

## Arnold A. Saltzman

Arnold A. Saltzman has served five American presidents in a wide range of policy-level diplomatic and economic assignments; he received a Presidential Commendation for his efforts on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Ambassador Saltzman has carried out diplomatic assignments in former Czechoslovakia, the former Soviet Union, South America, Central America, and Austria. He has served the government in the Office of Price Stabilization, Procurement Policy Board, Office of Economic Opportunity, and Agency for International Development, and he was the Chairman of the Federal Blue Ribbon Commission on National Growth and Development. Ambassador Saltzman was also Advisor to the New York State Congressional Delegation in Washington and Chairman of the Speakers Committee of the Assembly in Albany, New York. He is presently an advisor to presidents of republics of the former Soviet Union. Ambassador Saltzman is Chairman of Windsor Production Corporation, retired CEO of Vista Resources, and a director in a number of charitable organizations. Among numerous non-profit activities, he has served as President of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy, Chairman of the Columbia College Board of Overseers and Columbia College Fund, and a member of Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs Board of Advisors. Ambassador Saltzman is a graduate of Columbia College, has received the Columbia University Medal, and holds honorary doctorates from Hofstra and Adelphi Universities. He also received the Order of Honor, the Republic of Georgia's most prestigious decoration.

## Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies

In March 2003, the Institute of War and Peace Studies (IWPS) was renamed the Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies (SIWPS) in honor of Ambassador Arnold A. Saltzman. The Institute was founded in 1951 under the sponsorship of Dwight D. Eisenhower during his tenure as president of Columbia University. Eisenhower created the Institute to promote an understanding of the "disastrous consequences of war upon man's spiritual, intellectual, and material progress." Under its first director, William T.R. Fox, the Institute became one of the foremost research centers on international relations in the country. From the beginning, the Institute has interpreted its role broadly. Over the years, researchers have probed the political, military, historical, legal, economic, moral, psychological, and philosophical dimensions of international relations. Although the Institute does not take an official position on any public policy issues, its members contribute to this discourse by authoring articles in journals such as *Foreign Affairs*, discussing current issues with officials and journalists, serving as consultants to government departments and agencies, and testifying before Congressional committees. The Institute itself has no formal teaching program; rather, its members conduct a wide variety of instructional activities through the Department of Political Science and the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Columbia University. Members of the Institute offer courses on American foreign policy, national security, international politics, political economy, environmental policy, and international organizations.

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## Fourth Annual Saltzman Forum

# The Obama Administration Faces Afghanistan

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proaches to Russian Security. She has completed two open-source contract projects for the Director of Net Assessment at the Pentagon. Professor Marten's current research focuses on warlords and ungoverned territories.

## **Jack Snyder**

Jack Snyder is the Robert and Renée Belfer Professor of International Relations in the Department of Political Science and a Member of the Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies at Columbia University. Snyder's books include *Electing to Fight: Why Emerging Democracies Go to War* (MIT Press, 2005), co-authored with Edward D. Mansfield; *From Voting to Violence: Democratization and Nationalist Conflict* (Norton Books, 2000); and *Myths of Empire: Domestic Politics and International Ambition* (Cornell University Press, 1991). His articles on such topics as democratization and war, imperial overstretch, war crimes tribunals versus amnesties as strategies for preventing atrocities, international relations theory after September 11, and anarchy and culture have appeared in *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, and academic journals. Snyder is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

## **Lt. Col. Isaiah Wilson**

Lt. Colonel Isaiah Wilson is an Associate Professor and the Director of American Politics, Public Policy and Strategic Studies at the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY. An Army aviator, military historian, and strategist, Lt. Colonel Wilson is a graduate of the U.S. Army's School of Advanced Military Studies, a postgraduate program focused on the strategic and operational levels of war policy and planning. He held military command in Germany and the Balkans, and is a combat veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He served as the chief of war plans for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in Northern Iraq, and later as the Divisions' chief architect for the 101st Airborne's reorganization. Lt. Colonel Wilson is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), an active member of the American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, and American Sociology Association, as well as a recipient of the CFR's prestigious International Affairs Fellowship. His research interests include intervention policy, arms export policy, strategy, security and defense policy, and civil-military affairs.

Strategic Studies at Harvard University. In 2002 she was awarded the Helen Dwight Reid Award of the American Political Science Association.

## Sumit Ganguly

Sumit Ganguly is Professor of Political Science and Director of Research of the Center on American and Global Security at Indiana University, Bloomington. A specialist on the regional politics of South Asia, Ganguly is the author, co-author, editor or co-editor of eighteen books on the region. He serves on the editorial boards of *Asian Affairs*, *Asian Survey*, *Current History*, the *Journal of Democracy*, and the *Journal of Strategic Studies and Security Studies*. He has previously taught at Michigan State University, the City University of New York, the University of Texas at Austin and Sciences Po in Paris. He has been a Fellow and a Guest Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. and a Visiting Fellow at the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University. This summer he will be a Visiting Fellow at the Center for Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law at Stanford University. Ganguly's most recent book, co-edited with C. Christine Fair and published by Oxford University Press, is *Treading on Hallowed Ground: Counterinsurgency Operations in Sacred Places*.

