. He was also a Visiting Professor at the Brazilian Navy War College and a Visiting Professor for more than 25 years at Georgetown University. From June 2005 to November 2017, Bitencourt was Professor, Dean of Academic Affairs and Deputy Director at the Perry Center. Prior to joining the Perry Center, he was Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council and Director of the Brazil Institute at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.



**Ben Cardin (D-Md)** is the senior U.S. Senator from Maryland, first elected to that seat in 2006. He previously was the U.S. Representative for Maryland's 3rd congressional district from 1987 to 2007. Cardin served as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates from 1967 to 1987 and as Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates from 1979 to 1987, the younger person to ever hold the position. In his half-century career as an elected official, he has worked across party lines to further U.S. national security and to ensure that good governance, transparency and respect for human rights are integrated into American foreign policy efforts. A member of the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee since arriving in the Senate, Cardin was responsible for the extension of increased guarantees and reduced fees in the Small Business Administration's two largest loan programs.

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**Michael Carpenter** is the Managing Director of the Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Jamestown Foundation's board of directors and the National Defense Foundation's advisory board, as well as a nonresident Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council. From 2015-17, Dr. Carpenter served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense with responsibility for Russia, Eurasia, and Conventional Arms Control. Prior to that, he worked as a foreign policy advisor to Vice President Joe Biden and as Director for Russia at the National Security Council. Dr. Carpenter also served for over 12 years as a career Foreign Service Officer with the State Department. He holds a Bachelor's degree in International Relations from Stanford University a Master's and Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California at Berkeley. He regularly appears as a foreign affairs commentator for BBC, MSNBC, CNN, and Voice of America.



**Victor Cha** is Senior Vice President and the inaugural holder of the Korea Chair at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He is Professor of Government and holds the D.S. Song-KF Chair in the Department of Government and the School of Foreign Service (SFS) at Georgetown University. In July 2019, he was appointed Vice Dean for Faculty and Graduate Affairs in SFS. From 2004 to 2007 he served as Director for Asian Affairs at the National Security Council (NSC). At the White House, he was responsible primarily for Japan, the Korean peninsula, Australia/New Zealand, and Pacific Island nation affairs. Cha was the Deputy Head of Delegation for the United States at the Six-Party Talks in Beijing and received two outstanding service commendations during his tenure at the NSC.



**Chris Coons** was elected to the United States Senate in 2010 following terms as New Castle County Council President and New Castle County Executive. In the Senate, he sits on the Appropriations, Judiciary, Foreign Relations, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and Ethics Committees. Before entering government, Chris worked as an attorney for W.L. Gore & Associates, an advanced materials manufacturer in Delaware. As a law student, Chris founded the Delaware chapter of the national "I Have a Dream" Foundation, which helps low-income students make the academic journey from elementary school through college. Shortly after receiving his law degree and clerking on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Chris began working at the organization's national office, where he launched and ran its AmeriCorps program in fifteen cities.



**Charles Davidson** is Publisher of The American Interest since its founding in 2005 and Executive Director of the Kleptocracy Initiative at Hudson Institute. Davidson co-founded the think tank Global Financial Integrity in 2006, chaired its board and was instrumental in founding the FACT Coalition. He is Executive Producer of We're Not Broke, a documentary about corporate tax avoidance/evasion, that premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in January 2012 (available on Netflix). Until recently, he was a vice-chair of the Board of Trustees at Freedom House. Prior to 2005, Davidson spent his career in the information technology industry in various technical and executive positions, segueing into venture capital in 1996. He is a graduate of Bowdoin College (1981) and Duke University's Fuqua School of Business (1988).



