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General (Ret.) John R. Allen
President
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John Allen is president of the Brookings Institution, a retired U.S. Marine Corps four-star general, and former commander of the NATO International Security Assistance Force and U.S. Forces in Afghanistan.



Kate Almquist Knopf
Director
Africa Center for Strategic Studies

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Kate Almquist Knopf has served as director of the Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS), an academic institution within the U.S. Department of Defense, since July 2014. Established in 1999 by the U.S. Congress for the study of security issues relating to Africa, the Center is based at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C. and serves as a forum for bilateral and multilateral research, communication, and the exchange of ideas on contemporary and over-the-horizon security issues for Africa. From 2001-2009, Ms. Knopf held several senior positions at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), including as assistant administrator for Africa, Sudan mission director, deputy assistant administrator for Africa, and special assistant and senior policy advisor to the administrator. Ms. Knopf holds an M.A. in international relations with concentrations in African studies and conflict management from Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, D.C., and a B.A. in international relations from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD.



James Appathurai
Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs
and Security Policy and the Secretary General's
Special Representative for the Caucasus and Central Asia
North Atlantic Treaty Organization

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As Deputy Assistant Secretary General, James Appathurai is responsible for NATO's political relations with countries across the globe, international organizations, enlargement, and arms control. He provides

policy advice on political issues affecting the security of the alliance. He is responsible for implementing and developing NATO's relations with all its partner countries and organizations, including political agreements, partnership cooperation programs, and other bilateral and multilateral arrangements. As the secretary general's special representative, he is responsible for carrying forward the alliance's policy in the two strategically important regions of the Caucasus and Central Asia. Mr. Appathurai previously served as NATO's Spokesperson from 2004 to 2010.



Ambassador Susanne Baumann
German Federal Government Commissioner
for Disarmament and Arms Control

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In July 2018 Amb. Baumann was appointed federal government commissioner for disarmament and arms control and director-general for international order, the United Nations and Arms Control at the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin. Her experience not only includes several positions in the Federal Foreign Office and German embassies worldwide, but also positions such as political advisor at the Federal Ministry of Defense and the Federal Chancellery. Amb. Baumann received her law degree from the University of Bonn in 1992.



Ank Bijleveld-Schouten
Minister of Defense
Kingdom of the Netherlands

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Ms. Bijleveld began her career in 1986 working as a policy officer for the municipality of Hengelo. From 1989 to 2001 she was a member of the House of Representatives for the Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA) (ultimately becoming deputy parliamentary party leader). In 2001 she became mayor of Hof van Twente. In 2007 Ms. Bijleveld was appointed State Secretary for the Interior and Kingdom Relations. Following the parliamentary elections in 2010 she returned to the House of Representatives for the CDA. On 1 January 2011 she took up the post of Queen's Commissioner in the province of Overijssel. On 26 October 2017 Ank Bijleveld was appointed Minister of Defence. She has also held a number of other public positions, including chair of the National Committee for the Bicentenary of the Kingdom, deputy crown-appointed member of the Social and Economic Council and chair of the Dutch Probation Service.



Marshall Billingslea
U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Arms Control

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Mr. Marshall Billingslea most recently has been serving as Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing at the U.S. Department of Treasury since June 2017. In that role, he has built international coalitions and led U.S. efforts to counter illicit financial activities. In 2018 the 37 member countries of the Financial Action Task Force—the global anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing body — unanimously selected

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hm to serve as its president. Mr. Billingslea also co-chairs the global Counter-ISIS Finance Group and multiple bilateral negotiating fora with friendly and allied nations. He has deep expertise in arms control and broad experience in foreign policy and national security, having held senior positions in the private sector, NATO, the U.S. Department of Defense, and on the staff of the United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.



Josep Borrell
High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
Vice President, European Commission

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Josep Borrell is the Vice-President of the European Commission in charge of coordinating the external action of the European Union. From 2018-2019 he served as Spain's Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation. Previously he served as Jean Monnet Chair of European Economic Integration, Complutense University of Madrid (2013-2016), President of the European University Institute, Florence (2010-2012) and President of the European Parliament (2004-2007), among other positions.



