After Paris: The Refugee Crisis

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1:00 - 1:10 Introductory Remarks
Anne-Marie Slaughter, President, New America
Kati Marton, Board Member, New America

1:10 - 2:10 Syrian Refugees: On the Ground Perspectives
Qutaiba Idlbi, Co-founder and Director of Operations, People Demand Change
Muna Jondy, Chair of Government Relations, United for a Free Syria
Suzanne Sahloul, Founder and President, Syrian Community Network
Zaher Sahloul, President, Syrian American Medical Society
Moderated by Peter Bergen, Vice President, New America and Professor, Arizona State University

2:10 - 3:10 Policy Responses to the Refugee Crisis
Elizabeth Campbell, Senior Humanitarian Policy Advisor, Bureau of International Organization Affairs
Simon Henshaw, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration
Dafna Rand, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor
Moderated by Peter Bergen, Vice President, New America and Professor, Arizona State University

3:10 - 4:10 The Refugee Crisis
Gregory Maniatis, Senior European Policy Fellow, Migration Policy Institute
Kati Marton, Board Member, New America
Anne-Marie Slaughter, President, New America
Ambassador Peter Wittig, German Ambassador to the United States
Moderated by Leon Wieseltier, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution
**Peter Bergen**

Peter Bergen is a print, television and web journalist, an award-winning documentary producer and author or editor of six books, three of which were New York Times bestsellers. In 2011 and 2012, he published two books – *The Longest War: The Enduring Conflict between America and Al-Qaeda* and *Manhunt: The Ten Year Search for Bin Laden from 9/11 to Abbottabad* – the first winning an award from the Washington Institute, and the second winning an Overseas Press Club award. In 2013, Bergen published *Talibanistan: Negotiating Borders Between Terror, Politics and Religion* and in 2014 he published *Drone Wars*, a collection of essays about drone warfare. He has a forthcoming book about “homegrown” terrorism to be published by Crown in early 2016. Mr. Bergen is CNN's national security analyst, a Professor of Practice at Arizona State University, a fellow at Fordham University's Center on National Security, and has previously worked at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government, the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins, and New York University's Center on Law and Security. He edits foreignpolicy.com’s South Asia Channel, writes a weekly column for CNN.com, and is a member of the Homeland Security Project and the Aspen Homeland Security Group. He frequently testifies on Capitol Hill and has a degree in Modern History from New College, Oxford.

**Elizabeth Campbell**

Elizabeth Campbell is a Senior Humanitarian Policy Advisor in the Bureau of International Organization Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. Prior to her appointment, she was a Senior Advocate at the NGO Refugees International (RI) and the Director of the NGO consortium Refugee Council USA. Elizabeth has worked on refugee and humanitarian issues in Jerusalem and the West Bank, in the Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya, and with UNHCR in Nairobi. She teaches courses on forced migration, statelessness and global humanitarian issues. Elizabeth has published several articles and book chapters on humanitarian issues in various academic journals and has edited book collections.

**Simon Henshaw**

Mr. Simon Henshaw is a career officer in the U.S. Foreign Service, currently serving as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration. His previous assignment was Director of Andean Affairs in the State Department’s Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs. From 2008 to 2011, he was the Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Mr. Henshaw joined the State Department in 1985. Prior to Tegucigalpa, he served overseas in Brasilia, St. Petersburg, San Salvador, Abidjan, and Manila. In Washington, he worked in the State Department’s Office of Cuban Affairs, Central American Affairs, and in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research. He attended the National War College, where he earned a Master of Science in National Security Affairs, and has a Bachelor of Arts in history from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

**Qutaiba Idlbi**

Qutaiba Idlbi is a co-founder and Director of Operations of People Demand Change, and directs the Syria Info Hub. He was an Associate with Caerus Associates, focusing on governance and security developments in Syria and the associate producer for the Red Lines documentary with Spark Media. Qutaiba is a native of Damascus. He was in Syria at the outbreak of protests in March 2011, detained twice by Syrian internal security services, and forced to leave the country. After leaving Syria, Qutaiba volunteered for various relief organizations working with the refugees in Lebanon and Egypt. After working with Mouaz al-Khateeb, the founding president of the National Coalition, Qutaiba was selected as a fellow for the Leaders for Democracy Fellows Program in Washington, D.C. and was a visiting scholar at the International Republican Institute. Qutaiba holds a degree from the University of Damascus’ Technical Institute for Finance and Banking Sciences and he studied at the International University for Science and Technology in Damascus before he was forced to flee Syria.