**Jon Decker** is the Senior National Editor and White House Correspondent for Gray Television and has been a member of the White House Press Corps since 1995. In 2015, he was elected by his colleagues to the Board of the White House Correspondents' Association. He is also on the faculty of Georgetown University and the UCLA School of Law where he is an Adjunct Professor. Jon, a member of the Washington, DC Bar, is the only lawyer in the White House Press Corps. Previously, Jon served as the White House correspondent for Fox News Radio, Reuters Television and SiriusXM Radio; Washington correspondent for PBS Television's "Nightly Business Report"; the host of PBS Television's "This Week in Business"; business reporter for the NBC affiliate in Washington (WRC); and field producer for NBC in Miami. He has served as a Media Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University and was also an aide to the late U.S. Senator John Heinz. Jon, who was born in Washington, DC, received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees with Honors from the University of Pennsylvania and received a J.D. from the George Washington University Law School. He also studied international law at the Sorbonne in Paris.



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**Alex Dehgan** is the CEO and co-Founder of Conservation X Labs, an innovation and technology startup focused on conservation. He is also a Professor of the Practice of Sustainability and the Global Futures Fellow at Arizona State University. He previously served as the Chief Scientist at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Prior to USAID, Dehgan worked in multiple positions at the Department of State, including on the Policy Planning Staff and through overseas service under the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq. He was the founding country director of the Wildlife Conservation Society Afghanistan Program and helped create Afghanistan's first national park. Alex is the author of the book, *The Snow Leopard Project*, which describes the effort, which was selected by the journal *Nature's* book editor as one of the top five science books of 2019.



Congressman **Ted Deutch** represents Florida's 22nd district, home to communities throughout southern Palm Beach County and Broward County. Now serving his seventh term in the 117th Congress, he is the Chairman of the House Ethics Committee, the Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism, and a senior member of the House Judiciary Committee. His priorities in Congress include promoting economic opportunities in South Florida, reducing the influence of big money in our elections, gun violence prevention, addressing climate change, fighting for full equality for all, and advancing the security interests of the United States, Israel, and our allies. Originally from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Ted is a graduate of University of Michigan and University of Michigan Law School. He lives in Boca Raton, Florida with his wife Jill and they have three grown children.



**Larry Diamond** is a Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution and at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI) and a Bass University Fellow in Undergraduate Education at Stanford University. He is also Professor by Courtesy of Political Science and Sociology at Stanford. He leads the Hoover Institution's programs on China's Global Sharp Power and on Taiwan in the Indo-Pacific Region. At FSI, he leads the Program on Arab Reform and Democracy. He also co-leads with Eileen Donahoe the Global Digital Policy Incubator at FSI's Cyber Policy Center. He is the founding co-Editor of the *Journal of Democracy* and a Senior Consultant at the International Forum for Democratic Studies of the National Endowment for Democracy. His research focuses on democratic trends and conditions around the world and on policies and reforms to defend and advance democracy.



Ambassador **Paula J. Dobriansky**, is a foreign policy expert and former diplomat specializing in national security affairs. She is a Senior Fellow in the Future of Diplomacy Project at Harvard University's JFK Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs and is Vice Chair of the Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security (Atlantic Council). Over 25 years, she has held high level government positions such as Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs, the President's Envoy to Northern Ireland (receiving the Secretary of State's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Medal for her contributions), Director of European and Soviet Affairs at the National Security Council, the White House, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs. She was the first George F. Kennan Senior Fellow for Russian and Eurasian Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. A member of the Defense Policy Board and Chair of EXIM Bank's Chairman's Council on China Competition, she is on the Advisory Board of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. Ambassador Dobriansky received a B.S.F.S. *summa cum laude* from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, and a M.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard University.

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**Eileen Donahoe** is the Executive Director of the Global Digital Policy Incubator, a multistakeholder collaboration hub dedicated to protection of human rights and democratic values in digital society at Stanford University, FSI/Cyber Policy Center. Areas of current research: democratic approaches to combatting digital disinformation; the rise of digital authoritarianism; roles and responsibilities of digital platforms. She served as U.S. Ambassador to the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva during the Obama administration. Later, she was Director of Global Affairs at Human Rights Watch where focused on internet governance, digital rights and digital security. She serves on the NED Board of Directors.



