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New York Hybrid Event

Hauser Symposium: America at 250

Monday, March 16, 2026

12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. (EDT)

In-Person Lunch Buffet

12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. (EDT)

Session One: Postwar Choices—Embracing Global Engagement After 1945

Panelists explore how the decisions made in the aftermath of World War II set the United States on a path toward active global engagement, reshaping international politics, security, cooperation, and institutions.

Introductory Remarks: [Michael Froman](#), President, Council on Foreign Relations

[Rana Mitter](#), S.T. Lee Professor of U.S.-Asia Relations, Harvard Kennedy School

[Benn Steil](#), Senior Fellow and Director of International Economics, Council on Foreign Relations

[Jeremi Suri](#), Mack Brown Distinguished Chair for Leadership in Global Affairs and Professor of Public Affairs and History, University of Texas at Austin; CFR Member (*speaking virtually*)

Presider: [Amy Davidson Sorkin](#), Staff Writer, *New Yorker*; CFR Member

1:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (EDT)

In-Person Coffee Break

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2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (EDT)

Session Two: The Lost Promise of the Post-Cold War Era

Panelists discuss why the optimism of the early post-Cold War years, marked by hopes of a unipolar global order, liberal convergence, and expanding globalization, gave way to renewed great power conflict and growing global rivalry.

[Charles A. Kupchan](#), Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations
(*speaking virtually*)

[Lien-Hang T. Nguyen](#), Dorothy Borg Associate Professor in the History of the United States and East Asia, Columbia University; CFR Member

[Stephen Walt](#), Robert and Renee Belfer Professor of International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School; CFR Member

Presider: [Linda Robinson](#), Senior Fellow for Women and Foreign Policy, Council on Foreign Relations

3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. (EDT)

In-Person Coffee Break

3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. (EDT)

Session Three: The Trump Era and the Future of the U.S.-Led Order

Panelists assess how Trump-era policies altered the international system and what comes next for the U.S. role globally.

[Robert Kagan](#), Stephen and Barbara Friedman Senior Fellow for Foreign Policy, Strobe Talbott Center for Security, Strategy, and Technology, Brookings Institution (*speaking virtually*)

[Rebecca Lissner](#), Senior Fellow for U.S. Foreign Policy and Director of the Future of American Strategy Initiative, Council on Foreign Relations

[Leslie Vinjamuri](#), President and Chief Executive Officer, Chicago Council on Global Affairs; CFR Member

Presider: [Gideon Rose](#), Adjunct Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations

4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (EDT)

In-Person Cocktail Reception

This symposium is on the record.

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