

# Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program

Lauder Institute

University of Pennsylvania

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**Dear Friends, Colleagues and Partners:**

I am pleased to provide you with the details on the Go To Launch and “Why Think Tanks Are More Important Today Than Ever Before” (see details below)

Please use the links provided below to confirm your participation in 2016 Global Go To Think Tank Index Launch January 26, 2017 in Washington, DC at CSIS and in New York at the Asia Society.

**DC Go To Index Launch Event announcement announcement:**

<https://www.csis.org/events/2016-global-go-launch-why-are-think-tanks-more-important-ever>

**New York Go to Index Launch Event Announcement:**

<http://asiasociety.org/new-york/events/policymaking-turbulent-times-role-think-tanks>

Both Programs will be moderated in a dynamic Davos format by journalist from the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times.

These two events will be held in tandem with locally developed and organized programs in over 70 cities around world. This annual event provides the think tank community the opportunity to demonstrate the unique and critical role it plays in civil societies and governments in 182 countries.

I will participate in both of these events and will say a few words to mark the 10 anniversary of the Global Go To Think Tank Index.

Once again thanks for helping us increase the capacity, performance and impact of think tanks around the world.

Have a very healthy, peaceful and productive 2017.

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## Schedule of Events

**Go To Launch and Why Think Tanks Are More Important Than Ever Before**

**Thursday, January 26, 2017**

**Washington DC and New York**

**January 26, 2017 Washington, DC**

**9 – 10:30AM**

*Why Think Tanks Are More Important Than Ever Before\**

**Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)**

**Time: 9:00-10:30am**

**Location:** 1616 Rhode Island Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20036

Registration Link: <https://www.csis.org/events/2016-global-go-launch-why-are-think-tanks-more-important-ever>

Featuring

**Jane Harman**

Director, President and CEO, Wilson Center

**Edwin J. Feulner**

Former President of The Heritage Foundation, Founder and Chairman  
of the Heritage Asian Studies Center

John J. Hamre

President and CEO, CSIS

Moderated by

**Jay Solomon**

Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent, The Wall Street Journal

\*We are expecting a capacity crowd so please plan to arrive by 8:30am so the Program can begin promptly at 9am

**January 26, 2017 New York, New York**

**6 – 7:30PM**

## **Policymaking in Turbulent Times: The Role of Think Tanks**

**Asia Society\***

**Time:** 6:00pm-7:30pm

**Location:**

725 Park Avenue

New York, NY 10021

**Registration Link:** <http://asiasociety.org/new-york/events/policymaking-turbulent-times-role-think-tanks>

Featuring

**Brian Finlay**

President and CEO, The Stimson Center

**Ambassador Cameron Munter**

Chief Executive Officer and President of the EastWest Institute.

**The Hon. Kevin Rudd**

President of the Asia Society Policy Institute

**Aaron Shull**

Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel for the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI)

Moderated by

**Alessandra Stanley**

Author and longtime New York Times reporter, foreign correspondent

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