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Keynote Address featuring Naguib Sawiris founder, Free Egyptians Party.

Iran Policy Options: Prevention, Containment, and the Nuclear Challenge

> Featuring Colin Kahl, former deputy assistant secretary of defense for the Middle East; and Jamie Fly, former director for nonproliferation, National Security Council. Moderated by Amb. Dennis Ross, counselor, Washington Institute.

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Panel discussion featuring Fouad Ajami, senior fellow, Hoover Institution; Peter David, Washington bureau chief, Economist; and Amb. Theodore Kattouf, former envoy to Syria. Moderated by Robert Satloff, executive director, Washington Institute.

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Panel discussion featuring Amb. Robert Blackwill, former deputy national security adviser; Amb. Dennis Ross, former NSC senior director and currently counselor, Washington Institute; Maj. Gen. Amos Yadlin (IDF, Ret.), former head of Israeli defense intelligence. Moderated by David Makovsky, director, Project on the Middle East Peace Process, Washington Institute.

Closing Address featuring Denis McDonough, assistant to the president and deputy national security advisor.

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