

# **State of the World 2021: Struggle for Democracy Program Agenda**

*(please note: program is subject to change; attendees will receive final agenda via email)*

**Monday, February 1, 2021**

**9:30 A.M. – 9:45 A.M.**

## **I. 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.**

## **II. 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.**

**III. Struggle for Democracy**

**Moderator:**

**Fred Hiatt, *Washington Post***

**Panelists:**

**Mike Abramowitz, Freedom House**

**Nicole Bibbins Sedaca, Georgetown University**

**Derek Mitchell, National Democratic Institute**

**Dan Twining, International Republican Institute**

**12:30 P.M. – 1:45 P.M.**

**IV. 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 Palouš, FIU**

**Anne Richard, Georgetown University**

**2:00 P.M. – 2:45: P.M.**

**V. Conversation with Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright**

**Moderator:**

**Mark Green, McCain Institute**

**3:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

**VI. Conversation with Congressman Ted Deutch (D-FL) and Congressman Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) *\*(subject to change)***

**Moderator:**

**David J. Kramer, FIU**

**Tuesday, February 2, 2021**

**9:00 A.M. – 9:45 A.M.**

**VII. 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.**

**VIII. U.S. Leadership and Alliances: Past, Present and Future**

**Moderator:**

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

**Panelists:**

**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.**

**IX. The Biden Administration's Foreign Policy: What to Expect**

**Moderator:**

**Jonathan Tepperman, *Foreign Policy***

**Panelists:**

**Paula Dobriansky, Harvard University**

**Robert Gelbard, U.S. Ambassador (ret.) and former  
Assistant Secretary of State**

**Michael McFaul, Stanford University**

**Anne-Marie Slaughter, New America**

**1:30 P.M. – 2:45 P.M.**

**X. Great Power Competition**

**Moderator:**

**Simon Marks, Feature Story Productions**

**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.**

**XI. Conversation with Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD)**

***\*(subject to change)***

**Moderator:**

**Jonathan Tepperman, Foreign Policy**

**Wednesday, February 3, 2021**

**9:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.**

**XII. 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, USSOUTHCOM**

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

**Ian Urbina, investigative journalist**

**10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

**XIII. 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.**

**XIV. 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.**

**XV. Restoring Transatlantic Relations**

**Moderator:**

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

**Panelists:**

**Karen Donfried, German Marshall Fund**

**Dan Fried, Atlantic Council**

**Ed Luce, *Financial Times***

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

**Marietje Schaake, Stanford University**

**3:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

**XVI. Conversation with Steve Biegun, former Deputy Secretary of State**

**Moderator:**

**David J. Kramer, FIU**

**Thursday, February 4, 2021**

**9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.**

**XVII. Global Economic Crisis**

**Moderator:**

**Mihaela Pinteau, FIU**

**Panelists:**

**Moises Naim, Carnegie Endowment**

**Mark Medish, The Messina Group**

**10:15 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.**

**XVIII. Changes Afoot in Eurasia?**

**Opening remarks:**

**Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, Belarus Democratic leader**

**Moderator:**

**Damon Wilson, Atlantic Council**

**Panelists:**

**Natalia Arno, Free Russia Foundation**

**Natalia Kolyada, Belarus Free Theatre**

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

**Zygis Pavilionis, Lithuanian Parliament**

**Lilia Shevtsova, Liberal Mission Foundation**

**12:15 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.**

**XIX. Challenges in the Middle East**

**Moderator:**

**Mohamed 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.**

**XX. Conversations on North Korea**

**Moderator:**

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

**Panelists:**

**Victor Cha, Georgetown University and Center for Strategic and International Studies**

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

**2:45 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

**XXI. 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**



**Friday, February 5, 2021**

**9:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.**

**XXII. 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.**

**XXIII. Changes in Africa**

**Moderator:**

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

**Panelists:**

**Mantate Mlotshwa, Zimbabwean activist**

**Farida Nabourema, Togolese activist**

**12:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

**XXIV. 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.**

**XXV. Climate Change: Back to Paris – Now What?**

**Moderator:**

**Michael Grunwald, journalist**

**Panelists:**

**Michael Heithaus, FIU**

**Simone Athayde, FIU**

**Kevin Grove, FIU**

**Alex Dehgan, Conservation X Labs and ASU**

**3:15 P.M.**

**Closing**

**David J. Kramer, FIU**

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