Elbridge A. Colby
Principal
The Marathon Initiative

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Elbridge Colby is co-founder and principal of The Marathon Initiative, a policy initiative focused on developing strategies to prepare the United States for an era of sustained great power competition. Previously, Colby was the director of the defense program at the Center for a New American Security, where he led the center's work on defense issues from 2018-2019. Before that, he served as the U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy and Force Development from 2017-2018. In that role, Mr. Colby was the lead official in the development and rollout of the 2018 National Defense Strategy (NDS). Mr. Colby's work has appeared in outlets such as *Foreign Affairs*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *Foreign Policy*, *The National Interest*, and *Survival*, and he is also the author of many book chapters, reports, and articles on defense and foreign policy issues.



R. Clarke Cooper
Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs
U.S. Department of State

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R. Clarke Cooper was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs on April 30, 2019. He previously served as the Director of Intelligence Planning for Joint Special Operations Command's Joint Inter-Agency Task Force – National

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Capital Region. Mr. Cooper has over two decades of experience in diplomatic and military roles. In the Bush Administration, Mr. Cooper served as alternate representative to the United Nations Security Council, delegate to United Nations Administrative and Budgetary Committee, senior advisor in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, and advisor at U.S. Embassy-Baghdad. His active duty military assignments include tours with Joint Special Operations Command, U.S. Africa Command, Special Operations Command Africa, Joint Special Operations Task Force Trans-Sahara, and Special Operations Command Central.



Dearbhla Doyle
Head of the Political, Security and Development Section
Delegation of the European Union to the United States @EUintheUS

Dearbhla Doyle joined the EU Delegation in September 2018. An experienced diplomat, she has spent much of her career working for the Department of Foreign Affairs of Ireland, serving as Vice Consul at the Consulate-General of Ireland in Shanghai (2000-2003) and as Political Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Ireland in Rome (2008-2011). She worked as the Irish European Correspondent from 2011 to 2014, where she headed the Political Secretariat and coordinated Ireland's positions with regard to the European Common Foreign and Security Policy. Ms. Doyle joined the European External Action Service in 2014 and served as Political Assistant to the Managing Director for Europe and Central Asia from 2016 to 2018. A native of Dublin, Ireland, Dearbhla has a degree in international commerce and Italian from University College Dublin and spent a year on Erasmus at the Università degli Studi, Bologna. She has a master of business studies from the U.C.D. Smurfit Graduate School of Business.



Kimberly Dozier
TIME Magazine Contributor/CNN Analyst

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Kimberly Dozier is a TIME Magazine contributor and CNN global affairs analyst. Ms. Dozier previously worked for the Associated Press as an intelligence writer, the BBC World Service as an anchor, The Cipher Brief as executive editor and was a 17-years award-winning CBS Evening News foreign correspondent. Dozier was the first woman and first journalist appointed as the U.S. Army War College's General Omar Bradley Chair. She covered the Iraq war for CBS News from 2003 to 2006, when her news team was hit by a car bomb. The attack and recovery are detailed in Ms. Dozier's best-selling memoir, *Breathing the Fire: Fighting to Survive and Get Back to the Fight*.



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Alice Ekman is the senior analyst in charge of the Asia portfolio at the EUISS. A China expert, she covers foreign policy and security developments in the Asian region. At the EUISS, Alice also manages regular ‘Track 1.5’ dialogues with the EU’s partners in Asia and coordinates the EU member committee of the Council for Security

Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific (CSCAP EU). Alice was formerly head of China research at the French Institute for International Relations (IFRI) in Paris. She has also been visiting scholar at Tsinghua University (Beijing), National Taiwan Normal University (Taipei), and the Asian Institute for Policy Studies (Seoul). She holds a Ph.D. in international relations from Sciences Po and is fluent in Mandarin Chinese.



