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Since the election of Joseph R. Biden as the 46th president of the United States, many questions have been raised on his administration foreign policy in the Middle East and elsewhere. The State of Qatar is one of the United States' closest allies in the Middle East. The United States established diplomatic relations with Qatar in 1972 following its independence from the United Kingdom in 1971. Bilateral relations are strong, with the United States and Qatar coordinating closely on a wide range of regional and global issues. Qatar has played a constructive financial, political and military role in addressing regional turmoil, and in partnership with the United States, has contributed to progress, stability and prosperity in the region. The United States and Qatar also cooperate on security notably via hosting the Al-Udeid Air Force Base and CENTCOM Forward Headquarters.

In this seminar, NESAs experts will share their perspectives and analysis of the opportunities and challenges facing Biden Administration. The Qatari diplomats will share their own perceptions and expectations. The broad goal is to have shared understanding of the emerging strategic landscape in the Middle East and the rest of the world and how to promote mutual cooperation.

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Monday, 8 November

All discussions will be held off-the-record, under Chatham House rules of non- attribution. All Participants are urged to contribute to the discussion in all sessions.

- 0700 – 0715 **Welcome Remarks**
LTG Terry A. Wolff, USA (Ret.), Director, NESACenter for Strategic Studies
Dr. Mohammad Nizami, Training Expert, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 0715 – 0725 **Alumni and Media & Communications Brief**
Ms. Gillian Hurtt, NESACenter for Strategic Studies
- 0725 – 0820 **Session 01: Biden Administration & the ME**
LTG Terry A. Wolff, USA (Ret.), Director, NESACenter for Strategic Studies
- 0820-0830 **Break**
- 0830 – 0930 **Session 02: Global Power Competition**
Dr. Roger Kangas, Academic Dean, NESACenter for Strategic Studies
- 0930-0945 **Break**
- 0945 – 1045 **Session 03: Strategic Landscape in the ME**
Dr. Gawdat Bahgat, Professor, NESACenter for Strategic Studies
- 1045 **Day Concludes**

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Tuesday, 9 November

- 0715 – 0815 **Session 04: US Military in the ME**
COL David DesRoches, USA (Ret.), Professor, NESACenter for Strategic Studies
- 0815 – 0830 **Break**
- 0830 – 0930 **Session 05: Afghanistan**
Minister Ali Jalali, Distinguished Professor, NESACenter for Strategic Studies
- 0930 – 0945 **Break**
- 0945 – 1045 **Session 06: Arab-Israeli Conflict**
Dr. Michael Sharnoff, Professor, NESACenter for Strategic Studies
- 1045 **Day Concludes**

Wednesday, 10 November

- 0715 – 0815 **Session 07: US Political System**
Dr. Richard Russell, Professor, NESACenter for Strategic Studies
- 0815 – 0830 Break
- 0830 – 0930 **Session 08: Technology & Security (Drones)**
COL David DesRoches, USA (Ret.), Professor, NESACenter for Strategic Studies
- 0930 – 0945 Break
- 0945 – 1045 **Session 09: Technology & Security (Cyber)**
Dr. Gawdat Bahgat, Professor, NESACenter for Strategic Studies
- 1045 Seminar Concludes

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NESA Center Biographies

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| <i>LTG (Ret.) Terry A. Wolff</i> | <i>Director, NESA Center for Strategic Studies</i> |
| <i>COL (Ret.) David Lamm</i> | <i>Deputy Director, NESA Center for Strategic Studies</i> |
| <i>Dr. Roger Kangas</i> | <i>Academic Dean, NESA Center for Strategic Studies</i> |
| <i>Dr. Gawdat Bahgat</i> | <i>Professor and Course Director, NESA Center for Strategic Studies</i> |
| <i>Dr. Hassan Abbas</i> | <i>Distinguished Professor, NESA Center for Strategic Studies</i> |
| <i>Minister Ali Jalali</i> | <i>Distinguished Professor, NESA Center for Strategic Studies</i> |
| <i>Dr. Michael Sharnoff</i> | <i>Professor, NESA Center for Strategic Studies</i> |
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LTG (RET.) TERRY A. WOLFF

Director, NESACenter for Strategic Studies

LTG (Ret) Terry Wolff has been the Director of NESAC since June 2014. He retired from the U.S. Army in February 2014 after completing over 34 years of service. During his tenure as the Director of NESAC he also served 39 months (Nov 15-Feb 19) as the Deputy Special Presidential Envoy (DSPE) for the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS.

