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**Afghanistan and the Clash of Civilizations:
Insights from *Wall Street Journal* columnist Bret Stephens**

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Overview: Bret Stephens will consider the regional implications of the war in Afghanistan and the impact of Iranian elections, the chaos in Pakistan's western frontier, and the changing dynamics in the Central Asian republics on international support for the fragile alliance in Kabul.

Speaker Biography: Bret Stephens

Mr. Stephens writes the *Wall Street Journal's* "Global View" column on foreign affairs, which runs every Tuesday in the U.S. and is also published in the European and Asian editions of the paper. He is a member of the Journal's editorial board, and has previously worked for the paper as an op-ed editor in New York and as an editorial writer in Brussels for *The Wall Street Journal Europe*. From March 2002 to October 2004 Mr. Stephens was editor-in-chief of *The Jerusalem Post*, a position he assumed at age 28. At the Post, he was responsible for the paper's news and editorial divisions. He also wrote a weekly column. In 2004, Mr. Stephens was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum, where he is also a media fellow. He is the recipient of a prize for commentary from the South Asian Journalists Association for his coverage of the 2005 earthquake in Kashmir, and of the Frank Knox Media Award for his coverage of U.S. military affairs. He is the 2008 winner of the Eric Breindel Award for Excellence in Journalism. Mr. Stephens has reported stories from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Gaza, Lebanon, Indonesia and Egypt, among other places, and interviewed dozens of world leaders, including George W. Bush, Condoleezza Rice, Vaclav Havel, and Benazir Bhutto. Raised in Mexico City and educated at The University of Chicago and the London School of Economics, Mr. Stephens lives in New York City with his wife and their children.

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