Lindsey Ford
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Lindsey Ford is a David M. Rubenstein Fellow in the Foreign Policy program at Brookings. She is also an adjunct lecturer at George Washington University’s Elliott School of International Affairs. Her research focuses on U.S. defense strategy in the Asia-Pacific region, including U.S. security alliances, military posture, and regional security

architecture. Previously Ford served in the U.S. Department of Defense, including as the special assistant to secretary of defense for the 2014 U.S.-ASEAN Defense Forum and as the senior adviser to the assistant secretary of defense for Asian and Pacific security affairs, focusing on maritime security, multilateral security affairs, and force management planning.



Charles Fries
Deputy Secretary General for Common Security and Defense Policy
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Charles Fries has served as the Deputy Secretary General for Common Security and Defense Policy and Crisis Response in the EEAS since 1 May 2020. From 2012 to 2020, he served as Ambassador of France to Morocco, then Turkey. He was also French Ambassador to the Czech Republic (2006-2009). Previous appointments include diplomatic

advisor to the French Prime Minister (2009-2012), advisor for European affairs to the French President Jacques Chirac (2002-2006) and to the French Foreign Minister (1993-1995).

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Mircea Geoană
Deputy Secretary General
North Atlantic Treaty Organization

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Mircea Geoană became NATO Deputy Secretary General in October 2019 and is the first Deputy Secretary General from any of the countries that joined the alliance after the end of the Cold War. Mr. Geoană has previously served as High Representative of the Romanian Government for Strategic Economic Projects and Public Diplomacy (2012-14), President of the Romanian Senate (2008-2011), Minister of Foreign Affairs (2000-2004) and Romanian Ambassador to the United States (1996-2000) among other positions. He is President and founder of the Aspen Institute Romania and has published extensively on domestic and international affairs. He studied at the Polytechnic University in Bucharest, the Faculty of Law of the University of Bucharest, the Ecole Nationale d'Administration in Paris, and he holds a PhD from the Economic Studies Academy of Bucharest.



General Claudio Graziano
Chairman
European Union Military Committee

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General Claudio Graziano joined the Italian Army in 1972 and has served in several units of the Alpini (Italian Mountain Infantry), up to Brigade Commander. He served in the Army General Staff, as Chief of Staff of the Army, as Deputy Chief of Staff Operations in the Italian Joint Operational Headquarters and as Chief of Cabinet of the Minister of Defense. From 2001 to 2004, he served as army attaché in Washington, D.C. His operational deployments include the command of the Italian contingent for Operation UNOMOZ in Mozambique, of the Kabul Multinational Brigade and of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon. In 2015 he was appointed Italian Chief of Defense. Since November 2018 he has been the Chairman of the European Union Military Committee. He is a graduate of the Italian Army Staff College and the United States Army War College. General Graziano holds two BA and two master's degrees.



Kathleen H. Hicks
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Dr. Kathleen Hicks has an extensive security background, including as a U.S. Senate-confirmed leader on policy matters in the Pentagon, a member of the National Defense Strategy Commission, and a member of the National Commission on the Future of the Army. In addition to her role at CSIS, she is the Donald Marron Scholar at the Kissinger Center for Global Affairs, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and a member of the board of trustees for the

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Aerospace Corporation, the board of directors for the U.S. Naval Institute, and the Commission on Combating Synthetic Opioid Trafficking.



Fiona Hill
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Fiona Hill is a senior fellow in the Center on the United States and Europe in the Foreign Policy program at Brookings. She recently served as deputy assistant to the president and senior director for European and Russian affairs on the National Security Council from 2017 to 2019. From 2006 to 2009, she served as national intelligence officer for Russia and Eurasia at The National Intelligence Council. She is co-author of *Mr. Putin: Operative in the Kremlin*.



Chrissy Houlahan @RepHoulahan
U.S. Representative, Pennsylvania

Chrissy Houlahan is an Air Force veteran, an engineer, a serial entrepreneur, an educator, and a nonprofit leader. She's in her first term representing Pennsylvania's 6th Congressional District, which encompasses Chester County and southern Berks County. She serves on the House Armed Services Committee, the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and the House Small Business Committee.



