

# Washington, DC June 15-16, 2022

# **AGENDA | NEW GEOPOLITICS AND GEOECONOMICS IN CAMCA**

# **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15**

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM WELCOMING REMARKS

- Dr. Svante Cornell | Director, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, American Foreign Policy Council
- Victoria Clarke | President of the Board, Rumsfeld Foundation
- Shoaib Rahim | Chairman of the Board, CAMCA Network

9:15 AM – 9:45 AM **KEYNOTE ADDRESS** 

Dr. S. Frederick Starr | Chairman, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, American Foreign Policy Council

9:45 AM – 10:15 AM NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM KEYNOTE INTERVIEW - Geopolitical Reverberations of the War in Ukraine

SPEAKER: **Amb. John Bolton** | Former Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs INTERVIEWER: **Ali Aslan** | International TV Presenter & Journalist

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CAMCA GEOPOLITICS AFTER UKRAINE: WHAT'S DESIRABLE? WHAT'S POSSIBLE?

MODERATOR: **Ali Aslan** | *International TV Presenter & Journalist* SPEAKERS:

- Luke Coffey | Margaret Thatcher Fellow at The Davis Institute for National Security and Foreign Policy, The Heritage Foundation
- Ambassador Matthew Bryza | Board Member, Jamestown Foundation
- Sally Painter | Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer, Blue Star Strategies, LLC
- Eric Brown | Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute
- **Iskander Akylbayev** | *Director for Central Asia at the Oxford Policy Advisory Group; CAMCA Network Member, Kazakhstan*

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

**LUNCHEON** | Connect with the CAMCA Network

Please join a sector-based lunch to hear from regional leaders of the CAMCA Network within the following working groups:

- Connect with CAMCA Business
- Connect with CAMCA Education
- Connect with CAMCA Think Tanks and Media



1:30 PM – 2:00 PM REMEMBERING SECRETARY RUMSFELD

MODERATOR: **Keith Urbahn** | *Founder and President, Javelin* SPEAKERS:

- Sarah Tonucci | Executive Director, Rumsfeld Foundation
- Tuvshinzaya Gantulga | Visiting Fellow at Project 2049 Institute; CAMCA Network Member, Mongolia
- Tamar Kekenadze | Chairperson, Free Democrats Political Party; Associate Professor in Political Science, Head of Advanced Research and Policy Development Institute, British University in Georgia; CAMCA Network Member, Georgia

2:00 PM - 2:15 PM BREAK

2:15 PM — 3:15 PM HOW TO DEAL WITH ECHO-SANCTIONS: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAMCA

MODERATOR: **Dr. S. Frederick Starr** | *Chairman, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, AFPC* SPEAKERS:

- Aibek Artykbaev | Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic
- **Farrukh Irnazarov** | Co-Founder and Country Director, Central Asian Development Institute of Tashkent; CAMCA Network Member, Uzbekistan
- **Jeffrey Schott** | Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM CAMCA NETWORK SPOTLIGHTS: AFGHANISTAN

MODERATOR: **Parwiz Kawa** | CA News Editor/Head of Office, Afghanistan International TV; CAMCA Network Member

### SPEAKERS:

- Omaid Sharifi | Fellow at Mahinda Humanities Center, Harvard University; President, ArtLords and Wartists; CAMCA Network Member
- **Hadeia Amiry** | Former Afghan Diplomat; CAMCA Network Member
- Wahid Wafa | Professional Specialist at Humanities Council, Journalism Program of Princeton University; Former Director of Afghanistan Center at Kabul University; CAMCA Network Member
- Dr. Omar Sadr | Research Scholar at the Center for Governance and Markets, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh; CAMCA Network Member



4:00 PM - 4:45 PM CAMCA BUSINESS EXPO

#### 4:45 PM – 5:45 PM BUILDING MODERN SKILLS IN CAMCA COUNTRIES

MODERATOR: **Cagri Bagcioglu** | *Head, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Cintana Education* SPEAKERS:

- **Hilola Suleymanova** | Founder and Managing Partner, DaVinci Management Consulting; CAMCA Network Member, Uzbekistan
- **Arevik Anapiosyan** | Partnerships and Development Finance Adviser, UN Resident Coordinator Office in Armenia; CAMCA Network Member, Armenia
- **Jenny Jenish kyzy** | Head of Experimentation, Acceleration Lab, UNDP Kyrgyz Republic; CAMCA Network Member, Kyrgyz Republic

#### 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM SECURING CAMCA'S DIGITAL FUTURE IN AN ERA OF U.S.-CHINA GEO-TECH RIVALRY

MODERATOR: **Eric Brown** | *Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute* SPEAKERS:

- **Dr. Khatuna Mshvidobadze** | *Professorial Lecturer of Cybersecurity at The George Washington University; CAMCA Network Member, Georgia*
- Rakhim Oshakbayev | Director, Center of Applied Research TALAP; CAMCA Network Member, Kazakhstan
- Sarkhan Hashimov | Advisor to the Chief of State Tax Service of Azerbaijan, Chairman of the Digital Transformation Board of Azerbaijan; CAMCA Network Member, Azerbaijan

#### 4:45 PM – 5:45 PM WOMEN TAKING POWER IN CAMCA: PROSPECTS AND BARRIERS

MODERATOR: **Zarina Chekirbaeva** | Founder and CEO of BGLobal Ltd.; CAMCA Network Member, Kyrgyz Republic

# SPEAKERS:

- Sarah Tonucci | Executive Director, Rumsfeld Foundation
- Khulan Davaadorj | Founder and Director, Lhamour/Natural Essentials LLC;
   CAMCA Network Member, Mongolia
- Gaukhar Nurgalieva | Senior Advisor, FMA; CAMCA Network Member, Kazakhstan
- Hadeia Amiry | Former Afghan Diplomat; CAMCA Network Member, Afghanistan
- Fidan Huseynli | Media, Events & Communications, Huangpu (Guangzhou city)
  District Office in Europe; CAMCA Network Member, Azerbaijan
- **Dinara Gaplan** | Chairman of the Board of Trustees of "Bolashak" Corporate Foundation; CAMCA Network Member, Kazakhstan



# **THURSDAY, JUNE 16**

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM KEYNOTE INTERVIEW

SPEAKER: **Sec. Carlos Gutierrez** | *Co-Founder and CEO of EmPath; former U.S.* 

Secretary of Commerce

INTERVIEWER: Lotfullah Najafizada | CEO, Eye Media Group; CAMCA Network

Member, Afghanistan

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM TRADE AND TRANSPORT IN CAMCA: REGIONAL AND GLOBAL CONNECTIVITY (LOOKING SOUTH AND WEST)

MODERATOR: **Dr. S. Frederick Starr** | *Chairman, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, AFPC* SPEAKERS:

- Amb. Matthew Bryza | Board Member, Jamestown Foundation
- Kaush Arha | Non-resident Senior Fellow, Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security, Atlantic Council
- Amb. Mamuka Murjikneli | CEO and General Manager, Wondernet Express Investment Group
- Asset Yerali | Former Chairman of the Board at Aktau Marine North Terminal and Board Member at Port of Aktau; CAMCA Network Member, Kazakhstan

10:45 AM - 11:15 AM NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

11:15 AM - 12:30 PM WHAT'S NEXT IN AFGHANISTAN?

MODERATOR: **Zafar Hashemi** | *Special Adviser, SIGAR; CAMCA Network Member, Afghanistan* SPEAKERS:

- **Scott Worden** | *Director, Afghanistan and Central Asia Programs, Unites States Institute of Peace*
- Nilofar Sakhi | Afghan peace, human rights, and development practitioner; Professorial Lecturer in International Affairs at George Washington University; Non-resident Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council's South Asia Center; Former Chief Executive and Executive Director at the American University of Afghanistan
- Gen. Haibatullah Alizai | Former Chief of General Staff, Afghanistan National Army
- Shoaib Rahim | Associate Professor, American University of Afghanistan and Visiting Scholar at The New School in New York; CAMCA Network Member, Afghanistan

