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The Great Rivalry

Great Powers, Politics & Strategy in the New Middle East

The Middle East is in turmoil and that turmoil is producing international tremors. Understanding the strategies deployed by the world's major powers such as the US, China, Russia, and many in Europe, is therefore a priority. Spurred by a strange brew of self- and international interests, international interventions are simultaneously pressuring and empowering new strata of local and regional actors that will certainly shape the coming decades. This session navigates contemporary uncertainties and seeks clarity for what is at stake, levels of commitment and emerging and disintegrating alliances.

When Thursday, 28 April 2016, 1445-1800h (2:45 pm-6:00 pm)
Where Refettorio Hall, Palazzo San Macuto, Chamber of Deputies,
Via del Seminario 76, Rome

Session 1 Introduction and Keynote Speech

1445-1500h	Registration
1500h	Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hon. Renzo Carella, Member of Parliament, Italy• Dr. Mitchell Belfer, President, EGIC• Dr. Tiberio Graziani, President, ISAG
1530h	Keynote Speech <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anthony Cordesman, Center for Strategic and International Studies
1600-1630h	Networking Break

Session 2 The Panel Session

1630-1730h	Cinzia Bianco, Middle East Analyst, EGIC <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Andrea Gilli, Post-Doc Researcher, Metropolitan University Prague <i>New Technologies and the Military Balance in the Middle East</i>• Prof. Nikolay Kozhanov, Non-Resident Fellow, Carnegie Moscow Centre <i>Russian Foreign Policy in the Middle East: Main Drivers and Top Priorities</i>• Dr. Michal Meidan, Associate Fellow, Asia Programme, Chatham House <i>China and the Middle East: Where Empires Fear to Tread</i>• Dr. Valeria Ruggiu, Director, North Africa and Near East Programme, ISAG <i>The EU in Search for a New Role in the Middle East</i>
1730-1800h	Open Discussion

To participate in this event, it is mandatory to register your participation at [this link](#). Black tie and smart dress is required. Registration will be available until seats are full.