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A CONVERSATION WITH
**HE THE HON DR
KEVIN RUDD**

**AUSTRALIA'S AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S.
& 26TH PRIME MINISTER**

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JIM SCIUTTO
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Our mission - to create a community empowered by global engagement, informed discourse, and access to powerful leaders - has never been more important than it is today. Thank you for joining us this evening and thank you for all your support.

SCHEDULE

5:30 PM	WELCOME RECEPTION <i>Location: Atrium</i>
6:00 PM	INTRODUCTIONS Megan Torrey , CEO, World Affairs Council of Connecticut Jeffrey Nichols , Executive Director, Mark Twain House & Museum Sarah Mears , Executive Director, F135 Global Solutions ICS, Pratt & Whitney
6:05 PM	KEYNOTE DISCUSSION HE the Hon Dr Kevin Rudd AC , Australia's Ambassador to the United States and 26 th Prime Minister of Australia <i>Moderated by</i> Jim Sciutto , CNN's Chief National Security Analyst & Anchor of <i>The Brief</i> with Jim Sciutto
6:45 PM	AUDIENCE Q+A
7:00 PM	EVENT CONCLUDES <i>Opportunity for book signing in the Atrium</i>

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**HE THE HON DR
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AMBASSADOR TO
THE UNITED STATES**

HE the Hon Dr Kevin Rudd AC is Australia's Ambassador to the United States of America, taking up his posting in Washington in March 2023.

Ambassador Rudd served as Australia's twenty-sixth Prime Minister from 2007 to 2010, then as Minister for Foreign Affairs, before a second term as Prime Minister in 2013. He was Member for Griffith in the Australian Parliament from 1998 to 2013.

Since leaving government, Ambassador Rudd has resided in the United States where he is recognised as a leading analyst of China. In 2015, he became inaugural President of the Asia Society Policy Institute in New York. In 2020, he was appointed President and CEO of the Asia Society globally and, in 2022, he founded the Asia Society Policy Institute's Center for China Analysis. In 2019, Ambassador Rudd was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia for eminent service to Indigenous reconciliation, innovative economic initiatives, and major policy reform, and through senior advisory roles with international organisations.

Ambassador Rudd holds honorary positions at the Atlantic Council and Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington DC; the Asia Society, Schwartzman Scholars and Bloomberg New Economy Forum in New York; the Paulson Institute in Chicago; the Paris School of International Affairs at Sciences Po in Paris, France; the Chancellor Helmut Schmidt Foundation in Hamburg, Germany; and Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House in Canberra. He is founder and co-chair of an Australian charity, the National Apology Foundation, and a trustee of the Cathedral of St John the Divine in New York City.

Ambassador Rudd started his diplomatic career in 1981 with postings to Beijing and Stockholm. In 1988, he was appointed Chief of Staff to the Hon Wayne Goss and served him as Premier of Queensland. He was Director-General of the Cabinet Office in Queensland from 1991 to 1995, and Senior China Consultant for KPMG from 1996 to 1998.

Ambassador Rudd graduated with Honours in Asian Studies from the Australian National University and received his PhD from Oxford University in 2022. He also studied at National Taiwan Normal University in Taipei.

Ambassador Rudd is accompanied on his posting by his wife, Thérèse Rein.

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Jim Sciutto is CNN's chief national security analyst and anchor of The Brief with Jim Sciutto weekdays at 6pmET on CNN International and CNN Max.

Sciutto reports and provides analysis on all aspects of U.S. national security including foreign policy, the military, intelligence community and the State Department.

Throughout his career, he has reported from more than 50 countries across the globe including dozens of assignments from inside Iraq, Afghanistan and Iran, as well as multiple assignments in Ukraine and the Middle East.

Sciutto is the author of four books, including the New York Times Bestseller, *The Return of Great Powers: Russia, China and the Next World War*, published in 2024 by Dutton Books, which examines the breakdown of a decades-old international order among the world's strongest powers. He also wrote *The Shadow*

War, published in 2019, on Russian and Chinese efforts to undermine the U.S., and an inside look at President Trump's foreign policy, entitled *The Madman Theory: Trump Takes on the World*, published in 2020, both by Harper Collins. His first book, *Against Us: The New Face of America's Enemies in the Muslim World*, analyzes the driving forces behind Islamic radicalization.

Among the honors Sciutto's work has earned are the duPont-Colombia Award, Emmy Awards, the Edward R. Murrow Award, the George Polk Award and the White House Correspondence Association's Merriman Smith Award for excellence in presidential coverage.

Prior to joining CNN, Sciutto served as ABC News' senior foreign correspondent, based in London, and the Hong Kong-based correspondent for Asia Business News. Sciutto began his career as the moderator and producer of a weekly public affairs talk show on PBS.

Sciutto has also served as chief of staff and senior advisor to the U.S. Ambassador to China, Gary Locke. He is a graduate of Yale University, where he studied Chinese history, and was a Fulbright Fellow in Hong Kong. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and an associate fellow at Pierson College at Yale. Sciutto was appointed a Senior Fellow at Yale Jackson School of Global Affairs.

Sciutto is married to Gloria Riviera-Sciutto, a journalist and podcaster. They have three children and live in Washington, DC.

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This event is the keynote event of the Global Security Forum Series 2025 (GSF2025). GSF2025 expanded from a one-day gathering into a dynamic series of in-person and virtual events. The theme of GSF2025 is Unraveling Order. We explore the edge of uncertainty - the threats that emerge when norms collapse and the opportunities that arise when power shifts. GSF2025 gathers the world's top leaders and minds to ask: when certainty collapses, what comes next?

