

The American Legion and the Harriet Fulbright Institute-INTED invite you to join a panel discussion on

A National Security and Economic Strategy From Transatlantic to Asia - Pacific

"The world is facing new challenges on a daily basis. U.S. relationships from the Transatlantic to Asia-Pacific remain strategic priorities against violent extremists and engagement of the global economy across the world. To lead globally, the U.S. needs above all, allies in these critical regions with whom it can partner. Under a new U.S. administration, it is important to discuss what a realistic vision is for the world's future and how U.S. diplomatic, security, and economic policies can contribute towards these challenges."

We welcome the veteran community and interested parties to participate in Q and A discussions and to hear valuable policy insights from a variety of perspectives.

with

Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering

Vice Chairman
Hills & Company

Ambassador John Berry

President
American Australian Association

Justin Dargin

Oxford University

Moderated by

Charles Sills

Senior Advisor
Eurasia Center

Wednesday, March 1st, 2017
3:00pm – 4:00pm
Cocktail Begins: 4:00pm

Location: The Washington Hilton Hotel
Georgetown Room, Concourse Level
1919 Connecticut Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20009



**Ambassador
Thomas
Pickering**

Thomas R. Pickering is currently vice chair of Hills & Company. Ambassador Thomas Pickering served more than four decades as a U.S. diplomat. Ambassador Pickering served as under secretary of state for political affairs (1997–2000) and as U.S. ambassador to the Russian Federation, India, Israel, El Salvador, Nigeria, and Jordan. He was also U.S. ambassador and representative to the United Nations in New York, where he led the U.S. effort to build a coalition in the UN Security Council during and after the first Gulf War. He has held additional positions in Tanzania, Geneva, and Washington, including as assistant secretary of state for the Bureau of Oceans, Environmental, and Scientific Affairs and as special assistant to Secretaries of State William P. Rogers and Henry A. Kissinger. After retiring from the State Department in 2000, Ambassador Pickering joined the Boeing Company, where he served for five and a half years as senior vice president for international relations. He holds degrees from Bowdoin College, the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and the University of Melbourne and speaks French, Spanish, and Swahili fluently and also Arabic, Hebrew and Russian.



**Ambassador
John
Berry**

John Berry is the President of the American Australian Association. Ambassador John Berry was former US Ambassador to Australia. He had a distinguished 30-year career in the United States government and non-profit sector. He has held leadership positions as the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Director of the Smithsonian National Zoological Park, and Director & CEO of the non-profit National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, in addition to senior positions at the U.S. Departments of Interior and Treasury. Ambassador Berry was born in Maryland. He holds a BA in Government & Politics from the University of Maryland and a MPA from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University in New York.



**Justin
Dargin**

Justin Dargin is one of the world's leading energy experts specializing in energy markets, regional geopolitics, emergent carbon markets and regional industrialization. He is a senior member of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations and is a Middle East-North Africa and Energy Regional head of Oxford University. He was a former Research Fellow with The Dubai Initiative/Harvard University, and he is a Fulbright Scholar on the Middle East/North Africa. He has published over a hundred book chapters and articles. Mr. Dargin sits on a variety of boards, such as the board of directors of the International Energy Foundation, was on the review committee for Fulbright Scholars. He has been featured extensively for his expert opinion on Al Jazeera, Russia Today, the New York Times, and Al Hurra, among other major global media. He is fluent in Spanish, Arabic and English.



**Charles
Sills**

Charles Sills is a Senior Advisor on the Boards of the Eurasia Center and the Eurasia Business Coalition. Mr. Sills has extensive experience planning & directing international industrial and infrastructure initiatives served on the Danube Task Force that ran the Danube Basin Environmental Restoration Program led by the World Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction & Development and the UN Development Program, involving 13 countries from Austria to Moldova; the Japan-U.S. Joint Fund for Social & Economic Development in East/Central Europe; the Helsinki Commission; the Kaliningrad Defense Conversion Initiative; and the NGO Delegation on NAFTA. Mr. Sills served in National Security positions in the Pentagon, the Defense Intelligence Agency (Deputy Director, World Estimates Division), the U.S. Middle East Force Command (based in Bahrain with responsibility for the Persian Gulf/Red Sea/Indian Ocean), and the Supreme Allied Command, NATO/ Atlantic. His education includes an M.A. in Defense & Foreign Policy, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (Tufts & Harvard Universities); and an A.B., Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs.