



WASHINGTON, DC HYBRID CONFERENCE

# Expanding Access to International Affairs

Thursday, June 4 and Friday, June 5, 2026

at the Council on Foreign Relations, 1777 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006  
and via Zoom

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## **THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026**

### IN-PERSON RECEPTION

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor | 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (ET)

### HYBRID PLENARY ONE

Rockefeller-Peterson Room-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor | 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (ET)

#### *America at 250: Democracy, Belonging, and Power*

Panelists discuss what American democracy has and hasn't delivered on equality, access, and opportunity, and whether that internal reckoning is now inseparable from the country's standing and credibility as a world leader.

*Introductory Remarks:* [Michael Froman](#), President, Council on Foreign Relations

[Jamelle Bouie](#), Opinion Columnist, *New York Times*

[Jane Kamensky](#), President and Chief Executive Officer, Thomas Jefferson's Monticello;

Jonathan Trumbull Professor of American History Emerita, Harvard University

[Elizabeth Rule](#), Assistant Professor of Critical Race, Gender, and Culture Studies, American University;

Author, *Indigenous DC: Native Peoples and the Nation's Capital*

*Presenter:* [Meena Bose](#), Executive Dean, Public Policy and Public Service Programs and Director,

Peter S. Kalikow Center for the Study of the American Presidency, Kalikow School of Government,

Public Policy and International Affairs, Hofstra University; CFR Member

### IN-PERSON BREAK

4:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. (ET)

## HYBRID KEYNOTE SESSION

Rockefeller-Peterson Room-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor | 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. (ET)

[Ayman Mohyeldin](#), Cohost, *The Weekend: Prime Time*, MS NOW; CFR Member

President: [Tony Coles](#), Executive Chairman, Cerevel Therapeutics LLC; Member, Board of Directors, Council on Foreign Relations

## IN-PERSON NETWORKING RECEPTION

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor | 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (ET)

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## **FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2026**

## IN-PERSON BREAKFAST RECEPTION

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor | 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (ET)

## HYBRID KEYNOTE SESSION

Rockefeller-Peterson Room-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor | 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (ET)

[Eric L. Motley](#), Deputy Director, National Gallery of Art; Author, *Madison Park: A Place of Hope*; CFR Member

President: [Vivian Salama](#), Staff Writer, *The Atlantic*; CFR Member

## IN-PERSON BREAK

11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. (ET)

## IN-PERSON MORNING CONCURRENT SESSIONS

11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (ET)

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*Building a Career in the Private Sector* | 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

This session will focus on navigating career transitions from public service and international affairs into the private sector, how to translate foreign policy expertise into corporate roles, and identifying opportunities in global business environments.

[Aimee Carter](#), Vice President of Corporate and CEO Programs, Council on Foreign Relations;  
Former ICAP Fellow

Zaid A. Zaid, Senior Advisor, Orange Court Strategies; CFR Member; Former ICAP Fellow  
President: Chris Morales, Partner, Point72 Ventures; CFR Term Member

*Career Pathways in Global Communications* | Carla Hills Room-7<sup>th</sup> Floor

This session will focus on building a career at the intersection of foreign policy, media relations, and communications strategy.

Ben Chang, Vice President of Global Communications, Council on Foreign Relations

President: Alexandra Colón-Amil, International Communications Strategist; CFR Term Member

*Why America Needs a New China Strategy* | Rockefeller-Peterson Room-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

This session will focus on the case for a recalibrated U.S. strategy toward China, examining the Trump administration's approach to Beijing across trade, technology, and security and the implications for regional and global order.

Rush Doshi, C.V. Starr Senior Fellow for Asia Studies and Director of the China Strategy Initiative, Council on Foreign Relations

President: Rosie Levine, Executive Director, US-China Education Trust (USCET); CFR Term Member

*Commercial Space, Strategic Dependence, and the Rules of the Road: Who Governs a Congested Domain?* | Alton Frye Room-4<sup>th</sup> Floor

This session will focus on how growing reliance on commercial space providers, while a source of innovation and advantage, also introduces vulnerabilities, including supply chain dependencies, market concentration, and adversary access.

