



Peace and Security Funders Group

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS FUNDERS GROUP

FEDERAL POLICY BRIEFING

ADVANCING PEACE, SECURITY & HUMAN RIGHTS



MARCH 29-31, 2011

Washington, D.C.

AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2011

3:30-5:30 pm Embassy Suites Hotel Board Room	IHRFG-PSFG Charity and Security Working Group Pre-Conference Strategy Meeting
6:30-9:00 pm Acadiana Restaurant	Pre-Conference Networking Dinner Guest appearance by Rep. Nancy Pelosi

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30 – [Center for American Progress Conference Room D, 10th Floor](#)

8:00-8:45 am	Registration
8:45-9:00 am	Welcome and Orientation
9:00-10:00 am	Keynote Address by Deputy Secretary of State Jim Steinberg
10:00-11:00 am	<i>Human Rights and International Security on the National Political Agenda</i>
11:00-11:15 am	Break
11:15 am-12:15 pm	Discussion: Protection of Civilians
12:15-1:30 pm	Lunch and <i>Funders' Soapbox</i>
1:30-2:45 pm Conference Room D 1st Floor Conference Room	CONCURRENT SESSIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Debts, Deficits, and Defense</i>• <i>Surveillance and Profiling: Protecting Human Rights While Confronting "Violent Extremism"</i>
2:45-3:00 pm	Break
3:00-4:15 pm Conference Room D 1st Floor Conference Room	CONCURRENT SESSIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The Politics of Withdrawal: The Challenges of Peacebuilding and Ending U.S. Military Actions in Afghanistan</i>• <i>Detention and Treatment of Terrorism Suspects: Securing Human Rights and Accountability</i>

AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30 (continued)

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| 4:15-4:30 pm | Break |
| 4:30-5:30 pm
Center for American
Progress Conference
Room D | <i>Political Earthquakes in the Arab World</i> |
| 6:30-8:30 pm
Mott House | Reception for PSFG, IHRFG and NGO community
with guest speaker Susan Eisenhower |
| Post-Reception
Locations to be
announced | Funder Dinners (optional) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funders focusing on issues related to nuclear weapons• Funders focusing on women and peace |

THURSDAY, MARCH 31 – Capitol Visitors Center SVC 203/02

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| 9:00-10:00 am | Briefing from Members of Congress |
| 10:00-10:30 am | Discussion: Nuclear Power |
| 10:30-10:45 am | Break |
| 10:45 am-12:00 pm | <i>Outsourcing, Revolving Doors, No-Bid Contracts, and No-See Oversight: The Failure of Government Accountability in National Security Policymaking</i> |
| 12:00-12:45 pm | Review, Reflection, and Evaluation |
| 12:45-2:15 pm
Dirksen Senate Office
Building | Travel to and Lunch at the Senate Buffet |
| 2:30-4:30 pm
Mott House | PSFG Organizational Meeting |

DETAILED AGENDA

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2011

3:30-5:30 pm

Embassy Suites Hotel
Board Room,
900 10th Street, NW

IHRFG-PSFG CHARITY AND SECURITY WORKING GROUP STRATEGY MEETING

Since 2001, U.S. national security laws and policies have had an increasingly negative impact on the efforts of funders and international NGOs to promote peace and human rights. In response, both the foundation community and non-profit advocates have met with government officials, crafted alternatives, and proposed reforms to existing policy. During this optional working group meeting, funders will share information on progress to date, refine strategies for developing a collective (and more effective) voice on these issues and for supporting reform activities within the broader nonprofit sector.

- **Kay Guinane**, Program Director, Charity and Security Network
- **David Smock**, Vice-President, Center for Mediation and Conflict Resolution, United States Institute of Peace

6:30-9:00 pm

Acadiana Restaurant
901 New York
Avenue, NW

PRE-CONFERENCE NETWORKING DINNER

Guest appearance by **House Minority Leader Representative Nancy Pelosi**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2011

**Center for American Progress Conference Room D, 10th Floor
1333 H Street, NW**

8:00-8:45 am

REGISTRATION

Coffee and rolls will be available

8:45-9:00 am

WELCOME AND ORIENTATION

- **Katherine Magraw**, Director, PSFG
- **Michael J. Hirschhorn**, Executive Director, IHRFG; President, Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation

9:00-10:00 am

KEYNOTE ADDRESS



By **Deputy Secretary of State James Steinberg**

Moderated by **Katherine Magraw**, Director, PSFG

10:00-11:00 am

Human Rights and International Security on the National Political Agenda

Our speakers will provide an update and analysis of the issues, players, and strategies in the broad areas of national security and human rights policies. Reflecting on Deputy Secretary of State Steinberg's keynote address, the speakers' political insights and our discussion to follow will set the stage for our subsequent strategy sessions.