LTG (Ret) Wolff's final military assignment was as the Director of Strategic Plans and Policy, J-5 for the Joint Staff from September 2011 until December 2013.

LTG (Ret) Wolff commanded at every level from platoon to armored division. He spent nearly ten years in Germany and served three tours in Iraq commanding the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, the Coalition Military Assistance Training Team, and the United States Division-Center (1st Armored Division).

He has extensive experience in Washington, DC working military strategy and policy matters as well as interagency affairs: first on the Joint Staff as a Colonel; then nearly two years on the National Security Council as a Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Iraq and Afghanistan; over two years as the Joint Staff J-5; and three years as the DSPE for the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS.

Commissioned from the Military Academy in 1979 with a BS in Engineering, he has master's degrees in international Affairs from Catholic University, the School of Advanced Military Studies at Fort Leavenworth, and the Naval War College.



DAVID W. LAMM

Deputy Director

David W. Lamm, a native of Hamburg, New York, is a Distinguished Military Graduate of Canisius College in Buffalo and was commissioned in 1977. As of October 2013, Mr. Lamm assumed the duties as the Deputy Director of the NESACenter in 2009 after serving as the Chief of Staff (2007-2009).

Mr Lamm held a variety of staff and command positions, beginning his career as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Support Platoon Leader, and Battalion Logistics Officer with the 3rd Battalion, 6th Infantry, Berlin Brigade. From 1981-1985 he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, serving consecutively as a Company Commander; Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company; and Brigade Adjutant. Mr. Lamm then served as a Battalion and Brigade Operations Officer in the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division from 1991-1993 and as Chief of Training, XVIII Airborne Corps from 1993-1994. He commanded Phantom Command, III Corps and Fort Hood from 1994-1996 and was the Secretary of the General Staff, III Corps and Fort Hood in 1997.

Mr. Lamm then served as the Joint Staff's Chief of Plans and Operations, Operations Directorate (Information Operations) from 1997-1999. He was the Commander, U.S. Army Central Command, Kuwait (2000-2002) and then the Chief of Staff, Combined Forces Command – Afghanistan (2004-2005). From 2006-2007 he served consecutively as the Director for Afghanistan (Office of the Secretary of Defense) and as the Interagency Coordinator for the Defense Policy Analysis Office, (Office of the Secretary of Defense).

On the academic side, Mr. Lamm completed course work for a doctorate at Duke University (1985-1990) and served as an Assistant Professor of History at the United States Military Academy at West Point. During 2003, he served as Professor of Strategy at the National War College (National Defense University). In June 2006, he completed the NESACenter's Executive Seminar on "Strategic Communication and the Challenges of Globalization." Mr. Lamm's military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, the Artillery Officer's Advance Course, the Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College. He is a qualified Joint Staff Officer.

His analytical works include: "From Kabul to Baghdad and Back," analyzing the key strategic decisions that shaped the courses of the campaigns in Afghanistan and Iraq; "Manning the Machine," a critical examination of the Army's individual replacement system, conducted for the Chief of Staff of the Army in 2001; "The Post-Cold War Army," an analysis conducted for the Chief of Staff of the Army, later published in *Military Review*, (1991); "The War of 1812," an annotated bibliography for

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the Book of Days.

His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal (3 awards), the Legion of Merit (3 awards), the Bronze Star Medal (2 awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (2 Awards), the Joint Service Commendation Medal (2 Awards), and the Army Commendation Medal. He is authorized to wear the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Senior Parachutist Badge, and the Joint Staff Badge.



DR. ROGER KANGAS

Academic Dean, NESACenter for Strategic Studies

Dr. Roger Kangas is the Academic Dean and a Professor of Central Asian Studies at the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies. Previously Dr. Kangas served as a Professor of Central Asian Studies at the George C. Marshall Center for European Security in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany; Deputy Director of the Central Asian Institute at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, DC; Central Asian Course Coordinator at the Foreign Service Institute for the U.S. Department of State; Research Analyst on Central Asian Affairs for the Open Media Research Institute (OMRI) in Prague, Czech Republic; and as an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Mississippi.