**Karen Donfried** is President of the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF), a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening transatlantic cooperation. Before assuming this position in 2014, she was Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for European Affairs on the National Security Council at the White House. Prior to that, she was National Intelligence Officer for Europe on the National Intelligence Council. Donfried first joined GMF in 2001 after having served as a European specialist at the Congressional Research Service. From 2003-2005, she handled the Europe portfolio on the State Department's Policy Planning Staff. She returned to GMF from 2005 to 2010, first as Senior Director of Policy Programs and then as Executive Vice President. She received her doctorate from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and a Magister from the University of Munich.



**Andrew Duncan** is an award-winning film producer and advocate for democracy and human rights. His portfolio of films includes the Oscar-nominated *The Florida Project* and *Joshua: Teenager vs. Superpower*, a documentary featuring Joshua Wong as the leader of the pro-democracy movement in Hong Kong and winner of the Audience Award at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival. Mr. Duncan's human rights and democracy advocacy spans well over a decade with a focus on China. He was integral to the blind dissident Chen Guangcheng's asylum in the U.S., beginning in 2012, and the 2015 prison release of the Beijing Five led by LGBTQ activist Li Tingting. In the fall of 2019, Duncan led the peaceful pro-democracy and freedom-of-speech protest against the NBA and was a driving force behind the signing of the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act.



**Michele Dunne** is the Director and a Senior Fellow in Carnegie's Middle East Program, where her research focuses on political and economic change in Arab countries, particularly Egypt, as well as U.S. policy in the Middle East. She was the Founding Director of the Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East at the Atlantic Council from 2011 to 2013 and was a Senior Associate and Editor of the *Arab Reform Bulletin* at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace from 2006 to 2011. She was a Middle East specialist at the U.S. Department of State from 1986 to 2003. She served as a visiting professor of Arabic language and Arab studies at Georgetown from 2003 to 2006.



**Eric S. Edelman** is currently Counselor at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments and the Roger Hertog Distinguished Practitioner in Residence at the Philip Merrill Center for Strategic Studies at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies. He retired as a Career Minister from the U.S. Foreign Service on May 1, 2009. He was the Miller Center for Public Policy's James R. Schlesinger Professor for 2016 at the University of Virginia and is currently a non-resident Fellow there. Previously, he has served in senior positions at the Departments of State and Defense as well as the White House. He served as U.S. Ambassador to the Republics of Finland and Turkey in the Clinton and Bush Administrations and was Principal Deputy Assistant to the Vice President for National Security Affairs.



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**Nino Evgenidze** serves as an Executive Director at the Economic Policy Research Center. She is a co-Founder of several organizations including the Tbilisi International Conference together with the McCain Institute for International Leadership; the Leadership Academy for Development with Stanford University Center for Democracy, Development and Rule of Law (CDDRL); and of the Democracy Frontline Center. She was a Visiting Scholar at John Hopkins University at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies and a Stanford University Fellow in the CDDRL Program. Previously, she was an Advisor at the Center for Economic Reforms of the State Chancellery of Georgia (President Administration), Head of Public Outreach Department of the Anti-corruption Policy Coordination Council of Georgia. She is a Chair of the board of the first Child Hospice in Georgia.



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**Michael Heithaus** is Dean of the College of Arts, Sciences & Education (CASE) and Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Florida International University. A marine ecologist specializing in predator-prey interactions and the ecological importance of sharks and other large marine species, Heithaus is the principal investigator and co-principal investigator on grants totaling \$28 million. His work in Shark Bay, Australia, is the most detailed study of the ecological role of sharks in the world. Working with several prominent non-governmental organizations, it has been used as the underpinning for affecting positive policy changes. Prior to joining FIU, Heithaus was a scientist at Mote Marine Laboratory's Center for Shark Research. He also worked with National Geographic's Remote Imaging Department where he conducted studies using their Crittercam.



