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Speaker Biographies



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Holly Dagnes is a nonresident fellow with the Middle East Security Initiative at the Atlantic Council's Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security. She is also the editor of Scowcroft Center's IranSource blog and curator for the weekly newsletter, The Iranist. Before joining the Atlantic Council, Holly worked as a freelance Iran analyst, regularly following traditional and social media in English and Persian. She also worked as the assistant editor at the Cairo Review of Global Affairs, associated with the American University in Cairo's Global Affairs and Public Policy School. Holly received a master's degree in

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David Mortlock is a nonresident senior fellow with the Atlantic Council's Global Energy Center. He is the chair of Global Trade and Investment Group at Willkie Farr and Gallagher LLP, where he focuses on sanctions, export controls, and other international trade issues. Previously, he was director for international economic affairs at the White House National Security Council. He has served in various positions at the Department of State, including deputy coordinator for sanctions policy and attorney-adviser for sanctions and terror finance. David was centrally involved in the development of the sanctions programs for Russia and Iran, including restrictions on those countries' energy sectors. He also worked to ease the sanctions program for Burma and Cuba.



Elizabeth Rosenberg

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Elizabeth Rosenberg is a senior fellow and director of the Energy, Economics and Security Program at the Center for a New American Security. In this capacity, she publishes and speaks on the national security and foreign policy implications of energy market shifts and the use of sanctions and economic statecraft. She has testified before Congress of energy and financial issue and been quoted widely by leading media outlets in the United States and abroad. From May 2009 through September 2013, Rosenberg served as a senior advisor at the US Department of the Treasury, to the assistant secretary for Terrorist

Financing and Financial Crimes, and then to the undersecretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence. In these senior roles she helped to develop and implement financial and energy sanctions. Key initiatives she helped to oversee include the tightening of global sanctions on Iran and North Korea, the launching of new, comprehensive sanctions against Libya and Syria and modification of Burma sanctions in step with normalization of diplomatic relations. She also helped to formulate anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing policy and oversee financial regulatory enforcement activities.



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Meredith Sumpter is head of research strategy and operations at the Eurasia Group. She has more than fifteen years of experience in policy, analysis, business and management. She leads the firm's research management, strategy, and operations, in addition to her global advisory work with an emphasis on Asia. Meredith is a leading strategic thinker on global politics and foreign policy, regularly speaking at conferences and to the media. Her experience is steeped in both politics and strategy, spanning multiple regions and sectors including information and communication technologies,

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Barbara Slavin is the director of the Future of Iran Initiative at the Atlantic Council and a columnist for Al-Monitor.com, a website devoted to news from and about the Middle East. The author of *Bitter Friends, Bosom Enemies: Iran, the US and the Twisted Path to Confrontation* (2007), she is a regular commentator on US foreign policy and Iran on NPR, PBS, and CSPAN. A career journalist, Slavin previously served as assistant managing editor for world and national security of the Washington Times, senior diplomatic reporter for USA TODAY, Cairo correspondent for the Economist, as an editor at the New York Times Week in Review. She has covered such key foreign policy issues as the US-led war on terrorism, policy toward “rogue” states the Iran-Iraq war, and the Arab-Israeli conflict. She has traveled to Iran nine times. Slavin also served as a public policy scholar the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, where she wrote *Bitter Friends*, and as a senior fellow at the United States Institute of Peace, where she researched and wrote the report *Mullahs, Money and Militias: How Iran Exerts Its Influence in the Middle East*.