



**SYMPOSIUM ON AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN:
THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF GOVERNANCE
AND THE ROLE OF REGIONAL ACTORS**

Co-Chairs: Dr. Mohsen M. Milani and Dr. Thomas Mason

Wednesday, March 24, 2010
Traditions Hall, USF Alumni Center

9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks

Dr. Mohsen Milani Professor and Chair
Department of Government & International Affairs
University of South Florida

Dr. Eric Eisenberg Dean
College of Arts & Sciences
University of South Florida

Dr. Ralph Wilcox Executive Vice President & Provost
University of South Florida

9:30 a.m. Special Commentary on Afghanistan

The Honorable Kevin McGurgan
British Consul General

10:15 a.m. Panel I: Internal Challenges in Afghanistan and Pakistan (Part I)

Chair:

Dr. Thomas Barfield Boston University

Panelists:

Dr. Ahmad Mumtaz Hampton University
Islamic Movements in Afghanistan and Pakistan: A Comparative Perspective

Dr. Larry Goodson U.S. Army War College
Counter-Insurgency Coupled with Bad Governance: A Recipe for Failure?

Dr. Thomas Johnson Naval Postgraduate School
The Tribal Dimensions of the Taliban Insurgency / Jihad: Fact or Fiction?

Dr. Arturo Munoz RAND Corporation
The Role and Importance of Pashtun Tribes in Afghanistan

1:00 p.m. Keynote Address

The Honorable Ronald Neumann
Former U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan

Afghanistan, Credibility and Realism in American Policy?

Introduction by Dr. Karen Holbrook, USF Vice President for Research & Innovation

2:15 p.m. Panel II: Regional Perspectives on Afghanistan (Part I)

Chair:

Dr. M. Nazif Shahrani Indiana University

Panelists:

Dr. David P. Fidler Indiana University
India's Policy Toward Afghanistan

Dr. Henri Barkey
Lehigh University
What Role for Turkey in Afghanistan and Pakistan?

Dr. Stephen Blank U.S. Army War College
Central Asian Perspectives on Afghanistan

Mr. Nathan Hudson Gulf Research Center
The Saudi Role in Afghanistan: From Major Player to Ambivalent Intermediary

Thursday, March 25, 2010
Oval Theater, Marshall Student Center

9:15 a.m. **Opening Remarks**

Dr. Mohsen Milani University of South Florida

9:30 a.m. **Panel III: Internal Challenges in Afghanistan and Pakistan (Part II)**

Chair:

Dr. Larry Goodson U.S. Army War College

Panelists:

Dr. Thomas Barfield Boston University
Tribes (and Ethnic Groups) in Afghan Politics

Dr. M. Nazif Shahrani Indiana University
The Role and Importance of Hazara Shi'ites in Afghanistan

Dr. Hayat Alvi U.S. Naval War College
Women in Afghanistan: A Status Report

1:00 p.m. **Keynote Address**

Dr. Adnan Mazarei

Assistant Director of the Middle East and Central Asia Department
International Monetary Fund

Pakistan: Economic Crisis and Stabilization

Introduction by Dr. Roger Brindley, Interim Associate Director of USF World

2:00 p.m. **Panel IV: Regional Perspectives on Afghanistan (Part II)**

Chair:

Dr. Randy Borum University of South Florida

Panelists:

Dr. Marvin Weinbaum Middle East Institute
Pakistan's Stakes in the Afghan Insurgency

Dr. Mark Katz George Mason University
Russian Policy Toward Afghanistan and Pakistan

Dr. Zhaoying Han Confucius Institute, University of South Florida
China's Policy and Strategy Towards Afghanistan

Dr. Mohsen Milani University of South Florida
Iran's Policy Toward Afghanistan: A Source for Stability or Chaos?

Symposium Keynote Address

A Conversation with General David H. Petraeus

Moderated by Dr. Mohsen Milani

Introduction by President Judy Genshaft

Friday, March 26

3:00 p.m.

Oval Theater, Marshall Student Center

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