
The Changing Middle East

Implications for Regional and Global Politics

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

8:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Millennium UN Plaza Hotel, Ballroom (2nd Floor)

One United Nations Plaza, 44th Street between First and Second Avenue

New York, NY 10017

Background

The recent turmoil in the Middle East has added an unsettled new dynamic to the long-standing policy challenges in the region. Against the backdrop of perennial concerns about Iran's nuclear ambitions and capabilities and the Middle East peace process, key regional and international actors are grappling with how to address these new instabilities while assuring regional allies and domestic constituencies that the new dynamic does not need to lead to a further, and possibly irreparable, escalation of tension. And as the U.S. presidential election draws near, President Obama faces a daunting task of balancing election year politics, securing U.S. interests in a shifting Middle East while guaranteeing Israel's security, and de-escalating tensions with Iran through the framework of the P5+1 negotiations.

Purpose

Although the confrontational rhetoric has eased somewhat with the resumption of the P5+1 talks with Iran on its nuclear program, de-escalation – on all sides – will not come easily. Progress is often fleeting. Domestic politics in key states, including the U.S., Russia, Israel, Turkey, Iran, and Egypt, further complicate the search for viable means to lower tensions in the Middle East. These concerns are likely to continue to consume significant diplomatic energy at the United Nations across several committees. To help clarify the key issues and explore policy options in the region, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung New York and the EastWest Institute will host a workshop in July 2012 with experts from and on the region. The objective is to engage the New York policy community and foster a dialogue that looks beyond the common rhetoric to what the international community and regional actors might do.

Format

The event is planned as a half-day workshop with three panel discussions. The targeted audience will be UN diplomats and the New York-based academic and policy-making community as well as interested media, some 60-80 people in total. The debate will be on the record.

Final Program (as of July 2, 2012, all speakers are confirmed)

8:45 – 9:15 a.m. **Breakfast and Sign-In**

9:15 – 9:30 a.m. **Welcome:**
Werner Puschra, Executive Director, FES New York

09:30 – 11:00 a.m. **Panel 1:**
**Unfinished Transformations in the Middle East and their Effect on the
Regional Security Dynamic**

For Israel, already facing new tensions with Egypt and Turkey, its two most important regional allies, the wave of domestic unrest in the Middle East meant new security challenges and injected greater uncertainty into the regional dynamics. Continuing Western suspicions about the intentions of the Iranian nuclear program further intensified the sense of urgency that the Middle East was at a tipping point. Moreover, the recent unrest has fed into the historical competition over the strategic balance in the Persian Gulf with possibly dramatic consequences for the U.S. strategy in the region.

Moderator: **Robin Wright**, United States Institute of Peace-Wilson Center
Distinguished Scholar

Speakers: **Gökhan Bacik**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics, Zirve
University, Turkey
Tamim Khallaf, Diplomat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt
Dan Arbell, Minister for Political Affairs, the Embassy of Israel in
Washington D.C
Salman Shaikh, Director, Brookings Doha Center and Fellow, the Saban
Center for Middle East Policy, Brookings

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **Coffee break**

11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. **Panel 2:**
**The Two-Level Game: How are Current Domestic Politics Affecting
Foreign Policy Decision-making?**

With the domestic political environment being a crucial factor affecting foreign policy decision making, the stakes for all governments are high. The speakers will explore the difficulties that policymakers in the U.S., Israel, Egypt and Iran are having in balancing domestic pressures and expectations with the changing realities in the Middle East.

