

## One Year into the United States' Maximum Pressure Campaign

Thursday, December 12, 2019

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Atlantic Council, 1030 15<sup>th</sup> St NW, 12<sup>th</sup> floor

### Introductory Remarks



#### **Stuart E. Eizenstat**

*Former US Ambassador to the European Union and Board Director, Atlantic Council*

Stuart E. Eizenstat, with the law firm of Covington & Burling, was named special adviser on Holocaust Issues in December 2013. As such, he is responsible for offering policy advice on Holocaust-related matters, doing so in close coordination with the Department of State's Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs and with the Office of International Claims and Investment Disputes in the Office of the Legal Adviser. Eizenstat held the same advisory position for Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

During a decade and a half of public service in three US administrations, Eizenstat has held a number of key senior positions, including chief White House domestic policy adviser to President Jimmy Carter (1977-1981); US Ambassador to the European Union, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, and Deputy Secretary of the Treasury in the Clinton Administration (1993-2001).

Eizenstat has received seven honorary doctorate degrees from universities and academic institutions. He has been awarded high civilian awards from the governments of France (Legion of Honor), Germany, Austria, and Belgium, as well as from Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, and Secretary of the Treasury Lawrence Summers. He is a Phi Beta Kappa, *cum laude* graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and of Harvard Law School.

### Opening Remarks



#### **Knut Dethlefsen**

*Representative to the United States and Canada, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung*

Knut Dethlefsen serves as the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Representative to the United States and Canada. Prior to coming to Washington, DC, he led FES offices in Warsaw, Jerusalem, and Shanghai. In between, he also served as the Department Head of the Asia and Pacific Department of the FES in Berlin. Knut has extensive experience in the United States having completed a yearlong high school exchange program in Logan, West Virginia, and later working for Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) as a Legislative Fellow, advising the Senator on foreign affairs issues. Knut obtained his Master of Arts in History, Political Science, and Economics from the Technical University of Berlin as well as a Master of Science

in Foreign Service from Georgetown University. He is a proud member of the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD) as well as the German service sector trade union Ver.di.

## Speaker Bios



**David Jalilvand**

*Chief Executive Officer, Orient Matters*

Dr. David Jalilvand is a Berlin-based analyst and consultant. His work focuses on the interplay of energy and international politics in Iran and the Middle East. He is also research associate with the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies. Between 2015 and 2018, he led the Iran program of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung in Berlin. He earned a PhD in Political Science from the Free University of Berlin in 2016 with a thesis on the energy sector, politics, and the economy in Iran. Previously, he studied at the London School of Economics, the Moscow State Institute for International Relations, and Erfurt University. Most recently, he co-edited *The Political and Economic Challenges of Energy in the Middle East and North Africa* (with Kirsten Westphal, Routledge 2018).



**Kenneth Katzman**

*Senior Middle East Analyst for the US Congress, Congressional Research Service*

As a specialist with the Congressional Research Service, Dr. Katzman serves as a senior Middle East analyst for the U.S. Congress, with special emphasis on Iran, the Persian Gulf states, Afghanistan, and Iran-backed groups operating in the Middle East and South Asia. He provides reports and briefings to Members of Congress and their staffs on U.S. policy on these countries and issues, and provides analysis of related legislative proposals. He has participated in several congressional delegations to the region at the Member and staff level, and given many official presentations and briefings at conferences and meetings throughout Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and South and Central Asia. He has also written numerous articles in various outside publications, including a book entitled "The Warriors of Islam: Iran's Revolutionary Guard" (Westview Press, 1993) which was the subject of his Ph.D. dissertation. During 1996 and again during July 2001 - March 2002, he was assigned to the majority staff of the House Foreign Affairs Committee to work on Middle East issues, including hearings and legislation such as the Iran Sanctions Act (1996). On about a dozen occasions, he has testified before various Committees and Subcommittees on Iraq, Iran, and Afghanistan.



**Barbara Slavin**

*Director, Future of Iran Initiative, Atlantic Council*

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 C-SPAN. 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*, and 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 at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, where she wrote *Bitter Friends*, and as a senior fellow at the US Institute of Peace, where she researched and wrote the report *Mullahs, Money and Militias: How Iran Exerts Its Influence in the Middle East*.

## Moderator Bio



### **Narges Bajoghli**

*Assistant Professor, Middle East Studies, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University*

Narges Bajoghli is assistant professor of Middle East Studies at the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University. She is an award-winning anthropologist, filmmaker, and writer. Narges' academic research is at the intersections of media, power, and military in the Middle East. Specifically, her research focuses on regime cultural producers in Iran, and is based on ethnographic research with Basij, Ansar-e Hezbollah, and Revolutionary Guard media producers. The resulting book *Iran Reframed: Anxieties of Power in the Islamic Republic*, was published by Stanford University Press in September 2019. Narges received her PhD in socio-cultural anthropology from New York University (NYU), where her dissertation was awarded the Dean's Outstanding Dissertation Award in the Social Sciences. She was also trained as a documentary filmmaker in NYU's Culture and Media Program. Narges is currently working on three new research projects. In addition to her academic writing, Narges has also written for such publications as The New York Times, The New York Times Magazine, Foreign Affairs, The Guardian, Foreign Policy, and Jacobin. She has also appeared as a guest commentator on Iranian politics on CNN, DemocracyNow!, NPR, BBC WorldService, BBC NewsHour, and PBS NewsHour as well as in Spanish on radio across Latin America. Outside of academia, Narges was the co-founder of the non-profit organization, Iranian Alliances Across Borders (IAAB), has worked with NGOs in Iran and Latin America (Cuba, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica), and has curated and organized art exhibitions and exchanges in the United States, Iran, and Cuba for two decades.