EVENTS



OPENING EVENT: CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF THE U.S. NAVY

The opening event of GSF25 was a special celebration of the 250 anniversary of the U.S. Navy with leadership and the crew of the USS Hartford, September 24, Hartford



OFF-THE-RECORD INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING

LTG Robert Ashley, Jr. (U.S. Army, Ret.), 21st Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
Moderated by MG Garret Yee (U.S. Army, Ret), October 7, Virtual Event



THREAT OF NUCLEAR ANARCHY

With Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins, Former Undersecretary of State for Arms Control & International Security Affairs
October 20, Virtual Event



BEHIND THE HEADLINES: RUSSIA, CHINA, AND THE U.S.

With David Sanger, Chief White House & National Security Correspondent for The New York Times, October 22, Hartford



NEIGHBORS AND ALLIES: H.E. ESTEBAN MOCTEZUMA BARRAGÁN, AMBASSADOR OF MEXICO TO THE U.S.

November 6, Hartford



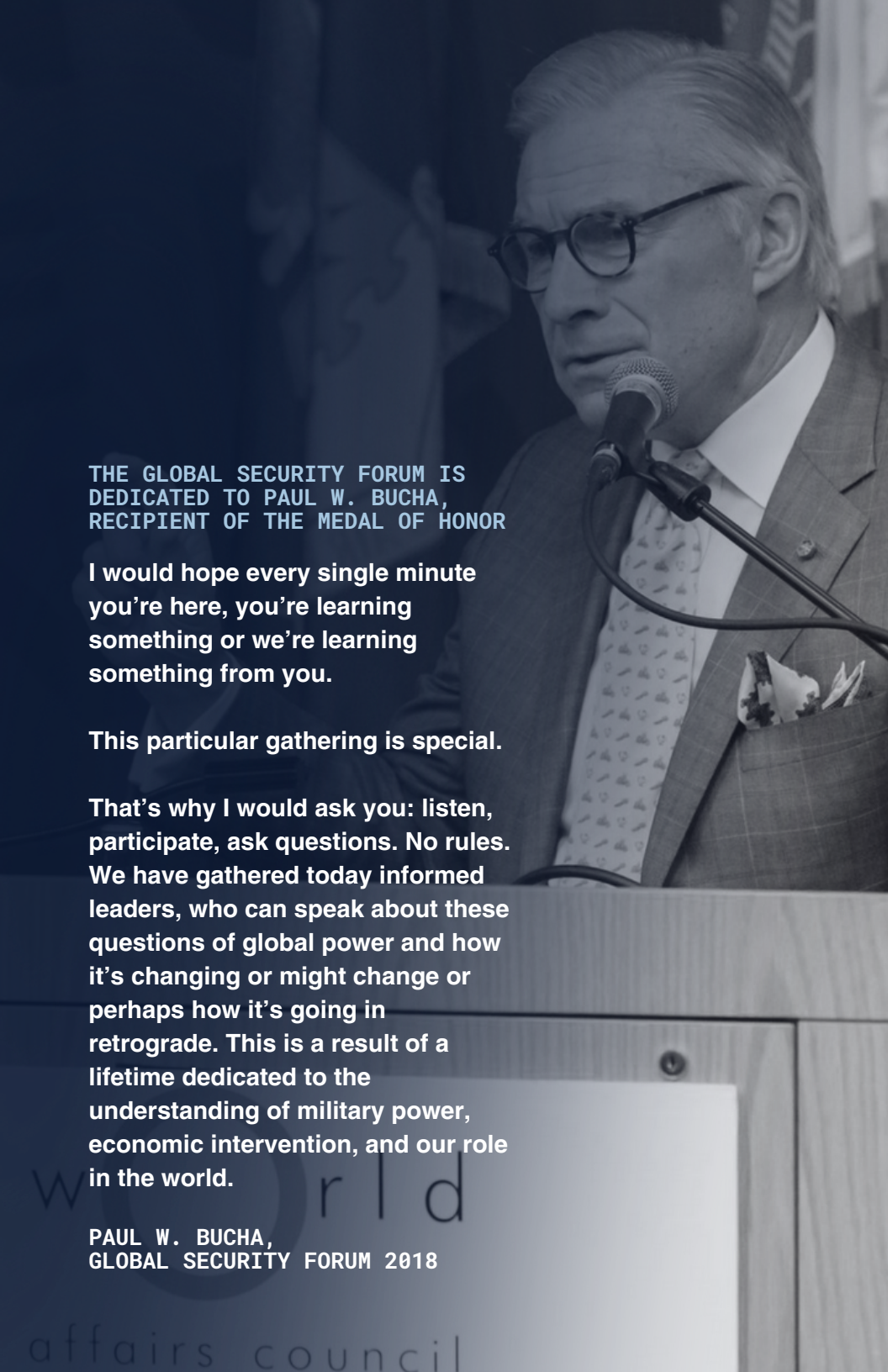
AUTOCRATS VS DEMOCRATS: THE NEW GLOBAL DISORDER

With Ambassador Michael McFaul, former U.S. Ambassador to Russia
November 12, Virtual Event

KEYNOTE EVENT

CHINA'S RISE AND THE FUTURE WORLD ORDER

HE The Hon Dr. Kevin Rudd, AC, Amb. of Australia to the U.S. and 26th Prime Minister
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A black and white photograph of Paul W. Bucha, a man with glasses and a mustache, wearing a suit and tie, speaking into a microphone at a podium. The background is dark and out of focus.

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RECIPIENT OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR

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you're here, you're learning
something or we're learning
something from you.

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That's why I would ask you: listen,
participate, ask questions. No rules.
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leaders, who can speak about these
questions of global power and how
it's changing or might change or
perhaps how it's going in
retrograde. This is a result of a
lifetime dedicated to the
understanding of military power,
economic intervention, and our role
in the world.

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