- **Heather Hurlburt**, Executive Director, National Security Network
- **Stephen Rickard**, Executive Director, Open Society Policy Center

Moderated by **Ellen Dorsey**, Executive Director, Wallace Global Fund

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2011 (continued)
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11:00-11:15 am BREAK

11:15 am-12:15 pm *Protection of Civilians*

- **David Abramowitz**, Director of Policy and Government Relations, Humanity United

Moderated by **Katherine Magraw**, Director, PSFG

12:15-1:30 pm LUNCH AND THE *FUNDERS' SOAPBOX*

Join this “open mic” opportunity to speak extemporaneously on your philanthropic passions (people, projects, or programs), promote a favorite organization, appeal for advice, announce an event, etc.

1:30-2:45 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Conference Room D *Debts, Deficits, and Defense*

Handwringing over the federal deficit. Exhortations from Congress for deep budget cuts. Recommended Defense Department cuts mysteriously reinstated and the Pentagon budget ever rising. With such incoherent puzzle pieces, it is difficult to assess how to capitalize on the demand for deficit reduction to achieve meaningful reductions in military spending – representing half of all discretionary spending – and a better balance with non-military means of promoting peace. This session will help participants understand the historical context of the current budget, while exploring the perspectives of new stakeholders in the national dialogue to reprioritize the budget and opportunities to enact systemic reform.

- **Gordon Adams**, Professor, American University
- **Ryan Alexander**, Executive Director, Taxpayers for Common Sense
- **Susan Shaer**, Executive Director, Women's Action for New Directions

Moderated by **Nandini Merz**, Program Director, Colombe Foundation

First Floor Conference Room

Surveillance and Profiling: Protecting Human Rights While Confronting "Violent Extremism"

This session comes on the heels of Representative Peter King's controversial Homeland Security Committee hearing, "The Extent of Radicalization in the American Muslim Community and That Community's Response," and increased anti-Muslim rhetoric. At the same time, Congress seems increasingly ready to take up legislation that could further tilt the balance between surveillance and privacy. This session will examine federal policy efforts, opportunities, and challenges in the areas of ethnic and religious profiling, intelligence collection, law enforcement, and privacy, and discuss strategies for advancing reforms.

- **Margaret Huang**, Executive Director, Rights Working Group
- **Jameel Jaffer**, Director, Center for Democracy, ACLU
- **Greg Nojeim**, Senior Counsel, Center for Democracy and Technology

Moderated by **Jameel Jaffer**, Director, Center for Democracy, ACLU

2:45-3:00 pm

BREAK

3:00-4:15pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

First Floor
Conference Room

Detention and Treatment of Terrorism Suspects: Securing Human Rights and Accountability

In January 2009, President Obama issued groundbreaking executive orders to end torture, shut down CIA secret prisons, and mandate the closure of the Guantanamo Bay detention center within one year. Two years later, Guantanamo remains open, Congress has passed legislation obstructing efforts to close the facility, and proposals are pending to make preventive detention permanent for many detainees. Issues regarding detainees in Afghanistan and ensuring U.S. accountability also endure. This panel will examine the current federal policy efforts, opportunities, and challenges around these issues and suggest what role funders can play in advancing a human rights agenda in the context of an ongoing struggle against terrorism.

- **Sarah Cleveland**, Counselor on International Law, Office of the Legal Adviser, U. S. Department of State
- **Jonathan Hafetz**, Professor, Seton Hall Law School
- **Elisa Massimino**, President and CEO, Human Rights First

Moderated by **Elisa Massimino**, Human Rights First

Conference Room D

The Politics of Withdrawal: The Challenges of Peacebuilding and U.S. Military Action in Afghanistan

U.S. military leaders have presented positive military metrics to defend their assertion that America's longest war is now going well, recognizing that the political process in Afghanistan is the central challenge and priority. But unabated violence, lack of notable progress in political and economic development, and the strength of the Taliban present a precarious picture. Although a majority in the United States wants the troops to leave, the Obama Administration announced that the promised withdrawal this July will amount to a "thinning out" of support troops. This session will probe the status of political negotiations, the military campaign, and rebuilding/peacebuilding efforts in Afghanistan. Discussion will also explore how funders can constructively engage the policy-making process and support peacebuilding efforts.