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- Moderator: **Jeffrey Laurenti**, Senior Fellow, The Century Foundation
- Speakers: **Abdul-Monem Al-Mashat**, Dean, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Future University, Egypt
Isobel Coleman, Senior Fellow and Director of the Civil Society, Markets, and Democracy Initiative, Council on Foreign Relations
Trita Parsi, President, National Iranian American Council
Ephraim Sneh, Chair, S. Daniel Abraham Center for Strategic Dialogue, Netanya Academic College
- 12:45 – 1:15 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:15 – 2:45 p.m. **Panel 3:
Chances for Rapprochement: What Role for Multilateral Initiatives?**
- The recently re-started negotiations between Iran and the Permanent 5 members of the Security Council and Germany have helped to de-escalate tension in the region—but continued progress is far from certain. And these talks alone are not a sufficient guarantee of long term security. Alternative and more encompassing approaches that take into consideration the broader security demands of the wider region need to be considered. This includes processes affiliated with the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in the form of the proposal for a zone free of weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East. A robust regional agreement could usher in intra-regional cooperation, ultimately building the foundations of lasting peace in the region.
- Moderator: **Ambassador Abdullah M. Alsaïdi**, Senior Fellow, International Peace Institute
- Speakers: **Avner Cohen**, Senior Fellow, the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Monterey Institute of International Studies
Ambassador Seyed Hossein Mousavian, Research Scholar, Program on Science and Global Security, Princeton University
Rolf Mützenich, Member of the German Parliament (Bundestag), Social Democratic Party (SPD), and SPD’s Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Spokesperson
Ambassador Aapo Pöhlhø, Personal Deputy to the Facilitator on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and All Other Weapons of Mass Destruction
- 2:45 – 3:00 p.m. **Workshop Wrap-Up:
Andrew Nagorski**, Vice President, EastWest Institute

Speaker Biographies

09:15-09:30 a.m. **Welcome**



Werner Puschra, *Executive Director, FES New York*

Dr. Werner Puschra is the Executive Director of the New York office of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung. Previously, he was the Head of the Africa Department at FES Headquarters in Bonn. He also served as resident director of the foundation's field offices in Peru (1986-1990), South Korea (1990 – 1994) and Egypt (1994 – 2000). He holds an MA in Economics and a Ph.D. in Political Science from the Free University of Berlin.

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Panel 1:
Unfinished Transformations in the Middle East and their Effect on the Regional Security Dynamic

Moderator:



Robin Wright, *United States Institute of Peace-Wilson Center Distinguished Scholar*

Robin Wright is a journalist, author and foreign policy analyst. She is currently a USIP Senior Fellow-Wilson Center Distinguished Scholar. During her fellowship, Wright has worked on three books:

“Rock the Cashbah: Rage and Rebellion across the Islamic world” (2011)

“The Iran Primer: Power, Politics and U.S. Policy” (2010)

“The Islamists are Coming: Who They Really Are” (2012)

Her projects explore new trends in the Islamic world--the Arab revolts, the rise of political Islam and the counter-jihad against extremism. She also identifies issues that will define the next decade, when the Middle East's transformation will be a major policy challenge for the United States and the West.

Wright has reported from more than 140 countries on six continents for The Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, The Sunday Times of London, CBS News and The Christian Science Monitor. She won the National Magazine Award for The New Yorker. She has also written for The Atlantic Monthly, The New York Times Magazine, TIME, The Wall Street Journal, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, The International Herald Tribune and many others. Her foreign tours include the Middle East, Europe, Africa and several years as a roving foreign correspondent in Latin America and Asia. She most recently covered U.S. foreign policy for The Washington Post. Besides a long career in journalism, Wright has been a fellow at the Brookings Institution, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Yale University, Duke University, Stanford University, the University of California at Santa Barbara, and the University of Southern California. Wright received her M.A. and B.A. from the University of Michigan.

Speakers:



Gökhan Bacik, *Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics, Zirve University, Turkey*

Gökhan Bacik is an assistant professor of international relations at Fatih University. Bacik also taught in different European Universities as Erasmus Visiting Professor. He is the author of *September 11 and World Politics* (2004), *Modern International System: Genealogy, Teleology and the Expansion*. (2007) He also published in *Middle East Policy*, *International Review of Sociology*, *The Muslim World*, *Arab Studies Quarterly*, *Peace Review*, *Turkish Studies*, *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*.



Tamim Khallaf, *Diplomat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt*

Tamim Khallaf has served as a diplomat in the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the past 10 years focusing on international security, disarmament, and nonproliferation issues. He currently works in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for Disarmament Affairs and previously served in Egypt's Mission to the United Nations in Geneva. Prior to joining the Ministry, he served in the Office of the former Secretary General of the League of Arab States. Mr. Khallaf received a Master of Science (MSc) in International Relations from the London School of Economics and a Master of Arts (MA) in Political Science from the American University in Cairo. His thesis focused on the interplay between ultra Orthodox Judaism and secularism in Israeli domestic politics. He was a Fellow at Harvard University's 'Weatherhead Center for International Affairs' and a Visiting Fellow at the 'James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies' at the Monterey Institute of International Studies in California. He was selected by the World Economic Forum as a Young Global Leader in April 2011, an honor bestowed on young leaders worldwide under the age of 40 for their professional accomplishments, commitment to society, and potential in public leadership.



