

Global Strategy Group Meeting

Washington, 21-22 May 2003

Agenda

WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY	
15.00	Welcome
15.30-17:15	<p>Session One</p> <p>From the Global Economy to the Global Political Economy?</p> <p>In the second part of the 1990s, macroeconomics was supposed to have relegated geopolitics to almost a sideshow. We seem to day to see the reverse, where the interaction of changing politics on the world economy seems more relevant than ever. Does this herald a lasting new trend? What happens to the Doha talks in this light?</p>
17:15-17:30	Break
17:30-19:30	<p>Session Two</p> <p>The Future of US Power</p> <p>Is the American population and/or establishment ready for the unfettered responsibilities that come with unchallenged power? What profound changes do countries and international institutions have to make to adjust to new geopolitical realities? In particular, what is the future (if any) of multilateralism? From where will checks and balances to American power eventually emerge? From Europe (?), from China at a later stage, or from the Islamic World?</p>

20:00-22:30	<p>Dinner and Session Three</p> <p>China, North Korea, and Asia</p> <p>What does China's attitude over the Iraq War (arguably, extraordinary discretion was manifested) tell us about China's priorities and how China is taking into account the balance of power in the world? SARS also appears to be illustrating that traditional ways of running things in China have become obsolete. But what is changing – and also not changing – and with what implications for developments in China and in the Asian region? Finally, to what extent will the North Korean crisis be a key factor in reorienting the strategic map in Asia?</p>
THURSDAY, 22 MAY	
08.30-10:30	<p>Session Four</p> <p>What Comes Next in the Arab World?</p> <p>1) Scenarios for developments in Iraq: Is there any realistic timeline for Iraq? How will the rise of Shiite power be managed?</p> <p>2) What developments to expect in Arab states following the Iraq War? A boost for reform, a spur to Moslem radicalism? How will the process of realignment in the Arab world evolve?</p> <p>3) What realistic prospects are there for the Israeli-Palestinian roadmap?</p>
10:50-13:15	<p>Session Five</p> <p>What Course for Europe after Iraq?</p> <p>1) How will the politics of the EU countries affect the transatlantic relationship?</p> <p>2) Is Europe going à la carte? What credibility for the EU Convention outcome?</p> <p>3) The trend towards the demise of Euro-tools: What is left of the Stability Pact? How can European governments muster the energy for structural reforms? How can they re-create tools to fight the recession?</p>
13:15-14:15	<p>Concluding Remarks over Lunch</p>