



Managing Abroad with Gridlock at Home: *National Security Politics and Policy in Washington*

Strategic decisions on war, peace and budgets are increasingly distorted by fierce divisions between political parties and rival ideological camps. Ploughshares Fund President Joe Cirincione and Executive Director Naila Bolus will use their combined 50 years of experience in Washington national security policy to explain the struggles over Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, nuclear weapons, and the emergence of China. They believe there is reason for optimism: a growing bipartisan consensus on many of these issues, obscured by the political battles.



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Joseph Cirincione joined Ploughshares Fund as president in March 2008. He is author of *Bomb Scare: The History and Future of Nuclear Weapons* and served previously as senior vice president for national security and international policy at the Center for American Progress and as director for nonproliferation at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace for eight years. He worked for nine years in the U.S. House of Representatives as a professional staff member of the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Government Operations, and served as staff director of the bipartisan Military Reform Caucus. He teaches at the Georgetown University Graduate School of Foreign Service and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. In the past two years has delivered over 150 speeches around the world and appeared in the 2006 award-winning documentary, *Why We Fight*. Cirincione is an expert advisor to the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States, chaired by former Secretary of Defense William J. Perry and former Secretary of Energy and Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger. He also serves as a member of the Advisory Committee to the Commission on the Prevention of WMD Proliferation and Terrorism, headed by former Senator Bob Graham (D-FL) and former Senator Jim Talent (R-MO).



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