**Fred Hiatt** is the Editorial Page Editor of The Washington Post, overseeing the Washington Post Opinions section. He also writes editorials for the page as well as a biweekly column that appears on Mondays. Hiatt has been with The Post since 1981. Earlier, he worked as a reporter for the Atlanta Journal and the Washington Star. At The Post, he covered government, politics, development and other issues in Fairfax County and statewide in Virginia, and later military and national security affairs on the newspaper's national staff. From 1987 to 1990, he and his wife were co-Bureau Chiefs of The Post's Northeast Asia bureau in Tokyo, and from 1991 to 1995 they served as correspondents and co-Bureau Chiefs in Moscow. He joined the editorial board in 1996 and became Editorial Page Editor in 2000.



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**Lieutenant General (Retired) Ben Hodges** is a native of Quincy, Florida and a 1980 graduate of West Point. During his military career he served as an Infantry Officer in the US Army until his retirement in 2018. His Service included assignments with the 101st Abn Div, several overseas tours (Germany, Korea, Iraq, Afghanistan, Belgium), and various staff positions with XVIII Abn Corps, the Army Staff, and the Joint Staff. His last assignment was as Commanding General, US Army Europe. He now holds the Pershing Chair in Strategic Studies at the Center for European Policy Analysis.



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**Natalia Kaliada** is the co-founding Artistic Director of Belarus Free Theatre (BFT), an award-winning theatre-maker, writer and director. As an internationally renowned diplomat and human rights campaigner Natalia has pioneered a unique method of transversal lobbying and campaigning, uniting artistic, geopolitical, environmental and human rights concerns, to bring systematic change to different societies. Working alongside We Remember Foundation and Free Belarus Now, Natalia took part in high-profile negotiations with Hillary Clinton, Former US Secretary of State, and Hon. William Hague, Former Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, focused on the implementation of targeted economic sanctions against Alexander Lukashenko and others responsible for the repression of the Belarusian people.



**Robert Kagan** is a Senior Fellow in the Foreign Policy Program at Brookings. He is a contributing columnist at The Washington Post. His new book is *The Jungle Grows Back: America and Our Imperiled World* (Knopf, September 2018). His previous book was a New York Times bestseller, *The World America Made*. For his writings, Politico Magazine named him a "Politico 50," the top "thinkers, doers and visionaries transforming American politics." He served in the State Department from 1984 to 1988 as a member of the policy planning staff, as Principal Speechwriter for Secretary of State George P. Shultz and as Deputy for Policy in the Bureau of Inter-American Affairs. He is a graduate of Yale University and Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and holds a doctorate in American history from American University.



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**Matthew Kaminski** is Global Editor of Politico and the Founding Editor of Politico's European edition. Matt has reported on the Continent on and off for the past quarter century. He covered the former Soviet Union for the Financial Times and Economist in 1994-97, and in 1997 joined the Wall Street Journal in Brussels as a correspondent. He held various roles with the Journal in Paris and New York. In 2004, Matt was awarded the Peter Weitz Prize by the German Marshall Fund for a series of columns about the European Union. His coverage of the Ukrainian crisis won an Overseas Press Club prize in 2015. He was also a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in commentary that year. He holds degrees from Yale and the Free University of Brussels.



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**Joseph Kim** is an Assistant and Expert-in-Residence on the Human Freedom Initiative at the George W. Bush Institute. He was born and raised in North Korea. When Kim was 12 years old, his father died of starvation and he was separated from his mother and sister. In 2006, Kim escaped North Korea and went to China. In China, he connected with an international NGO called Liberty in North Korea (LiNK). A year later, he left China for the United States and claimed refugee status under the North Korean Human Rights Act, signed by President George W. Bush in 2004.



**Adam D. Kinzinger** is serving his fifth term in the U.S. House of Representatives and proudly represents Illinois' 16th Congressional District. Kinzinger is a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the House Foreign Affairs Committee. His top priorities include strengthening U.S. energy policy and making our nation less reliant on foreign resources as well as bolstering the strength of our national security - both at home and abroad. His district is home to four nuclear power plants, miles of windmills, hydropower plants, and ethanol and biodiesel plants. With such rich energy resources, Kinzinger is focused on advancing energy production. Prior to being elected to Congress, Kinzinger served in the Air Force in both Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. He was among the first members of Congress to call for airstrikes against ISIS.



