

Seizing Strategic Opportunities: Challenging the Paradigm



Current Strategy Forum

16–17 June 2009

Hyatt Regency Newport Goat Island Newport, Rhode Island
Presented by United States Naval War College Newport, Rhode Island



This year marks the 60th consecutive Current Strategy Forum at the Naval War College in Newport. The first was held on 9 May 1949 under the title “Round Table Talks,” and offered an opportunity for the nation’s public servants, scholars, and senior military officers to join the College faculty and students to discuss the future strategy of the United States. Over time this forum has expanded to include a cross section of America’s civilian leadership to encourage a wide-ranging debate on national and international security. Each year the Secretary of the Navy hosts the Current Strategy Forum to provide an opportunity for an exchange of views among outstanding scholars and leaders from across industry, government and the military. Today, as the Navy continues to focus on its support for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, it also must also look beyond the horizon. The Navy must support our nation’s national security objectives even as new challenges and threats emerge to threaten the global system. This year’s forum will present the perspective of the nation’s leading experts on how the Navy can both meet future challenges and identify opportunities to promote a more stable world.

The 60th Current Strategy Forum will explore the following issues:

The *Challenges* created by the long-term economic, demographic and geopolitical trends that impact U.S. national security.

The *Strategic Opportunities* that the United States will encounter in a rapidly changing geostrategic environment.

The *Influence* the United States and the maritime services will have in securing a more stable and peaceful world.

Agenda

Monday, 15 June 2009

5:00-7:00 p.m. Pre-registration/No-Host Social: Hyatt Regency Newport

Tuesday, 16 June 2009

6:30 a.m. Guest Registration

8:00 Administrative Announcements

8:05 Welcome and Introduction

Rear Admiral James "Phil" Wisecup, U.S. Navy, President, U.S. Naval War College

8:10 Keynote Address

Kenneth Rogoff, Harvard University

9:10 Address

The Honorable Raymond Mabus, Secretary of the Navy

9:30 Break

9:45 Panel 1: **"Strategic Challenges and Opportunities"**

Stephen Walt, Harvard University

G. John Ikenberry, Princeton University

Mitchell Reiss, The College of William and Mary

Moderator: Jonathan Pollack, U.S. Naval War College

11:15 Break

11:30 Keynote Address

Admiral Gary Roughead, U.S. Navy, Chief of Naval Operations

12:30 Lunch/Seminars

2:30 Panel 2: **"Retrospect and Prospect: Looking Back to Look Forward"**

Donald Kagan, Yale University

Eliot Cohen, Johns Hopkins University

Daniel Byman, Georgetown University

Moderator: John Maurer, U.S. Naval War College

4:00 Transportation to Hotels and Gateway Visitor Center

5:00 Transportation to Officers' Club

6:00 **Secretary of the Navy Reception**
Officers' Club

Wednesday, 17 June 2009

8:00 a.m. Administrative Announcements

8:10 Keynote Address

Anne-Marie Slaughter, U.S. Department of State

9:15 Break

9:30 Panel 3: **“The Strategy of Influence”**

Michael Doran, New York University

Thomas Fingar, Stanford University

Shibley Telhami, University of Maryland

Moderator: Nikolas Gvosdev, U.S. Naval War College

11:00 Break

11:15 Keynote Address

Greg Mortenson, Central Asia Institute

12:15 Lunch

1:45 Keynote Address

General James T. Conway, U.S. Marine Corps, Commandant of the Marine Corps

2:45 Break

3:00 Panel 4: **“Hard Power, Soft Power, and Smart Power”**

Michael O’Hanlon, Brookings Institution

Thomas G. Mahnken, Johns Hopkins University

Patrick M. Cronin, National Defense University

Moderator: Robert Rubel, U.S. Naval War College

4:30 Concluding Remarks

Transportation Schedule

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Current Strategy Forum
Hyatt Regency Newport

Shuttles depart for Hyatt as follows:

- **Hotel Viking**
6:15, 6:55, 7:35
- **Courtyard by Marriott**
6:15, 6:30, 7:15
- **Holiday Inn Express**
6:25, 6:40, 7:25
- **Residence Inn**
6:15, 6:55, 7:15
- **Howard Johnson**
6:20, 7:00, 7:20
- **Hampton Inn**
6:25, 7:05, 7:25
- **Newport Harbor Hotel & Marina**
6:30, 7:10
- **Mainstay Inn/Best Western**
6:15, 6:55, 7:35
- **Newport Marriott**
6:15, 6:30, 6:45, 7:00, 7:15, 7:30
- **CBH/Newport Chalet/Navy Lodge**
6:15, 7:15
- **Newport Gateway Visitor Center**
Continuous (about every 5 minutes)
from 6:15 – 7:45

Shuttles depart Hyatt for hotels and Gateway Visitor Center immediately following completion of afternoon session

Tuesday, 16 June 2009 (PM)
Secretary of the Navy Reception
Officers' Club

Shuttles will begin continuous transfer from hotels (including Hyatt) to Officers' Club at 5:00

Shuttles will be available from 7:00-9:00 between the Officers' Club and hotels

Final shuttles to hotels will leave the Officers' Club at 9:00

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