



Undermining Democracy: 21st Century Authoritarians

Conference Agenda

June 4, 2009

Room SD-124

Senate Dirksen Office Building

9:15-9:45 Welcome

William Howard Taft IV, Freedom House
Libby Liu, Radio Free Asia

Comments by:

Sen. Sam Brownback (R-KS)
Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL)

9:45-11:00 Panel I: 21st Century Authoritarianism and the "Battle of Ideas"

Peter Beinart, Council on Foreign Relations
Robert Kagan, Carnegie Endowment and Foreign Policy Initiative
James Traub, *The New York Times Magazine* and the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect

Moderator: Jeffrey Gedmin, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-12:30 Panel II: 21st Century Authoritarianism in Practice: China, Iran, Russia, Venezuela

China: Perry Link, University of California at Riverside
Iran: Abbas Milani, Stanford University (*recorded interview*)
Russia: Daniel Kimmage, Homeland Security Policy Institute, George Washington University
Venezuela: Javier Corrales, Amherst College

Moderator: Christopher Walker, Freedom House

12:30-12:45 Closing Remarks

Comments by:

Sen. Benjamin Cardin (D-MD)
Rep. Christopher Smith (R-NJ)