Dan Arbell, *Minister for Political Affairs, the Embassy of Israel in Washington D.C*

Dan Arbell is Minister for Political Affairs at the Embassy of Israel in Washington D.C. and until very recently served for two and a half years as Ambassador Michael Oren's 2nd in command at the Embassy (Deputy Chief of Mission). He is a 24 year veteran of the Israeli Foreign Service, serving in senior posts overseas in the UN, the US and Japan, and holding senior positions at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Headquarters in Jerusalem. Notably he was Ambassador Itamar Rabinovich's Chief of Staff and a member of Israel's negotiating team with Syria between 1993-1996 and DCM (No.2) at the Israeli Embassy in Tokyo, Japan (2001-2005) and back in Jerusalem (2005-2009) before moving to Washington was Acting Head of the North America division at MFA. He holds a Master's degree (MA) from Hebrew University in Jerusalem in Political Science and a Bachelor's degree (BA) from Hebrew University in World History and Political Science. His main areas of expertise are the US-Israel relations, Israel's strategic environment and challenges and Israel's place in the changing Middle East. Dan is married to Sarit and together they have four children.



Salman Shaikh, *Director of the Brookings Doha Center and fellow at the Saban Center for Middle East Policy, Brookings*

Salman Shaikh is director of the Brookings Doha Center and fellow at the Saban Center for Middle East Policy. He previously held a number of positions at the United Nations, primarily related to Middle East policy, including as special assistant to the UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process. He also served as director for policy and research at the office of H.H. Sheikha Mozah Bin Nasser Al Missned, Consort of the Emir of Qatar.

11:15 a.m. -12:45 p.m.

Panel 2:

The Two-Level Game: How are Current Domestic Politics Affecting Foreign Policy Decision-making?

Moderator:



Jeffrey Laurenti, *Senior Fellow, The Century Foundation*

Jeffrey Laurenti is senior fellow at The Century Foundation and works on issues relating to international law and institutions, the United Nations and related agencies, the maintenance of international peace and security, and the politics of American foreign policy. He has served as director for TCF's international task force on Afghanistan in its regional and multilateral dimensions and as co-director of TCF's peace and security initiative with the Center for American Progress. He is the author of numerous monographs on subjects such as international peace and security, terrorism, U.N. reform, international law and justice, and other issues dealt with by the multilateral system. He was executive director of policy studies at the United Nations Association of the United States until 2003, and then served seven years on the association's Board of Directors. He also served as deputy director of the United Nations Foundation's United Nations and Global Security initiative, which provided inputs to the work on international security of the High-Level Panel on Threats, Challenges, and Change commissioned by U.N. secretary-general Kofi Annan. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He was candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives from New Jersey in 1986, has advised several presidential campaigns, and from 1978 to 1984 was executive director of the New Jersey Senate. At TCF he has been the coeditor of *Breaking the Nuclear Impasse: New Prospects for Security against Weapons Threats* (The Century Foundation Press, 2007) and *Power and Superpower: Global Leadership and Exceptionalism in the 21st Century* (The Century Foundation Press and the Center for American Progress, 2007) and his articles and analysis have appeared in the *Christian Science Monitor*, the *Washington Post*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and on National Public Radio, as well as numerous international policy journals and media. Graduated Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude in government from Harvard University, he earned his masters in public affairs from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He speaks Spanish, Italian, French, and Portuguese.

Speakers:



Abdul-Monem Al-Mashat, *Dean, Faculty of Economics & Political Science, Future University, Egypt*