## Kimberly Marten

Kimberly Marten is Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science at Barnard College and a member of the Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and has served as a post-doctoral fellow at Stanford's Center for International Security and Arms Control, a visiting scholar at Harvard's Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, a visiting fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, and a Hitachi/Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow in Japan, as well as a visiting professor at the Japanese National Defense Academy. Professor Marten has authored three books, the most recent of which is *Enforcing the Peace: Learning from the Imperial Past* (Columbia University Press, 2004). Her articles have appeared in *International Security*, *Armed Forces and Society*, *Washington Quarterly*, and *Post-Soviet Affairs*. She has written numerous chapters in edited volumes; opinion pieces in sources including the *New York Times* and *International Herald Tribune*; and policy memos for the Program on New Ap-

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Thursday, April 23, 2009  
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The Kraft Center  
606 West 115th Street  
New York City

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### Welcome

#### **Richard K. Betts**

Arnold A. Saltzman Professor of War and Peace Studies, Department of Political Science, Columbia University; Director, SIWPS

### Panel I

#### **Afghanistan in Regional and Global Perspective**

#### **Steve Coll**

President and CEO, New America Foundation;  
Staff Writer, *The New Yorker*

#### **Sumit Ganguly**

Professor of Political Science and Director of Research, Center on American and Global Security, Indiana University

#### **Kimberly Marten**

Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science, Barnard College

#### **Tanisha Fazal**, Moderator

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Columbia University

### Panel II

#### **Can the West "Win" in Afghanistan?**

#### **Steve Biddle**

Senior Fellow for Defense Policy, Council on Foreign Relations

#### **Max Boot**

Jeanne J. Kirkpatrick Senior Fellow in National Security Studies, Council on Foreign Relations

#### **Lt. Col. Isaiah Wilson**

Director of American Politics, Public Policy and Strategic Studies, United States Military Academy at West Point; Adjunct Professor, School of International and Public Affairs

#### **Jack Snyder**, Moderator

Robert and Renee Belfer Professor of International Relations, Department of Political Science, Columbia University

## Stephen Biddle

Stephen D. Biddle is Senior Fellow for Defense Policy at the Council on Foreign Relations. Biddle also serves as Co-Director of the Columbia University Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy, and holds an appointment as adjunct associate professor of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. His book *Military Power: Explaining Victory and Defeat in Modern Battle* (Princeton University Press, 2004) has won four prizes, including the Council on Foreign Relations Arthur Ross Award Silver Medal for 2005, and the 2005 Huntington Prize from the Harvard University Olin Institute for Strategic Studies. His work has appeared in many publications, including *Foreign Affairs*, *International Security*, *The Journal of Strategic Studies*, *Defense Analysis*, *The National Interest*, *Orbis*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Boston Globe*, *International Herald Tribune*, *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, and *Defense News*. Biddle has also served as U.S. Representative to the NATO Defense Research Group study on Stable Defense and as a member of the Defense Department Senior Advisory Group on Homeland Defense. Biddle's research has won Barchi, Rist, and Impact Prizes from the Military Operations Research Society. He was twice awarded the Army Superior Civilian Service Medal and was presented with the U.S. Army Commander's Award for Public Service in 2007 by General David Petraeus. Biddle's areas of expertise include U.S. national security policy, military strategy and the conduct of war, technology in modern warfare, and recent operations in the war on terror.

## Max Boot

As Jeane J. Kirkpatrick Senior Fellow in National Security Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, Max Boot is one of America's leading military historians and foreign-policy analysts. Boot is also a contributing editor to the *Weekly Standard* and the *Los Angeles Times* and a regular contributor to the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Foreign Affairs*, and other publications. He is the author of *War Made New: Technology, Warfare, and the Course of History, 1500 to Today* (Gotham Books, 2006) and of *The Savage Wars of Peace: Small Wars and the Rise of American Power* (Basic Books, 2002), which was selected as one of the best books of 2002 by the *Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Christian Science Monitor* and won the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation's General Wallace M. Greene Jr. Award in 2003. In 2007, Boot

won the Eric Breindel Award for Excellence in Opinion Journalism, given annually to a writer who exhibits "love of country and its democratic institutions." In 2004, Boot was named by the World Affairs Councils of America as one of "the 500 most influential people in the United States in the field of foreign policy."

## Steve Coll

Steve Coll is President and CEO of New America Foundation, and a staff writer at *The New Yorker* magazine. Previously he spent 20 years as a foreign correspondent and senior editor at the *Washington Post*, serving as the paper's managing editor from 1998 to 2004. He is the author of six books including *The Deal of the Century: The Break Up of AT&T* (1986); *The Taking of Getty Oil* (1987); *Eagle on the Street*, based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning account of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's battle with Wall Street (with David A. Vise, 1991); *On the Grand Trunk Road: A Journey into South Asia* (1994), *Ghost Wars: The Secret History of the CIA, Afghanistan and Bin Laden, from the Soviet Invasion to September 10, 2001* (2004), and *The Bin Ladens: An Arabian Family in the American Century* (2008). Coll's professional awards include two Pulitzer Prizes. His book, *Ghost Wars*, also won the Council on Foreign Relations' Arthur Ross award, the Overseas Press Club Award, and the Lionel Gelber Prize for the best book published on international affairs during 2004. Other awards include the 1992 Livingston Award for outstanding foreign reporting; the 2000 Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Award for his coverage of the civil war in Sierra Leone and a second Overseas Press Club Award for international magazine writing.

## Tanisha Fazal

Tanisha Fazal is Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science and a Member of the Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies at Columbia University. Her current research projects focus on changing compliance with the laws of war, state failure, and the relationship between geography and conflict. Her book, *State Death: The Politics and Geography of Conquest, Occupation, and Annexation* (Princeton University Press, 2007) won the 2008 Best Book Award of the American Political Science Association's Conflict Processes Section. She has been a fellow at the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University and at the Olin Institute for