Will Hurd @HurdontheHill
U.S. Representative, Texas

Will Hurd, a San Antonio native and Texas A&M Computer Science Graduate, never planned on being a member of Congress. Congressman Hurd was excited to spend his entire career serving his country by stopping terrorists, preventing Russian spies from stealing our secrets and putting nuclear weapons proliferators out of business as an undercover officer in the CIA, until he realized that his expertise in cybersecurity and intelligence was sorely needed in Congress. *Texas Monthly* and *Politico* called him "the Future of the GOP." His efforts to put good policy over good politics have clearly struck a chord in a country that is often consumed with what divides us instead of what unites us.



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Bonnie Jenkins serves as the chair of the Steering Committee of the International Women's Conference on Preventing the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction to Non-State Actors, and chair of the Committee on Radioactive Sources: Applications and Alternative Technologies of the National Academies of Sciences. She is an adjunct professor at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and a professorial lecturer at the George Washington Elliott School of International Affairs. From 2009-2017 she served as Special Envoy and Coordinator for Threat Reduction Programs in the State Department's Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation. She was the State Department lead for the 2010-2016 Nuclear Security Summits and the U.S. Representative to the G7 Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction.



Mara Karlin @SAISstrat
Nonresident Senior Fellow, Security and Strategy,
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Mara Karlin is a nonresident senior fellow with the Security and Strategy team at the Brookings Institution. She is also the Director of Strategic Studies and an Associate Professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). Dr. Karlin has served in national security roles for five U.S. secretaries of defense, including as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy and Force Development, advising on policies spanning strategic planning, defense budgeting, future wars and the evolving security environment, and regional affairs involving the Middle East, Europe, and Asia. She is currently a Commissioner for the congressionally-mandated Syria Study Group and previously worked on the congressionally-mandated National Defense Strategy Commission.



Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer @AKK
Minister of Defense
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Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer has been the Federal Minister of Defense since July 2019. She was first elected to the Parliament of Germany in 1998 and has served numerous leadership roles in the regional parliament of Saarland, including as the state's prime minister from 2011 – 2018. She also has served as the minister of science and research in Saarland. In 2018 she served as the secretary general of the Christian Democratic Union of Germany and later as the CDU party leader.

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Stavros Lambrinidis
European Union Ambassador to the U.S.

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Ambassador Stavros Lambrinidis is the Ambassador of the European Union to the United States, as of March 1, 2019. From 2012 to 2019, he served as the European Union Special Representative for Human Rights. In 2011, he was Foreign Affairs Minister of Greece. Between 2004 and 2011, he was twice elected Member of the European Parliament and served as Vice-President of the European Parliament (2009-11), among other functions. Previously he served as Ambassador ad personam of the Hellenic Republic, Secretary-General of the Greek Foreign Ministry responsible for expatriate Greeks, and chief of staff to the Greek Foreign Minister (1996).



Ellen M. Lord
Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment
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Ellen M. Lord currently serves as the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment. In this capacity, she is responsible to the Secretary of Defense for all matters pertaining to acquisition and sustainment, and she works closely with all the service departments and military agencies. Prior to this appointment, Ms. Lord served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Textron Systems Corporation, and has more than 30 years of experience in the defense industry. Ms. Lord is a former Vice Chairman of the National Defense Industrial Association, and has held numerous positions, boards and steering groups throughout her career.



Kelly Magsamen
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Prior to joining The Center for American Progress, Kelly Magsamen served in various national security positions. From 2014 to 2017, she was the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs and performed the duties of Assistant Secretary of Defense. In these positions, she was a lead adviser to the Secretary of Defense for U.S. defense policy and strategy across the Indo-Asia-Pacific, including in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Ms. Magsamen received her bachelor's degree from American University and her master's from Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.



Major General Hermínio Maio
Deputy Director/Chief of Staff, Military Planning and Conduct
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Major-General Hermínio Maio has a distinguished career commanding units, staffing at political and strategic levels and training forces for various missions, both at the national and multinational level. As Mission Force Commander of the EU Training Mission in the Central African Republic (CAR) from January 2018 to July 2019, he deepened his knowledge and experience of EU missions, interacting with multinational partners in a complex and difficult environment, while also serving as advisor to senior officials, including the President of the Central African Republic. He assumed his current duties as Deputy Director/Chief of Staff in the Military Planning and Conduct Capability (MPCC) in September 2019.



