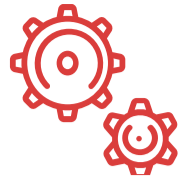


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# The US Mission in Afghanistan: A First-Hand Account

After twenty years, more than two trillion dollars spent, and more than two hundred thousand lives lost, the United States officially completed its withdrawal from Afghanistan on 30 August. The Taliban are back in power and the world waits to see what comes next. With a unique experience of extensive and recent service in Afghanistan and the US Department of Defense, Frederick A. Schulze will offer in-depth insight into the conduct of the US mission in Afghanistan and the dynamics behind the recent events. His talk will focus on the strengths and weaknesses of the train, advise, and assist mission he helped lead; challenges of operating in a combined (US/NATO/PFP/GIROA) environment; perspectives on what a future Afghanistan might look like; and the lessons hopefully learned for the future.

## **SPEAKER**

**Frederick A. Schulze**

US Department of Defense official (retired)

**Frederick A. Schulze** recently retired from the US government as the Director for Continuity Operations in support of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Global Security. He served in Afghanistan from August 2018 to December 2019, where he was part of the Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (CSTC-A) whose mission was to train, advise, and assist the Afghanistan National Defense Security Force. Mr. Schulze also coordinated the reduction of US, NATO, and Partnership for Peace (PFP) forces. He graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1979, and earned master's degrees from the Naval War College in national security and strategic studies, and from Boston University in international relations.

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