

AMBASSADORS ROUNDTABLE SERIES

Our adversaries are very different from those we encountered during the Cold War. Homeland security does not start at our shores. Technology – in particular the Internet – has created a borderless world that is working to our adversaries’ advantage. Today, the most significant threat to our nation, as well as our allies, stems from a global terrorist movement, underpinned by a "jihadist"/Salafist ideology. This movement is a transnational insurgency best exemplified by al Qaeda but including other groups ascribing to the same ideology.

Transnational threats require transnational strategies if they are to be countered successfully. While it is prudent for the United States to take steps to secure citizens’ safety by hardening our infrastructure and building preparedness and response capabilities, we must at the same time understand terrorist networks and the contexts within which they are operating, so that we can effectively inform counter strategies. In short, we need our own “network of networks.”

To help build this network, HSPI hosts its *Ambassadors Roundtable Series on International Collaboration to Combat Terrorism and Insurgencies* (ART) to engage ambassadors, heads of state and cabinet level officials in an ongoing dialogue discussing current and future counterterrorism efforts on a regional or country-specific basis. Since the creation of the ART Series, HSPI has hosted 40 ambassadors and senior foreign officials in forums that engage the diplomatic community, Congress, the Administration, the media, the private sector and non-governmental organizations, and others.

To date, there has been tremendous response in the diplomatic community to the Ambassadors Roundtable series. Speakers have included:

- **Afghan** Ambassador Said Tayeb Jawad; Member of Parliament Daoud Sultanzoy
- **Algerian** Ambassador Amine Kherbi
- **Australian** Ambassador Dennis Richardson; Ambassador for Counter-Terrorism Bill Paterson
- **Bosnian and Herzegovinan** Ambassador Bisera Turkovic
- **Brazilian** Ambassador Antonio Patriota
- **Canadian** Ambassadors Michael Wilson and Gary Doer
- **Chinese** Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong
- **Croatian** Ambassador Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović
- **Colombian** Ambassador Carolina Barco Isakson
- **Dutch** Ambassador Renée Jones-Bos; Deputy Coordinator for Counterterrorism Lidewijde Ongerling

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- **French** Ambassador Pierre Vimont
- **German** Ambassador Klaus Scharioth
- **Indian** Ambassador Ronen Sen
- **Indonesian** Ambassador Sudjadnan Parnohadiningrat
- **Israeli** Ambassador Sallai Meridor
- **Iraqi** Ambassador Samir Sumaida'ie
- **Mexican** Ambassador Arturo Sarukhan
- **Moroccan** Ambassador Aziz Mekouar
- **New Zealand** Ambassador Roy Ferguson
- **Pakistani** Ambassador Husain Haqqani
- **Filipino** Ambassador Willy C. Gaa, with Brigadier General (Ret.) Victor Corpus
- **Rwandan** Ambassador Zac Nsenga
- **Sri Lankan** Ambassadors Bernard Gooneleitke and Jaliya Wickramasuriya
- **Singaporean** Ambassador Chan Heng Chee
- **Spanish** Ambassador Jorge Dezcallar
- **Swedish Counterterrorism Coordinator** Ambassador Cecilia Ruthström-Ruin
- **U.S. Coordinator for Counterterrorism** Ambassador Dell Dailey
- **U.S. Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs** James Glassman
- **Coordinator** Richard Barrett, Monitoring Team, Committee on Al-Qa'ida and Taliban Sanctions, United Nations

HSPI most recently held an off-the-record discussion with a **senior foreign intelligence official** to discuss responses to terrorism, intelligence cooperation, and the intersection between counterintelligence and cyber threats. HSPI has also hosted special discussions with **United Nations Assistant Secretary-General** Ambassador Mike Smith, Executive Director, Counter Terrorism Executive Directorate, and **Canadian Public Safety Minister** Stockwell Day. In addition, the **United Kingdom's Home Secretary** Dr. John Reid chose HSPI as the site to give his sole major policy speech while visiting the United States.