**Henry Alfred Kissinger** served as the 56th Secretary of State, a position he held until January 20, 1977. He also served as Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs from January 20, 1969, until November 3, 1975. In July 1983 he was appointed by President Reagan to chair the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America until it ceased operation in January 1985, and from 1984-1990 he served as a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. From 1986-1988 he was a member of the Commission on Integrated Long-Term Strategy of the National Security Council and Defense Department. He served as a member of the Defense Policy Board from 2001 to 2016. At present, Dr. Kissinger is Chairman of Kissinger Associates, Inc., an international consulting firm. He is also a member of the International Council of J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.; and a Counselor to and Trustee of the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Dr. Kissinger received a Bronze Star from the U.S. Army in 1945; the Nobel Peace Prize in 1973; the Presidential Medal of Freedom (the nation's highest civilian award) in 1977.



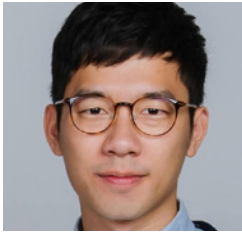
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**David J. Kramer** joined FIU's Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs as a Senior Fellow in the Václav Havel Program for Human Rights and Diplomacy in May 2017. He also serves as Director of the European and Eurasian Studies Program. Previously, Kramer was Senior Director for Human Rights and Democracy at the McCain Institute for International Leadership; President of Freedom House; and Senior Transatlantic Fellow with the German Marshall Fund. Kramer served during the George W. Bush administration as Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs. He is the author of the recent book, *Back to Containment: Dealing with Putin's Regime*.



**Nathan Law** is a young activist in Hong Kong, currently studying at Yale University for a master's degree in East Asian Studies. During the Umbrella Movement in 2014, Law was one of the five representatives who took part in the dialogue with the government, debating political reform. Upholding non-violent civic actions, he, Joshua Wong and other student leaders founded Demosistō in 2016, and also co-founded Network of Young Democratic Asians (NOYDA), aimed at promoting exchanges among social activists in Japan, Taiwan, Myanmar, Thailand and other East Asian countries. In the recent Legislative Council election, Law was elected with 50,818 votes in the Hong Kong Island constituency and became the youngest Legislative Councilor in history. His seat was overturned in July 2017 following Beijing's constitutional reinterpretation, despite international criticism.



**Lindsay Lloyd** is the Bradford M. Freeman Director of the Human Freedom Initiative at the George W. Bush Institute, where he manages original research and programmatic efforts to advance freedom and democracy in the world. This includes the work of the Freedom in North Korea project, which raises awareness of human rights violations in North Korea, proposes new policy solutions and engages leaders to help improve the lives of the North Korean people. Previously, he served for 16 years at the International Republican Institute (IRI), most recently as senior advisor for policy. Prior to that, he was IRI's Regional Director for Europe and co-Director of the Regional Program for Central and Eastern Europe, which was based in Slovakia. He also worked for several members and the leadership of the U.S. House of Representatives.



**Edward Lucas** is a Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA). He was formerly a Senior Editor at *The Economist*. Lucas has covered Central and Eastern European affairs since 1986, writing, broadcasting and speaking on the politics, economics and security of the region. A graduate of the London School of Economics and long-serving foreign correspondent in Berlin, Vienna, Moscow, and the Baltic states, he is an internationally recognized expert on espionage, subversion, the use and abuse of history, energy security and information warfare. Lucas is the author of four books: *The New Cold War* (2008, newly revised and republished); *Deception* (2011); *The Snowden Operation* (2014), and *Cyberphobia* (2015). His website is [edwardlucas.com](http://edwardlucas.com) and he tweets as [@edwardlucas](https://twitter.com/edwardlucas).



