

Democracy Promotion Under Obama: The Complexities of Reengagement



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About the Lecture: Among the many foreign policy challenges President Barak Obama inherited from his predecessor, restoring the credibility of U.S. democracy promotion is one of the most complex. What have the new president and his foreign policy team done so far on this front? What opportunities exist for U.S. democracy promotion in a world where democratic retreat is as common as democratic advance? Can a new line on democracy be reconciled with the broader Obama policy of diplomatic reengagement, which entails reaching out to undemocratic regimes, like those in Russia and Iran?

About the Speaker: Thomas Carothers is vice president for studies and director of the Democracy and Rule of Law Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, based in Washington, D.C. Widely recognized as a leading international authority on democracy promotion, he is the author or editor of eight books on democracy and rule of law promotion, including most recently *Confronting the Weakest Link: Aiding Political Parties in New Democracies* and *Promoting the Rule of Law Abroad: In Search of Knowledge*.

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