

# Security and Governance in Afghanistan: Needed Actions and Foreign Limitations

FEATURING

**The Honorable Ronald E. Neumann**  
Former U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan (2005-2007)

REMARKS

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## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

### **The Honorable Ronald E. Neumann**

*(President, The American Academy of Diplomacy)*

Formerly a Deputy Assistant Secretary Ronald E. Neumann served three times as Ambassador; to Algeria, Bahrain and finally to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan from July 2005 to April 2007. Before Afghanistan, Mr. Neumann, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, served in Baghdad from February 2004 with the Coalition Provisional Authority and then as Embassy Baghdad's principal interlocutor with the Multinational Command, where he was deeply involved in coordinating the political part of military operations in Fallujah, Najaf, and other areas.

Prior to working in Iraq, he was Chief of Mission in Manama, Bahrain (2001-2004), where, as Ambassador, he worked on maintaining the balance between urging progress on democratic reform and expanding solid relations with a friendly monarchy that was beginning important political reforms. Before that, Ambassador Neumann served as a Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Near East Affairs (1997-2000), where he directed the organization of the first separately-funded NEA democracy programs and also was responsible for the bureau's work in developing the North African Economic Initiative for Morocco, Tunisia, and Algeria. Before that assignment, he was Ambassador to Algeria (1994 to 1997) and Director of the Office of Northern Gulf Affairs (Iran and Iraq; 1991 to 1994). Earlier in his career, he was Deputy Chief of Mission in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, and in Sanaa in Yemen, Principal Officer in Tabriz, Iran and Economic/Commercial Officer in Dakar, Senegal. His previous Washington assignments include service as Jordan Desk officer, Staff Assistant in the Middle East (NEA) Bureau, and Political Officer in the Office of Southern European Affairs.

Ambassador Neumann speaks some Arabic and Dari as well as French. He received State Department Senior Foreign Service pay awards in 2004, 2003, and 1999 as well as individual Superior Honor Awards in 1993 and 1990. He served as an Army infantry officer in Viet Nam and holds a Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal and Combat Infantry Badge. In Baghdad, he was awarded the Army Outstanding Civilian Service Medal. He earned a B.A. in history and an M.A. in political science from the University of California at Riverside. He is married to the former M. Elaine Grimm. They have two children.

### **Arnaud de Borchgrave**

*(Senior Adviser and Director, CSIS Transnational Threats Project)*

During a 30-year career at *Newsweek* magazine, Arnaud de Borchgrave covered most of the world's major news events, including 18 wars. At 21, he was appointed Brussels bureau chief of United Press International (UPI), and three years later, he was named *Newsweek's* bureau chief in Paris. At 27, he became senior editor of the magazine, a position he held for 25 years. He was appointed editor-in-chief of the *Washington Times* in 1985. He left his post with the *Washington Times* in 1991 to join CSIS as a senior adviser and director of the Global Organized Crime Project, which became the Transnational Threats Project after 9/11.

He has served as president and CEO of UPI (1999–2001) and continues to serve as editor-at-large for both UPI and the *Washington Times*. His awards include "Best Magazine Reporting from Abroad" and "Best Magazine Interpretation of Foreign Affairs." In 1981, de Borchgrave received the World Business Council's Medal of Honor, and in 1985, he was awarded the George Washington Medal of Honor for Excellence in Published Works. In 2007, the Phillips Foundation honored de Borchgrave with its Lifetime Achievement Award. At CSIS, he has coauthored *Open Source Information: The Missing Dimension of Intelligence* (2006); *Cyber Threats and Information Security: Meeting the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenge* (2001); *Russian Organized Crime and Corruption: Putin's Challenge* (2000); *Cybercrime, Cyberterrorism, Cyberwarfare: Averting an Electronic Waterloo* (1998); and *The Nuclear Black Market* (1996).

### **Gerald F. Hyman**

*(Senior Adviser and President, CSIS Hills Program on Governance)*

Gerald (Jerry) Hyman serves as both a CSIS senior adviser and as president of CSIS's Hills Program on Governance. Hyman's expert leadership facilitates the work of the Hills Program's Academic Council and Advisory Board to develop and implement program ideas, as well as fundraising development for both the Hills Program at CSIS and the Hills Governance Centers globally.

He serves on the Advisory Council to the Center for International Media Assistance of the National Endowment for Democracy. Hyman served with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) from 1990 to 2006, and was director of the Office of Democracy and Governance from 2002 to 2007. After his graduation from the University of Virginia Law School in 1985, he practiced law in Washington, D.C., with Covington & Burling until joining USAID.

Between 1970 and 1982, Hyman taught courses on anthropology, social theory, modernization, economic development, American Indians, and Southeast Asia in the Departments of Sociology and Anthropology at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. Hyman holds a B.A. in philosophy and a Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Chicago and a J.D. from the University of Virginia. He is the author of numerous articles and publications.