**Jean E. Manes** assumed duties as Civilian Deputy to the Commander and Foreign Policy Advisor, U.S. Southern Command, in October 2019. SOUTHCOM Area of Responsibility encompasses 32 nations (19 in Central and South America and 13 in the Caribbean). As Civilian Deputy to the Commander, she is responsible for overseeing the development and refinement of U.S. SOUTHCOM's regional strategy and security cooperation plans as well as the Command's strategic communication, public affairs and human rights initiatives. She also plays a key role in interagency and business engagement. As Foreign Policy Advisor, Manes provides the Commander and other senior command staff with geopolitical, political-military, and economic counsel. She also leads the Command's relationship with the Department of State and U.S. Embassies abroad. Ambassador Manes arrived at USSOUTHCOM after serving as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador (2016-2019).

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**Simon Marks** is the President and Chief Correspondent of Feature Story News (FSN). Simon created the company in 1992 – today, it operates more than 30 news bureaus worldwide, including Washington, DC, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Miami, London, Brussels, Berlin, Moscow, Kampala, Juba, Dar Es Salaam, Abuja and Caracas. Simon is passionate about serious, engaging coverage of the most important news stories of our time. His work building and developing FSN has been driven by a determination to help keep the global news agenda alive and ensure that in-depth international coverage is available to both the largest network and the smallest station alike. Simon travels the world on a continuing basis for the most respected news outlets on the air and has interviewed many of the world’s leading newsmakers, including Presidents and Prime Ministers.



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**Elisa Massimino** is the Robert F. Drinan, S.J., Chair in Human Rights at Georgetown University Law Center. She recently served as a Senior Fellow with the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government and as a Practitioner-in-Residence at Georgetown’s Walsh School of Foreign Service. Previously, she spent 27 years—the last decade as President and CEO—at Human Rights First, one of the nation’s leading human rights advocacy organizations. She has a distinguished record of human rights advocacy in Washington. She has testified before Congress dozens of times, writes frequently for mainstream publications and specialized journals, appears regularly in major media outlets and speaks to audiences around the country. Massimino is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the U.S. Supreme Court Bar.



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**Stephen McInerney** is Executive Director of the Washington, D.C.-based Project on Middle East Democracy (POMED). He has extensive experience in the Middle East and North Africa, including graduate studies of Middle Eastern politics, history and the Arabic language at the American University of Beirut and the American University in Cairo. He has spoken on Middle East affairs with numerous media outlets including BBC, MSNBC, CBS News and Al Jazeera. His writing on Middle East affairs and U.S. policy has been published by Foreign Affairs, The New Republic, Foreign Policy and The Washington Post. He received a master's

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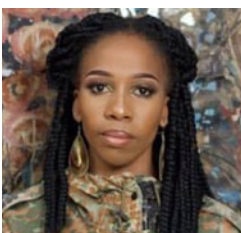
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**Derek Mitchell** is the third President of the National Democratic Institute (NDI), a non-governmental organization based in Washington, D.C., dedicated to supporting democratic development worldwide. From 2012-2016, he served as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (Burma), America's first ambassador to the country in 22 years. From 2011-12, he was the U.S. Department of State's first Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Burma, with the rank of Ambassador. Previously, he served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

From 2001 to 2009, he was Senior Fellow and Director of the Asia Division of the International Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.



**Mantate Mlotshwa** is Program Lead at Magamba Network, an award-winning organization using creative forms of youth activism to build a democratic and just Zimbabwe. She coordinates the Arts4Change Program, a joint initiative of Accountability Lab Zimbabwe, Kubatana Trust and Magamba Network. She is a Producer and Host for The Resistance Bureau. A spoken word artist, blogger and social media enthusiast, Mantate uses her networks and skills to mobilize resources to drive community development projects such as the drilling of a borehole amidst a water crisis in Bulawayo, a schools program supporting primary school girls with school fees and

stationery, as well as multiple sanitary pad drives to empower marginalized women and girls. She is a graduate of The Campaign School at Yale University and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree at the University of Zimbabwe.



