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# Strategy2005

## 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 rôles 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, marxism, etc.);
- The rôle 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 rôles 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 The Strategy2005 Gala Dinner

#### Gala Reception & Dinner

A reception and dinner for delegates and speakers.

The language of the conference is English. Program subject to change without notice. All workshops, except the luncheon distinguished speaker lectures, are closed to the media, and are "off the record" to facilitate free discussion.

### 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 emphasize "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 rôle in the transformation; and post Hosni Mubarak?
- Israel's transformed capabilities. ➤ Can Syria's Asad survive?

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#### 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 rôle of foreign sponsorship;
- Russia's growing strategic strength and needs.

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#### 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;
- New wars in Somalia, Sudan, Ethiopia-Eritrea? Impact on Africa.

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#### 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 overleaf). Designed for senior diplomatic and policy officials. Continental breakfast served.



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The former Iranian Foreign Minister under the Shah of Iran, HE Ardeshir Zahedi, is seen here being invested with the ISSA Silver Star on May 18, 2013, by ISSA Executive Director **Pamela von Gruber**. Amb. Zahedi, even after leaving Iranian Government service with the coup against the Shah in 1979, had continued to research and write profoundly on Iranian history, significantly changing perspectives on the region.



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- The Hon. Sir Charles Court, former Premier of Western Australia, 2008.
- Pres. Dr Askar Akaev, of the Kyrgyz Republic, 2003.
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- Philip Yeo, Senior Singapore Government official, 1983.
- Sen. John Tower, US, 1983.
- Lt.-Gen. Daniel O. Graham, former Director of Defense Intelligence, US, and Chairman, High Frontier, 1983.
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