- **Matthew Hoh**, Director, Afghanistan Study Group
- **Clare Lockhart**, Executive Director, Institute for State Effectiveness
- **Barmak Pazhwak**, Program Officer, United States Institute of Peace

Moderated by: **Stephen Del Rosso**, Program Director, International Peace and Security, Carnegie Corporation of New York

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2011 (continued)

4:15-4:30 pm BREAK

4:30-5:30 pm *Political Earthquakes in the Arab World*

Conference
Room D

Since mid-January, the Middle East has experienced an unprecedented wave of popular uprisings that has quickly swept from power the autocratic rulers in Tunisia and Egypt, led to a rebellion and violent government crackdown in Libya, and threatened several other repressive regimes elsewhere in the region. The Arab publics' struggle for dignity, freedom, and more transparent and responsive governments – a long term struggle to be sure – has challenged the United States as it seeks to chart a policy course that is both respectful of core values of human rights and democracy, and mindful of its broader strategic interests in the region. Panelists will assess these historic and quickly evolving events, the prospects for democratic reform in the Middle East, and the dilemmas for policymakers as they respond to the political tumult currently engulfing the region.

- **Zainab Salbi**, Founder and CEO, Women for Women International
- **Shibley Telhami**, Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development, University of Maryland; Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution

Moderated by **Steven Riskin**, Program Director, United States Institute of Peace

6:30-8:30 pm
Mott House
122 Maryland
Avenue, NE

RECEPTION FOR PSFG, IHRFG AND NGO COMMUNITIES



With **Susan Eisenhower**, President, Eisenhower Group; Chairperson, Leadership and Public Policy Programs, Eisenhower Institute

Introduced by **Dimple Abichandani**, Program Officer, Security and Rights Collaborative, Proteus Fund

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2011

Capitol Visitor's Center, Room SVC 203/02
Entrance on 1st Avenue, NE (across from the Supreme Court)

9:00-10:00 am BRIEFING FROM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

- **Representative Jim McGovern** (D-MA), Co-Chairman, Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission
- **Stephen Ward**, Chief of Staff, **Senator Jeff Bingaman** (D-NM)

Moderated by **Naila Bolus**, Executive Director, Ploughshares Fund

10:00-10:30 am *The Future of Nuclear Energy*

- **Arjun Makhijani**, President, Institute for Energy and Environmental Research

Moderated by **Naila Bolus**, Executive Director, Ploughshares Fund

10:30-10:45 am BREAK

THURSDAY, MARCH 31 (continued)

10:45 am-12:00 pm ***Outsourcing, Revolving Doors, No-Bid Contracts, and No-See Oversight: The Failure of Government Accountability in National Security Policymaking***

Private contractors now perform many services traditionally handled by government and national military forces, including key intelligence services, war-zone security, international communications surveillance, even covert operations. This heavy reliance on contractors is leading to a fusion of private and state interests, seriously threatening oversight and accountability of actions taken in the name of our government. Privatization advocates claim that outsourcing is economically efficient; detractors argue that private contractors are profiting at the expense of our diplomatic, and even military, mission and are fueling a permanent war economy. This session will examine the nature of government outsourcing and assess its impact on our economy and implications for an open and accountable government. Our discussion will also explore the critical role of foundations, non-profit watchdogs and policy-makers in this effort.

- **Representative Jan Schakowsky** (D-IL), Member, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; Member, House Select Committee on Intelligence

With:

- **Danielle Brian**, Executive Director, Project on Government Oversight
- **Janine Wedel**, Writer and Professor, George Mason University

Moderated by **Conrad Martin**, Executive Director, Steward R. Mott Foundation

12:00-12:45 pm **REVIEW, REFLECTION, AND EVALUATION**

- **Michael J. Hirschhorn**, Executive Director, IHRFG; President, Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation
- **Regan Ralph**, Executive Director, Fund for Global Human Rights

THURSDAY, MARCH 31 (continued)

12:45-2:15 pm TRAVEL TO AND LUNCH AT THE SENATE BUFFET

Dirksen Senate
Office Building

Refer to the map in your conference folder for directions to the Senate Buffet

2:30-4:30

PSFG ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Mott House
122 Maryland
Avenue, NE

Explore what PSFG can, and should, be doing to enhance the effectiveness of philanthropy in the field of peace and security. All members and friends of PSFG are welcome to attend.

Refer to the map in your conference folder for directions to the Mott House

FEDERAL POLICY BRIEFING 2011 PLANNING COMMITTEE

SOPHIA CONROY – OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS

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