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM LUNCHEON



#### 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM GEOPOLITICS OF CRYPTOCURRENCY

MODERATOR: **Shoaib Rahim** | Associate Professor, American University of Afghanistan and Visiting Scholar at The New School in New York; CAMCA Network Member, Afghanistan SPEAKERS:

- **Dr. Theresa Sabonis-Helf** | Professor of the Practice and Concentration Chair for Science, Technology and International Affairs, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University
- **Dr. Khatuna Mshvidobadze** | *Professorial Lecturer of Cybersecurity at The George Washington University; CAMCA Network Member, Georgia*
- Cody Carbone | Policy Director, Chamber of Digital Commerce

# 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM FOOD SECURITY AND BUILDING AGRITECH IN CAMCA

MODERATOR: **Kaush Arha** | *Non-resident Senior Fellow, Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security, Atlantic Council* SPEAKERS:

- Frauke Jungbluth | Practice Manager for Agriculture and Food, Europe and Central Asia, World Bank
- Amb. Kip Tom | Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture
- **David Kirvalidze** | *Member of the Board of Directors at CNFA; Former Minister of Agriculture of Georgia*
- **Assad Zamir** | Founder and Managing Director at Zamir Foundation; Former Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of Afghanistan; CAMCA Network Member, Afghanistan

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

## 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM MEET THE ENTREPRENEURS OF CAMCA

MODERATOR: Nazira Beishenalieva | Chairperson of the Board of Directors of CJSC Bank of Asia; CAMCA Network Member, Kyrgyz Republic

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Khulan Davaadorj** | Founder and Director, Lhamour/Natural Essentials LLC; CAMCA Network Member, Mongolia
- **Ekaterina Gvelesiani** | *Partner at E.G. Holding and Owner of Paliani Hotel in Svaneti, Georgia; CAMCA Network Member, Georgia*
- Mirbek Asangariev | Serial entrepreneur; Founder and CEO of eco-friendly business, Hotel Bridges; Founder and Owner of the social enterprise, Bishkek Furniture; CAMCA Network Member, Kyrgyz Republic
- Sardor Mukhamedaliev | Entrepreneur; Global Business Networker; Founder of Biz Network (Consulting & Business Events) and Founder of SM's 5AM Club; CAMCA Network Member, Uzbekistan
- Ruslan Akchurin | General Manager, AZCHEMCO LLC, Azerbaijan



#### 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM ACCELERATING REGIONAL COOPERATION IN POLICY ANALYSIS: A ROADMAP

MODERATOR: **Daniel Runde** | *Senior Vice President and Director, Project on Prosperity and Development, CSIS* 

#### **SPEAKERS:**

- **Dr. Svante Cornell** | *Director, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, AFPC*
- **Dr. Omar Sharifi** | Director of the American Institute of Afghanistan Studies; CAMCA Network Member, Afghanistan
- **Shuhrat Mirzoev** | *Economist and Co-Founder, IRSHAD Consulting; CAMCA Network Member, Tajikistan*
- Tengiz Pkhaladze | Non-resident Senior Fellow, European Centre for International Political Economy (ECIPE); Associate Professor and Head of BA Program in Political Sciences, Georgian Institute of Public Relations (GIPA); CAMCA Network Member, Georgia

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

4:15 PM – 5:15 PM BOOSTING CAMCA'S PRIVATE SECTOR THROUGH INVESTMENTS: HOW TO SEIZE OPPORTUNITIES

MODERATOR: **Dr. Mamuka Tsereteli** | *Senior Fellow, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, AFPC* SPEAKERS:

- Kristen Young | Partner, White & Case LLP
- **Kenneth Angell** | *Managing Director, Project Finance at U.S. International Development Finance Corporation*
- Mukhtar Bubeyev | Member of the Board of Directors, Astana Financial Services Authority
- Zuhursho Rahmatulloev | Co-founder, Alif Capital; CAMCA Network Member, Tajikistan

5:15 PM - 5:30 PM CLOSING REMARKS