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Vice President, Albright Stonebridge Group

Molly Montgomery is a nonresident fellow in the Center on the United States and Europe at the Brookings Institution, where her work focuses on Central and Eastern Europe, the Western Balkans, and trans-Atlantic security. Montgomery is also a vice president in the Europe practice at Albright Stonebridge Group. A veteran of the U.S. Foreign Service, Montgomery served most recently in the White House, where she advised the vice president on strategy, policy development, and engagement toward Europe. Her other assignments included U.S. Embassies Riga, Sarajevo, and Kabul and U.S. Consulate General Dubai. At the State Department, she served in the Office of the Secretary and the Office of Eastern European Affairs.



Michael E. O'Hanlon
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Michael O'Hanlon is a senior fellow and director of research in Foreign Policy at the Brookings Institution, where he specializes in U.S. defense strategy, the use of military force, and American national security policy. He co-directs the Security and Strategy team, the Defense Industrial Base working group, and the Africa Security Initiative within the Foreign Policy program, as well. He is an adjunct professor at Columbia and Georgetown universities, a professional lecturer at George Washington University, and a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies. O'Hanlon was also a member of the external advisory board at the Central Intelligence Agency from 2011-12.



Artis Pabriks
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense
Republic of Latvia

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Artis Pabriks has served as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense of the Republic of Latvia since January 2019. Previously he served as a Member of European Parliament (2014-2018) Minister of Defense (2010-2014) Member of Parliament (2007-2010) and Minister of Foreign Affairs (2004-2007). He led the OSCE Election Observation

Mission in Montenegro (2009) and Tajikistan (2010). Mr. Pabriks has a degree in history from the University of Latvia and a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Aarhus, DK.



Timo Pesonen
Director General for Defense, Industry, and Space
European Commission

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Timo Pesonen has been the Director-General of the European Commission Directorate General for Defense Industry and Space since January 2020. Mr. Pesonen has previously worked as Director-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (2019), Director-General for Communication at the European Commission and

the Head of Cabinet of Vice-President Olli Rehn, head of Economic and Monetary Affairs (2010-2014) and of the Enlargement (2004-2009). Earlier in his career, Mr. Pesonen worked as a spokesperson to the EU Commissioner for budget, personnel and administration. Before joining the European Institutions, he was the foreign policy adviser to the Prime Minister of Finland, Mr. Paavo Lipponen. He has a master's degree in social sciences-international politics from the University of Tampere, Finland.



Brigadier General František Ridzák
Mission Force Commander
EU Training Mission Mali

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Prior to assuming command of the European Union Training Mission in Mali, Brigadier General František Ridzák served as the Director of the Czech Ministry of Defense Communication and Information Systems Division. He served in that division since 2013, in the capacity of deputy director, acting director and director, respectively. Previously he served

as the Commander of the 34th Signal Base and National Expert representing the Czech Air Force at NATO C3 Agency, the senior multinational policy body in the area of Consultation, Command and Control (C3). Brigadier General Ridzák is a graduate of the Military University in Liptovský Mikuláš, Officers' Signal Corps in Operations Course at the University of Defense in Brno and the Ecole de guerre in Paris.



Frank A. Rose
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Frank Rose is a senior fellow for security and strategy in the Foreign Policy program at the Brookings Institution. He focuses on nuclear strategy and deterrence, arms control, strategic stability, missile defense, outer space, and emerging security challenges. From 2017-18, he served as Principal Director and Chief of Government Relations at the Aerospace Corporation, a federally-funded research and development center focused on national security and space. Prior to that, he served as Assistant Secretary of State for Arms Control, Verification, and Compliance (2014-2017) and as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Space and Defense Policy (2009-2014).



Laura Rosenberger
Director, Alliance for Securing Democracy
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Laura Rosenberger is the director of the Alliance for Securing Democracy and a senior fellow at The German Marshall Fund of the United States. Previously she was foreign policy advisor for Hillary for America. Prior to that, she served in a range of positions at the State Department and the White House's National Security Council. Laura first joined the State Department as a presidential management fellow.