Corey L. Trusty, Military Fellow, U.S. Space Force, Council on Foreign Relations

President: Ahmad Khalil, Director, Office of Finance and Professional Services, U.S. Department of Commerce; CFR Term Member

*25 Years Later: Reflections on 9/11 and the War on Terror* | 8<sup>th</sup> Floor

This session will focus on the impact of the September 11 attacks twenty-five years on, examining lessons from the global war on terror, the evolution of violent extremism, and the implications for American foreign policy today.

Adnan Kifayat, Founder, Blueprint Strategies, LLC; Global Policy Advisor, Muhammad Ali Center; Former Advisor, Foundation for Defense of Democracies; CFR Member

President: Nakissa P. Jahanbani, Senior Intelligence Analyst, Afghanistan War Commission; CFR Term Member

## IN-PERSON LUNCH

12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. (ET)

*\*Lunch will be available outside all concurrent session rooms.*

## IN-PERSON AFTERNOON CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (ET)

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### *Latin American Politics Post-Maduro* | Alton Frye Room-4<sup>th</sup> Floor

This session will focus on political developments across Latin America, including the intervention in Venezuela, democratic backsliding, and the region's evolving relationship with the United States.

[Roxanna Vigil](#), International Affairs Fellow in National Security, Council on Foreign Relations  
President: [Natalia Cote-Muñoz](#), Chief Executive Officer and Cofounder, Vantage Point Strategies;  
CFR Term Member

### *Africa in the Age of America First* | 8<sup>th</sup> Floor

This session will focus on U.S.-Africa relations under the "America First" framework, the implications of shifting aid priorities, great-power competition on the continent, and the future of democratic governance in Africa.

[Ebenezer Obadare](#), Douglas Dillon Senior Fellow for Africa Studies, Council on Foreign Relations  
President: [Constance Pruitt](#), Assistant Professor, University of Maryland Eastern Shore; CFR  
Term Member

### *The Trump Administration's Approach to the Middle East Amid the Iran War* | 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

This session will focus on the Trump administration's Middle East policy, including its approach to Iran, the ongoing conflict in Gaza, and the broader implications for regional stability and American interests.

[Elisa Catalano Ewers](#), Senior Fellow for Middle East Studies, Council on Foreign Relations  
President: [Sherry Hakimi](#), CEO, Pirth.org

### *Trade Wars and the New American Economy* | 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

This session will focus on trade policy's bipartisan shift toward protectionism and the impact of recent tariffs on U.S. economic security, global supply chains, and American competitiveness.

[Inu Manak](#), Senior Fellow for International Trade, Council on Foreign Relations

President: [Neil Shenai](#), Assistant to the Director, International Monetary Fund; CFR Member

*The Future of the United Nations* | Carla Hills Room-7<sup>th</sup> Floor

This session will focus on the changing role of the United Nations in global governance and development.

[Tony Oweke](#), Research Fellow, Artificial Intelligence, Council on Foreign Relations;

Former Digital Advisor, Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations

President: [Garvey Pierre](#), Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State;

CFR Term Member

#### IN-PERSON BREAK

3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (ET)

#### HYBRID PLENARY TWO

Rockefeller-Peterson Room-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor | 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (ET)

*The AI Economy: Who Gets Left Behind?*

Panelists discuss how artificial intelligence is reshaping labor markets, concentrating economic gains, and widening existing inequalities, and what governments, employers, and educators need to do to ensure the next generation of workers inherits opportunity, not obsolescence.

[Chike Aguh](#), Senior Advisor, Project on Workforce, Harvard University; CFR Member

[Niloofer Razi Howe](#), Distinguished Visiting Professor, Vanderbilt University; CFR Member

[Ali Wyne](#), Senior Research and Advocacy Adviser, U.S.-China, International Crisis Group; CFR Member

President: [Vinh Nguyen](#), Senior Fellow for Artificial Intelligence, Council on Foreign Relations

#### IN-PERSON NETWORKING RECEPTION

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor | 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (ET)

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**All sessions of this conference are on the record unless otherwise noted.**