Dr. Kangas has been an advisor to the Combatant Commands, NATO/ISAF, the US Air Force Special Operations School, National Democratic Institute, International Research and Exchanges Board, American Councils, Academy for Educational Development, USIA, USAID, and other US government agencies on issues relating to Central and South Asia, Russia, and the South Caucasus. He is also an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University. Dr. Kangas holds a B.S.F.S. in Comparative Politics from the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Indiana University.



DR. GAWDAT BAHGAT

Professor
NESACenter for Strategic Studies

Dr. Gawdat Bahgat is professor of National Security Affairs at the National Defense University's Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Study. He is an Egyptian-born specialist in Middle Eastern policy, particularly Egypt, Iran, and the Gulf region. His areas of expertise include energy security, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, counter-terrorism, Arab-Israeli conflict, North Africa, and American foreign policy in the Middle East.

Bahgat's career blends scholarship with national security practicing. Before joining NESAC in December 2009, he taught at different universities. Bahgat published ten books including *Alternative Energy in the Middle East* (2013), *Energy Security* (2011), *International Political Economy* (2009), *Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in the Middle East* (2007), *Israel and the Persian Gulf* (2006), and *American Oil Diplomacy* (2003). Bahgat's articles have appeared in *International Affairs*, *Middle East Journal*, *Middle East Policy*, *Oil and Gas Journal*, and *OPEC Review*, among others. His work has been translated to several foreign languages.

Bahgat served as an advisor to several governments and oil companies. He has more than 25 years of academic, policy and government experience working on Middle Eastern issues. Bahgat has contributed to CNN, BBC, Washington Post and Al-Jazeera. He has spoken at Tufts University, Columbia University, London School of Economics, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Swiss Foreign Ministry, Yildiz Technical University in Istanbul, Qatar University, Kuwait University, Qatar Diplomatic Institute, Griffith University (Australia), and India School of Business.



DR. HASSAN ABBAS

Distinguished Professor of International Relations

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Earlier he served as professor and department chair at National Defense University's College of International Security Affairs (2011-2019) and as the Distinguished Quaid i Azam Professor at Columbia University (2009-2011). He held various fellowships including at Harvard Law School's Islamic Legal Studies Program & Program on Negotiation (2002-04); the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at the Harvard's Kennedy School of Government (2005-09); Asia Society in New York as Bernard Schwartz fellow (2009-2011); and as a Carnegie fellow at the New America Foundation (2016-2018).

He appeared on various television news shows on CNN, Fox News, The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, the Newshour with Jim Lehrer, Charlie Rose Show, MSNBC (Abrams Report and Hardball), C-Span (Washington Journal) and various programs on CBS, and NBC as an analyst on security related issues in South Asia and Middle East. He has been interviewed for many news stories and analyses for the *New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Boston Globe*, *Los Angeles Times*, and *Guardian*, etc.

He has also testified before the Foreign Relations Committee, US House of Representatives on "Women fighting for Peace: Lessons for Today's Conflicts" in 2016, and before the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom at the U.S. Congress on "Protecting Houses of Worship and Holy Sites" in 2019. He delivered many keynote addresses in conferences and seminars including in Australia, China, India, Iraq, Pakistan, Turkey, and United Kingdom.

His publications include *The Taliban Revival: Violence and Extremism in Pakistan – Afghanistan Frontier* (Yale University Press, 2015); *Pakistan's Nuclear Bomb: A Story of Defiance, Deterrence and Deviance* (Oxford University Press, 2018) and most recently *The Prophet's Heir: The Life of Ali ibn Abi Talib* (Yale University Press, 2021).



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Professor Ali Ahmad Jalali, serves as a Distinguished Professor at the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESAS) at the National Defense University in Washington D.C. since October 2005. He is a former Interior Minister of Afghanistan (Jan. 2003-Sept. 2005) and Afghanistan Ambassador to Germany (Dec 2016-Sep 2018)

As Interior Minister of post-Taliban Afghanistan, he created a trained force of 50,000 Afghan National Police (ANP) and 12,000 Border Police to work effectively in counter-narcotics, counter-terrorism, and criminal investigation to fight against organized crime and illegal border crossings. He successfully led the country-wide operations to protect the constitutional grand assembly (Loya Jirga) in 2003, the nationwide voters' registration drive and landmark 2004 Presidential election, and the parliamentary elections in 2005.