Herald Ruijters
Director General for Mobility and Transport
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In February of 2017, Mr. Ruijters was appointed Director of Investment, Innovative & Sustainable Transport in DG Mobility and Transport, while at the same time continuing as Head of Unit responsible for the Trans European Network (TEN-T). He assumed the role of Head of Unit in 2009 and was directly involved in developing the TEN-T Guidelines. He previously worked in the same Directorate General from 2005 to 2009, in order to promote the implementation of TEN-T projects in cooperation with the European Coordinators, and for the development of road safety policy, from 1997 to 2005. Before coming to the Commission, he held various positions in The Netherlands related to transport.



Michael C. Ryan
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Michael C. Ryan has served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for European and NATO Policy since October 2019. In this role he supports the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs by developing international security strategies and policies related to the nations and international organizations of Europe and NATO. Mr. Ryan has over 25 years of service in the U.S. Air Force, as well as 10 years of senior executive service at the U.S. Mission to NATO, the U.S. Mission to the EU, both in Brussels, Belgium, and at U.S. European Command Headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany.



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Kori Schake leads the foreign and defense policy team at the American Enterprise Institute. She is the author of *Safe Passage: The Transition from British to American Hegemony*, and editor with Jim Mattis *Warriors and Citizens: American Views of Our Military*. She has worked in the Pentagon, State Department and National Security Council, and taught at Stanford University, the U.S. Military Academy, the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and the University of Maryland.



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Jiří Šedivý has served as Defense Minister and Deputy Defense Minister of the Czech Republic; NATO Assistant Secretary General for Defense Policy and Planning; and Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to NATO. He has also served as Deputy Minister for European Affairs of the Czech Republic and special representative for resilience and new threats at the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Šedivý graduated with a PhD in Political Science from Charles University (Prague); and an MA in War Studies from King's College (London). He was professor of security studies at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies.



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Radosław (Radek) Sikorski is a member of the European Parliament for Poland, sitting on Committees for Foreign Affairs and the Security and Defense Subcommittee. He is the Chairman of the Delegation for Relations with the United States. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Center for European Studies at Harvard and Distinguished Statesman at CSIS in Washington, D.C. He was Poland's Minister of Defense (2005-2007), Foreign Minister (2007-2014) and Speaker of Parliament (2014-2015). He served as a war reporter in Afghanistan and Angola (2001-2005). He was a resident scholar at AEI and director of its New Atlantic Initiative. Together with Carl Bildt, he launched EU's Eastern Partnership. He proposed and helped to establish the European Endowment for Democracy. In 2014 he led the EU mission to Kiev, which stopped the bloodshed on the Maidan. *Foreign Policy* magazine named him one of 100 global policy intellectuals 'for speaking the truth even when it's not diplomatic.' He is the author of several books, most recently *Polska Może Być Lepsza (Poland Could be Better)*. Mr. Sikorski graduated from Oxford University with a B.A. in Politics, Philosophy and Economics.



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Roberto Viola
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Roberto Viola has been the Director General of Communication, Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT) at the European Commission since 2015 and was previously Deputy Director-General from 2012 to 2015. Previously Dr. Viola served as Secretary General of the Italian media and communication regulator AGCOM. He was a member of the BEREC Board (Body of European Telecom Regulators), and Chairman of the European Regulatory Group in 2007. From 1985-1999 he held various positions at the European Space Agency. Dr. Viola holds a doctorate in electronic engineering and a master's in business administration.



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Brigadier General William L. Zana
Deputy Director, Politico-Military Affairs for Africa
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Brigadier General William L. Zana serves as the Deputy Director, Politico-Military Affairs for Africa with the U.S. Department of Defense Joint Staff J-5. He previously served as the Deputy Commanding General for the Combined Joint Task Force—Horn of Africa. He has served in leadership assignments at every rank level held and participated in numerous deployments for contingency and combat operations. General Zana holds master's degrees from the Marine Corps University in military studies and from the National Defense University in national security strategy.

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