**Muna Jondy**

Muna Jondy is an American Muslim attorney specializing in immigration, and is a board member and cooperating attorney for the Greater Flint (MI) branch of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). Currently she serves as government relations chairperson for both United for a Free Syria (UFS) and the Coalition for a Democratic Syria (CDS). UFS is a member organization of the umbrella coalition of CDS that consists of 6 organizations focusing on political advocacy in Washington DC, working to promote freedom, dignity, and democracy for the Syrian people. She is a member of the Syrian National Council, and is currently on the legal advisory committee for the Syrian Opposition Coalition’s political negotiations team. Jondy earned a B.A. in history from the University of Michigan, a J.D. from the University of Manitoba, and an LL.M. from the Michigan State University College of Law.
**Gregory Maniatis**

**Gregory Maniatis** has served since 2006 as Senior Advisor to Peter Sutherland, the UN Special Representative for Migration. He also is a Senior Fellow at the Migration Policy Institute and at the Open Society Foundations, and a co-director of Columbia University’s Global Policy Initiative. Over the past 15 years, Mr. Maniatis has worked closely with the European Commission, EU member state governments, the European Parliament, international organizations, and civil society groups on all aspects of migration policy. His reportage and commentary on the European Union, Greece, Russia, migration, and other topics have appeared in many publications, including *The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal*, and *New York Magazine*. Earlier in his career, Gregory was a foreign policy advisor to several governments, and was the founder and publisher of *Odyssey Magazine*. He is a graduate of Princeton University and of the *Institut d’Etudes Politiques* in Paris, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

**Kati Marton**


**Dafna Rand**

**Dr. Dafna Hochman Rand** currently serves as Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) where she is responsible for DRL’s work on Near Eastern Affairs and on Security and Human Rights. She previously served as the Deputy Director of Studies and the inaugural Leon E. Panetta Fellow at the Center for a New American Security. Prior to joining CNAS, Dr. Rand served on the staff of the National Security Council and covered the Middle East and North Africa for Secretary Hillary Clinton’s Policy Planning staff. Earlier in her career, she served as a professional staff member on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and as Senator Frank R. Lautenberg’s foreign affairs and defense legislative assistant. Dr. Rand’s academic work has focused on domestic political developments and international security in the Middle East and North Africa, including *Roots of the Arab Spring: Contested Authority and Political Change in the Middle East* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013). She received her Ph.D. and M.A. in political science from Columbia University, where she received the University’s highest award for excellence in teaching. Dr. Rand received her A.B. from Harvard University.

**Suzanne Sahloul**

**Suzanne Akhras Sahloul** is the founder and Executive Director of the Syrian Community Network, a community-based refugee support network based in Chicago that promotes the spirit of community, family and Syrian culture. Suzanne is also the founder of the Syrian American Medical Society’s Midwest Foundation, serving as its President from 2004-2006. She holds a Master’s Degree in Organizational Leadership and is currently pursuing a Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership at the Kellogg School of Management. Suzanne resides in Chicago with her husband and three children.

**Zaher Sahloul**

**Dr. Zaher Sahloul** is the past president and senior advisor of the Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS). Since the beginning of the crisis in Syria, SAMS has delivered over $40 million in medical relief to more than 1.4 million patients inside Syria and refugees in neighboring countries. Dr. Sahloul is the co-founder of the American Relief Coalition for Syria, a coalition of 18 Syrian Diaspora NGOs providing humanitarian aid to millions of Syrians and Syrian refugees. He graduated from Damascus University in 1988 and currently is a practicing Critical Care Specialist in Chicago.
Anne-Marie Slaughter

Anne-Marie Slaughter is currently the President and CEO of New America, a think tank and civic enterprise with offices in Washington and New York. She is also the Bert G. Kerstetter ’66 University Professor Emerita of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University. From 2009–2011 she served as Director of Policy Planning for the United States Department of State, the first woman to hold that position. Upon leaving the State Department she received the Secretary’s Distinguished Service Award for her work leading the Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review, as well as meritorious service awards from USAID and the Supreme Allied Commander for Europe. Prior to her government service, Dr. Slaughter was the Dean of Princeton’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs from 2002–2009 and the J. Sinclair Armstrong Professor of International, Foreign, and Comparative Law at Harvard Law School from 1994–2002.

Leon Wieseltier

Leon Wieseltier is the Isaiah Berlin Senior Fellow in Culture and Policy at the Brookings Institution and a Contributing Editor and Critic at The Atlantic. For thirty-three years, he was the literary editor of The New Republic. He is the author of Kaddish, among other books, and his essays on foreign policy, philosophy, politics, and culture have been published all over the world. He was educated at Columbia, Balliol College, Oxford, and Harvard, where he was a member of the Society of Fellows. In 2013 he was awarded the Dan David Prize.

Peter Wittig

Peter Wittig has served as German Ambassador to the United States since April 2014. Prior to this, he was German Ambassador to the United Nations in New York and represented Germany during its tenure as a member of the UN Security Council from 2011 until 2012. There, he drew on his wide expertise in United Nations matters, having previously served as Director-General for the United Nations and Global Issues at the German Foreign Office in Berlin and having been posted to the German Permanent Mission in New York in the late 1980s. Wittig joined the German Foreign Service in 1982. He has also served in Madrid, at the headquarters as the private secretary to the Foreign Minister, and as Ambassador both in Lebanon and then in Cyprus. He was the German Government Special Envoy on the “Cyprus question” (the division of Cyprus). He also acquired extensive knowledge of the Middle East. Before starting his career in the German Foreign Service, Wittig studied history, political science, and law at Bonn, Freiburg, Canterbury, and Oxford Universities and taught as an assistant professor at the University of Freiburg. His wife, Huberta von Voss-Wittig, has worked as both a journalist and a writer. The couple has four children: Valeska, Maximilian, Augustin, and Felice.