

Politics Aside is a week away – the post–election convening at the RAND Santa Monica headquarters. We’ve developed a compelling program that focuses on “Threats: Real and Imagined” bringing together leaders from government, the military, the private sector, journalism and academia.

The event begins **Thursday evening, November 15, 2012** and concludes **midday on November 17, 2012**. A pass for the three–day event is **\$2,500**. If the program conflicts with your schedule, the day rate for Friday is **\$1,000 per person**, and for Thursday evening or Saturday morning it is **\$500 per person**.

[Register for Politics Aside](#)

Call **800–757–4618** to reserve weekend or day passes.

[Politics Aside 2012 at a Glance](#)

On Thursday evening we will have a reception and program at Sony Studios, featuring **Admiral Dennis Blair**, **Ambassador James Dobbins** and Google Executive Chairman **Eric Schmidt** setting the stage for the full event with a discussion on *Threats: Real and Imagined*.

On Friday, we will be at RAND covering a wide range of topics and programs, including a Friday evening panel on Hollywood and Policy with **Michael Lynton**, CEO of Sony Entertainment and **Howard Gordon**, co–creator of *Homeland*, **David Nevins** of Showtime, and actor **Michael Sheen** of *Frost/Nixon* and *The Queen* looking at how entertainment influences policy and public diplomacy.

Other confirmed panelists and speakers for Friday include: **Sheila Bair**, 19th Chairperson of the U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC); **General Peter Chiarelli**, former United States Army General and former Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army; **Admiral Dennis Blair**, former U.S. Director of National Intelligence; **Kenneth Feinberg**, Special Master for TARP Executive Compensation; **William Frist**, former Senate Majority Leader; **Edmund Phelps**, 2006 Nobel Prize Winner in Economics; **Robert Hormats**, U.S. Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment; **Karen Elliott House**, author of *On Saudi Arabia: Its People, Past, Religion, Fault Lines—and Future*; **HRH Prince Turki Bin Faisal Al Saud**, Chairman, King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies; and **Arthur Levitt**, former Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission.

On Saturday morning, **Kent Kresa** will interview former Secretary of Defense, **Harold Brown**, about security of America over the past 60 years. **Michael Portillo** will talk about where leadership will come from, based on the issues discussed over the course of the 3 days. Our audience is an important part of the overall *Politics Aside* experience, and we hope you will consider being a part of the conversation. The proceeds from the event support RAND’s program for investment in people and ideas – our mechanism for ensuring our work and our people can reach beyond the four corners of a report to make a difference in policymaking and practice.

If you are interested in joining us, please let me know and we will make arrangements with you/your offices. I’ve also attached a hard copy of a reply card that you can return to us with a note that you are accepting this invitation for a day pass.

Best, Charlie Windisch-Graetz, C4 Global Communications charlie@c4global.com



We've been captivated by the election for months now. But Election Day has passed, and it is time to turn from the election to the issues.

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RAND's *Politics Aside* event starts November 15th with three newsmaker interviews:

- U.S. Navy **Admiral Dennis Blair**, former director of the National Intelligence Agency
- **Ambassador James Dobbins**, of RAND
- And a new addition to the event: **Eric Schmidt**, Google executive chairman, discussing the intersection of technology, foreign policy, and world events.

While we were looking at polls and predictions, the *Politics Aside* team was adding more presenters to the agenda. The updated schedule and roster of presenters are online at www.rand.org/politicsaside. Take a look. We are sure you will agree that we've assembled all the ingredients of a stimulating series of conversations.

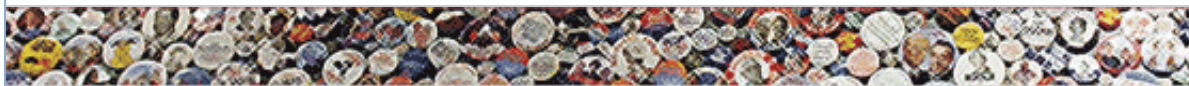
You can still [register online](#) or by calling the team at RAND at (800) 757-4618 — this includes new day passes for those who can't join us for all of the conversations.

We look forward to seeing you next week.



Michael Lynton and Ann Korologos
Politics Aside Cochairs

Politics Aside is a postelection event that engages policymakers, opinion leaders, philanthropists, and RAND's leading thinkers in a nonpartisan examination of pressing policy challenges.



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