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**Farida Nabourema** has been a fearless advocate for democracy and human rights in Togo since she was a teenager. Through more than 400 articles on her blog and other sites, she denounces corruption and dictatorship and promotes a form of progressive pan-Africanism. In 2014, she published *La Pression de l'Oppression* (The Pressure of Oppression), in which she discussed the different forms of oppression that people face throughout Africa and highlighted the need for oppressed people to fight back. She co-founded and is the Executive Director of the Togolese Civil League, an NGO that promotes democracy through civil resistance. In 2010, at age 20, Nabourema founded the "Faure Must Go" movement, in which she organized Togolese youth to stand against the dictatorial regime of Faure Gnassingbé. "Faure Must Go" has become the slogan for the civil resistance movement in Togo.



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**Nancy Okail** is former Executive Director of the Tahrir Institute for Middle East Policy (TIMEP) and a visiting scholar at Stanford University. She holds a Ph.D., with a focus on power relations of foreign aid, from the University of Sussex in the U.K. Prior to joining TIMEP, she was Country Director of Freedom House's Egypt program. She has 20 years of experience in promoting democracy and development in the Middle East/North Africa region. She has worked with the Egyptian government as a senior evaluation officer of foreign aid and has managed programs for Egyptian pro-democracy organizations that challenged the Mubarak regime. She was also one of the defendants convicted and sentenced to prison in the widely publicized case of 43 NGO workers charged with using foreign funds to foment unrest in Egypt.



**Nicholas Opiyo** is a leading human rights lawyer and Founder of the rights organization Chapter Four Uganda. Since 2005, Opiyo has promoted civil liberties in Uganda. Opiyo has been representing Stella Nyanzi, a Ugandan academic charged with "cyber-harassment" and "offensive communication" for her comments about Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, and presidential hopeful Bobi Wine, who lost last month's election amid accusations of election improprieties. Opiyo grew up on the outskirts of Gulu, Northern Uganda, a center of fighting between Museveni's government and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), a rebel group notorious for using child soldiers and terror. In 2017, Opiyo won the German Africa Prize – an award from the German Africa Foundation which honors "outstanding individuals for their long-standing endeavors to foster democracy, peace, human rights, art, culture, the social market economy and social concerns."



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**Karl L. Schultz** assumed the duties as the 26th Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard on June 1, 2018. As Commandant, he oversees all global Coast Guard operations and 41,000 active-duty, 6,200 reserve, and 8,500 civilian personnel, as well as the support of 25,000 Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteers. He previously served from August 2016 to May 2018 as Commander, Atlantic Area where he was the operational commander for all Coast Guard missions spanning five Coast Guard Districts and 40 states. He concurrently served as Director, DHS Joint Task Force-East, responsible for achieving the objectives of the DHS Southern Border and Approaches Campaign Plan throughout the Caribbean Sea and Eastern Pacific Region, including Central America.



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**Anne-Marie Slaughter** is the CEO of New America and the Bert G. Kerstetter '66 University Professor Emerita of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University. From 2009-2011 she served as the Director of Policy Planning for the U.S. Department of State, the first woman to hold that position. Prior to that, Slaughter was the Dean of Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs and the J. Sinclair Armstrong Professor of International, Foreign, and Comparative Law at Harvard Law School. She has written or edited seven books and is a frequent contributor to several publications. In 2012, she published *Why Women Still Can't Have It All*, in *The Atlantic*. It quickly became one of the most read articles in the history of the magazine and helped spark a renewed national debate on the continued obstacles to genuine full male-female equality.



**Luis Guillermo Solís Rivera** served as President of Costa Rica from 2014-2018. He is currently the interim Director of the Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center at Florida International University. In 1984, he began his service to Costa Rica in the Foreign Ministry, leading Costa Rican delegations to the United Nations, the Organization of American States and the European Union. He was the country's Ambassador for Central American Affairs and for two decades held the office of Secretary General of the governing National Liberation Party. He previously taught at the University of Michigan and in 1999 was a Fulbright Scholar at FIU. Solís is a graduate of the University of Costa Rica and has a master's degree in political science and sociology from Tulane University. He has published more than 10 books and dozens of articles for professional journals.



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**Jonathan Tepperman** is the Editor-in-Chief of Foreign Policy and the author of *The Fix: How Countries Use Crises to Solve the World's Worst Problems*. Before joining Foreign Policy, he served as Managing Editor of Foreign Affairs and, before that, as Deputy Editor of Newsweek's international edition. He has written for a long list of publications and appears frequently on TV and radio. He has degrees from Yale, Oxford and New York University.