As Afghanistan Ambassador to Germany, Jalali interacted with Germany and European Union on major bilateral and multi-lateral issues related to policy, regional security, economy, trade, education as well as immigrants and refugees matters.

Since 2008, Jalali is also actively participating in high-level Track-II meetings on major multi-lateral global issues involving the United States, South and Central Asia, Russia, and China.

Prior to assuming the ministerial post in Kabul, Ambassador Jalali served in executive broadcast positions at Voice of America in Washington, D.C. from 1982 to 2003. During this period he, directed broadcasts in Pashto, Dari and Farsi (Persian) languages to Afghanistan, Iran and Central Asia. As journalist, he covered the war in Afghanistan (1982-1993) and the former Soviet Central Asia (1993-2000) and traveled extensively across the region.

During his military service in Afghanistan army (1961-81), Jalali served in command, staff and educational posts with a final rank of colonel. He attended higher educational institutions in Afghanistan, United States, United Kingdom and Russia. (See the list below)

A reputed multi-lingual military and political analyst, Ambassador Jalali has extensive academic, managerial, journalistic and writing experience and has published in three languages (English, Pashto, and Dari/Farsi). He is the author of numerous books and articles on political, military and security issues in Afghanistan, Iran and Central Asia. His works are published in the United States, Britain, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran. (See the list below). He is a frequent commentator on Afghan and regional security and international political developmental at U.S. major TV networks (including CNN, ABC, NBC, MSNBC, FOX News, PBS, NPR) as well as Australian National TV (ABC) and Canadian CBC. Jalali's articles and comments are also published in New York Times, Washington Post, Christian Science Monitor and many other major U.S and European papers. Many of his scholarly articles are published by the Parameters, the senior professional journal of the U.S. Army, from 2001-2009



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Professor Jalali has native fluency in English, Pashto, Dari, Persian (Farsi) and Tajik languages, and he is fluent in Russian while confidently translates from French, and has functional knowledge of Arabic, Turkish and Urdu.



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He holds a Ph.D. in Middle East Studies from King's College, London, and is the author of *Nasser's Peace: Egypt's Response to the 1967 War with Israel* (Routledge, 2017)



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Russell is a subject matter expert on international relations, American foreign policy, strategic studies, intelligence, and Near East and South Asian security. He is the author of three books: *Sharpening Strategic Intelligence: Why the CIA Gets It Wrong and What Needs to be Done to Get It Right* (Cambridge University Press, 2007); *Weapons Proliferation and War in the Greater Middle East: Strategic Contest* (Routledge, 2005); and, *George F. Kennan's Strategic Thought: The Making of an American Political Realist* (Praeger, 1999). He has published twenty-eight journal articles and twelve chapters in edited books.

Russell frequently appears in the media. His expertise has been cited in leading newspapers and magazines to include the *Christian Science Monitor*, *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *The New Republic*, and *The Weekly Standard*. His opinion editorials and commentaries have appeared in *Commentary*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *The Economist*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Washington Times*. He has been interviewed by Al Jazeera, ABC News, BBC Radio, CNN, National Public Radio, and Voice of America.

Russell often lectures to American and international audiences. He has given talks at the Council on Foreign Relations, Heritage Foundation, and the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. Russell has lectured abroad at the Royal Institute of International Affairs and the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies in the United Kingdom, the George Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Germany, the Italian Army's School of Military Studies, Italy's Institute for the Study of International Politics, the University of Rome, Tel Aviv University's Institute for National Security Studies, the Israeli Defense College, Naif and King Saud Universities in Saudi Arabia, and at the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research in the United Arab Emirates.



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David Des Roches is an Associate Professor at the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies. Prior to this, he was the director responsible for defense policy concerning Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen. Prior to this assignment, he has served in the Office of the Secretary of Defense as the DoD Liaison to the Department of Homeland Security, as the senior country director for Pakistan, as the NATO operations director, and as the deputy director for peacekeeping. His first job in government was as a special assistant for strategy and later as the international law enforcement analyst in the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

A British Marshall Scholar, he has also attended the Federal Executive Institute, the German Staff College's Higher Officer Seminar, the US Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare School and the US Army Command and General Staff College.

An Airborne Ranger in the Army Reserve, he was awarded the Bronze Star for service in Afghanistan. He has commanded conventional and special operations parachute units and has served on the US Special Operations Command staff as well as on the Joint Staff.