The Revolution in Strategic Affairs

Wednesday, May 25, 2005

07.00 - 08.00  Registration, Continental Breakfast.
08.00 - 09.00  The Revolution in Strategic Affairs
A broad and detailed overview of global strategic trends, and anticipated patterns of power, technology, trade, ideology, and sovereignty.
09.00 - 10.00  The Pivotal Emerging New Axis
The emerging strategic matrix in NE Asia, China, Korea, Japan, and Taiwan, and the roles of the US, Russia, and Central Asia.
- How Japan is transforming its defense and strategic doctrines, weapons and structures to meet the challenge of the PRC and the DPRK;
- How the PRC’s plans for Taiwan will change the equation in Nth. Asia;
- Russian, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, and Central Asian hopes for a new Great Silk Road as a means of strategic integration with Europe;
- China’s growing ecological, water, and resources challenges; the likely impact on the economy and strategic policy; and how PRC attempts to dominate long-term energy supplies impacts the strategic balance;
- Trends, developments, possible outcomes for the Korean Peninsula.
10.00 - 10.20  Tea and Coffee Break
10.20 - 12.00  Terrorism & Narco-Trafficking
Terrorism: the new generation. How terrorism has become a key strategic tool in asymmetric warfare, and how tactics will evolve.
- The new target regions and states;
- New targeting approaches: terrorist target selection, reconnaissance;
- Changing terrorist approaches to communications and C3I;
- Underlying motivations and organizational patterns: transcending ideologies (Islamism, manism, etc.);
- The role of Bosnia as a central terrorism/narcotics clearing house;
- Better understanding of the terrorism-narcotrafficking links;
- Iran as the principal state sponsor of terrorism, and its links; where it fits with Iranian grand strategy and alliances;
- Russia’s Terrorism Front: Central Asia and the Caucasus.
12.00 - 13.30  Luncheon Distinguished Speaker
13.30 - 15.30  The Indian Ocean Strategic Matrix
The emerging Indian Ocean strategic matrix involves interaction between the India-PRC-Australia equation, and the roles of ASEAN, Pakistan, Iran, the Horn of Africa, and the Red Sea/Suez, Straits of Hormuz, and Cape of Good Hope strategic arteries, Russia, and the US.
- The area as a focus of substantial advanced military technology, including WMD, impacting energy and resource trade security;
- How does the emerging matrix shape Australian strategic policy over the coming decade+, including the US-Australia alliance?
- The PRC-Pakistan military/weapons relationship and PRC goals toward and competition with India; and much more;
- Australia’s emerging defense capability shortfall.
15.30 - 16.00  Tea and Coffee Break
16.00 - 18.00  Homeland Security & Civil Defense
The Military and Emergency Response
How military transformation aids in emergency disaster response
- How military forces reacted to the South Asian tsunami of 2004-05, and why some forces reacted well, others less effectively.
- Was the PRC’s disaster response capability, evidenced in the tsunami follow-up, indicative of military projection capabilities?
- The strategic impact of giving, or withholding, emergency aid to stricken societies.
- How political manipulation impacted tsunami relief efforts.
- Corruption avoidance in post-disaster humanitarian aid. And more.
18.30  Gala Reception & Dinner
A reception and dinner for delegates and speakers.

Thursday, May 26, 2005

07.00 - 08.00  Continental Breakfast.
08.00 - 09.00  Intelligence and Psyops: The New Age
- How the overhauled US intelligence community will operate;
- Intelligence failures of the Iraq war: lessons learned;
- How the US has changed its psy-ops projection away from “democracy” to “freedom”, and what this means strategically.
09.00 - 10.00  The Middle East Transformed
- Trends after Palestinian and Iraqi elections. A broader intifada?
- Emerging Islamist-jihadist regional priorities after the Iraq war;
- Stability outlook for Saudi Arabia; changes in the Peninsula and Gulf;
- Iran after the clerics: regional stability or cause for Arab concern?
- Qadhafi’s balancing act, and where are the buried WMD programs?
- Egypt’s new role in the transformation; and post Hosni Mubarak?
- Israel’s transformed capabilities. Can Syria’s Asad survive?
10.00 - 10.20  Tea and Coffee Break
10.20 - 12.00  Europe and Eurasia Transforming
- The future of the European Union: Has the EU peaked?
- Turkey’s disaffection with the EU: the impact on strategic realities;
- Changing Realities in the Eastern Mediterranean. Can the UK retain its control over Cyprus, and is a Cyprus-Israel-Turkey alliance possible?
- Balkan threats: new Kosovo war, an Islamist state in Bosnia-Herzegovina; new wars for Montenegro and Macedonia; new US Balkan bases;
- The “orange revolution”, how it operates, and its impact on Russia and the CIS states. The role of foreign sponsorship;
- Russia’s growing strategic strength and needs.
12.00 - 13.30  Luncheon Distinguished Speaker
13.30 - 14.30  New Strategic Technologies
- Nanotechnology in weapons applications: how and how soon?
- WMD and Nuclear Proliferation: Is BMD Enough? ASAT’s revival?
- Outlook for unmanned systems and major conventional programs?
14.30 - 15.30  Africa: New Opportunities and Challenges
Creation of the African Union (AU) and growing capabilities of such regional bodies as the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) are transforming African peacekeeping and stability. Now, defense forces and security agencies in sub-Saharan Africa are also transforming. A look at the ongoing crises, issues of corruption and systemic change, and more.
- Nigeria and South Africa as strategic anchors;
- The US moves its defense focus to Africa and African energy;
- New regional security mechanisms;
15.30 - 16.00  Tea and Coffee Break
16.00 - 18.00  Homeland Security & National Defense
Homeland Security & Power Projection
How new approaches to developing defensive capabilities can be made to complement and reinforce existing strategic postures. How new homeland security doctrine is developing in parallel, rather than competing with, force projection capabilities and doctrine. Policies of US, Japan, Israel, Australia.

Friday, May 27, 2005

09.00 - 13.00  Special Advanced Workshop
US Policy in the Coming Four Years
Special tutorial on policies and objectives of the US George W. Bush Administration’s second term (2005-09), and how it will implement them. The mechanisms of Bush strategic policymaking in the second term. In-depth discussion of how the elements of the US Government work in developing strategic and foreign policies, and how foreign governments can interact with this process. This unique workshop, available only to Strategy2005 attendees, requires separate registration (see overview). Designed for senior diplomatic and policy officials. Continental breakfast served.

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