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**Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya** is a Belarusian human rights activist and politician who ran for the 2020 Belarusian presidential election as the main opposition candidate. She is married to activist Sergei Tikhanovsky, who was a candidate for the same election until his arrest in May 2020. After her husband's arrest, Tsikhanouskaya announced her intention to run in his place. She registered as an Independent candidate and was endorsed by the campaigns of Valery Tsepkalo and Viktor Babaryka, two prominent opposition politicians who were barred from registering, with one being arrested and the other fleeing the country. Tsikhanouskaya has vowed to free all political prisoners in Belarus to introduce democratic reforms to the country and to move away from the union treaty with Russia.



**John Tomaszewski ("JT")** currently serves as a Professional Staff Member on the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee in the U.S. Senate where his portfolio focuses on Sub-Saharan Africa. Previously, Tomaszewski most recently served as the International Republican Institute's Regional Director for Africa, which included overseeing IRI democracy and governance projects in more than eighteen countries across the subcontinent. Tomaszewski was IRI's Nairobi-based country director from 2012-2015 leading projects in Kenya, South Sudan and the wider East Africa region. He started with IRI assisting with the management of the institute's political party strengthening programs in South Sudan, before eventually transferring to do the same in Egypt. Before joining IRI, Tomaszewski worked for the Crisis and Litigation Practice at LEVICK Strategic Communications in Washington, DC. From 2004-2008, he managed communications for two members of the U.S. Congress.



**Mary Jo Trepka** is an infectious disease epidemiologist who focuses on HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. Dr. Trepka's particular interest is the role of social determinants in health disparities in HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases. In 2011, she received the 2010 Presidential Early Career Award for Science and Engineering from President Barack Obama for her work analyzing the role of poverty, segregation and rural/urban status in racial disparities in HIV survival. Currently, she is studying the role of patient-centered HIV care and women centered HIV care in helping people with HIV to be retained in HIV care and virally suppressed despite psychosocial barriers. Additionally, she leads the Investigator Development Core for FIU's Research Center for Minority Institutions. She was the director of epidemiology and disease control for the Miami-Dade County Health Department from 1998-2003.



**Daniel Twining** joined International Republican Institute (IRI) as president in September 2017, where he leads the institute's mission to advance democracy and freedom around the world. He leads IRI's team of over 700 global experts to link people and governments, motivate people to engage in the political process and guide politicians and government officials to be responsive to citizens. Previously, he served as counselor and director of the Asia Program at The German Marshall Fund of the United States. Prior to that, Twining served as a member of the U.S. Secretary of State's Policy Planning Staff, as the foreign policy advisor to U.S. Senator John McCain and as a staff member of the U.S. Trade Representative. He has been a columnist for Foreign Policy and the Nikkei and served as an advisor to six presidential campaigns.



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**Ian Urbina** is a reporter and author based in Washington, D.C. Urbina is the author of The New York Times bestseller *The Outlaw Ocean* (2019). The book chronicles a diversity of crimes offshore. He has reported from Africa, Asia, Europe, South America and the Middle East, much of that time spent on fishing ships. Urbina has also written extensively on criminal justice issues, including stories about the use of prisoners for pharmaceutical experiments, immigrant detainees working unpaid, solitary confinement in immigration detention facilities, and the dependence of the U.S. Defense Department on prison labor. In

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**Ambassador Kurt Volker** is a leading expert in U.S. foreign and national security policy with some 30 years of experience in a variety of government, academic, and private sector capacities. He served as U.S. Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations from 2017 to 2019, and as U.S. Ambassador to NATO from 2008-2009. Ambassador Volker is currently a Distinguished Fellow at the Center for European Policy Analysis, and Senior International Advisor at BGR Group, which provides government relations, public relations, and business advisory services to a wide array of clients. From 2012-2019, Amb. Volker was the founding

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