

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

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 Schaake, American Enterprise Institute

11:45 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

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

Moderator:

Jonathan Tepperman, Editor-at-Large, *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

Chris 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:

Jennifer Griffin, Fox News

Nathan Law, Hong Kong activist

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, 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 Merkel, Summit International Advisors

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, former U.S. State Department Special Representative for Iran

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

Introductory remarks:

Cindy McCain, McCain Institute

Moderator:

Mark Green, McCain Institute

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

TBD

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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