



# 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)