Future University (on leave from Cairo University), former Coordinator- TEMPUS Project, Diploma Public Policy and Child Rights, Professor of Political Science and former Director, Center for Political Research and Studies, Faculty of Economics and Political Science (FEPS), Cairo University. He is the Director of Cairo Center for the Culture of Democracy (CCCD). Between 1998- 2005, he served as Scholarships Administrator, The Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program (JJ/WBGSP) and the Robert S. McNamara Fellowships Program (RSMFP), The World Bank, Washington DC, USA. Between 1995- 1998, he was Cultural and Educational Counselor and Director, Egyptian Cultural and Educational Bureau (ECEB), the Embassy of Egypt, Washington, DC. He also served between 1994- 1995 as Vice Dean, Faculty of Economics and Political Science (FEPS), Cairo University. He served as a member of the Supreme Council of Culture in Egypt, Member, Advisory Board, Association of Egyptian-American Scholars, USA, Member, Advisory Board, Al-Hewar Center, Vienna, Virginia, former member of the First Circle of the Supreme Administrative Court for Political Parties, State Council, and member of the Accreditation Council of Political and Economic Studies, the Supreme Council of Universities. He served as Editing Advisor, Al-Dostour News Paper (2010/2011). He attended numerous international conferences and is the author of many publications both in Arabic and English in the fields of Political Science, human security studies, democratization process and education policy. He holds Ph.D. in Political Science, from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, May 1982, M.A. and BA in Political Science from FEPS in 1975 and 1970 respectively.



Isobel Coleman, *Senior Fellow and Director of the Civil Society, Markets, and Democracy Initiative, Council on Foreign Relations*

Dr. Isobel Coleman is senior fellow for U.S. foreign policy at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) in New York, where she directs CFR's Civil Society, Markets, and Democracy initiative and the Women and Foreign Policy program. Her areas of expertise include democratization, civil society, economic development, regional gender issues, educational reform, and microfinance. Dr. Coleman is the author and coauthor of numerous publications, including *Paradise Beneath Her Feet: How Women are Transforming the Middle East* (Random House, 2010), *Restoring the Balance: A Middle East Strategy for the Next President* (Brookings Institution Press, 2008), and *Strategic Foreign Assistance: Civil Society in International Security* (Hoover Institution Press, 2006). Dr. Coleman's writings have also appeared in publications such as *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, the *Washington Post*, the *Financial Times*, *International Herald Tribune*, *USA Today*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, and *Forbes*, and online venues such as *TheAtlantic.com* and *CNN.com*. She also maintains a blog, "Democracy in Development," on *CFR.org*. She is a frequent speaker at academic, business, and policy conferences. In 2010, she served as the track leader for the Girls and Women Action Area at the Clinton Global Initiative. In 2011, *Newsweek* named her as one of "150 Women Who Shake the World."

Prior to CFR, Dr. Coleman was CEO of a healthcare services company and a partner with McKinsey & Co. in New York. A Marshall scholar, she holds a BA in public policy and East Asian studies from Princeton University and MPhil and DPhil degrees in international relations from Oxford University. She serves on several non-profit boards, including Plan USA and Student Sponsor Partners.

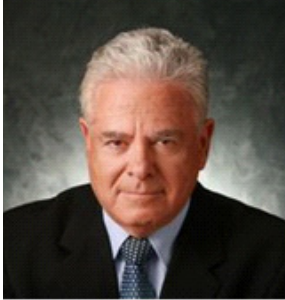


Trita Parsi, President, National Iranian American Council

Trita Parsi is the 2010 recipient of the Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order. He is the founder and president of the National Iranian American Council and an expert on US-Iranian relations, Iranian foreign politics, and the geopolitics of the Middle East. He is the author of *Treacherous Alliance: The Secret Dealings of Iran, Israel and the United States* (Yale University Press 2007), the silver medal winner of the 2008 Arthur Ross Book Award from the Council on Foreign Relations. Parsi's new book *A Single Roll of the Dice - Obama's Diplomacy with Iran* (Yale University Press) was released early 2012.

Parsi was born in Iran but moved with his family at the age of four to Sweden in order to escape political repression in Iran. His father was an outspoken academic and non-Muslim who was jailed by the Shah and then by the Ayatollah. He moved to the United States as an adult and studied foreign policy at Johns Hopkins' School for Advanced International Studies where he received his Ph.D. He founded NIAC to provide a non-partisan, non-profit organization through which Iranian-Americans could participate in American civic life. NIAC is a vocal proponent of dialogue and engagement between the US and Iran. Parsi has worked for the Swedish Permanent Mission to the UN, where he served in the Security Council, handling the affairs of Afghanistan, Iraq, Tajikistan and Western Sahara, and in the General Assembly's Third Committee, addressing human rights in Iran, Afghanistan, Myanmar and Iraq.

Parsi studied for his Doctoral thesis on Israeli-Iranian relations under Professor Francis Fukuyama at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies. In addition to his PhD, he holds a Master's Degree in International Relations from Uppsala University and a Master's Degree in Economics from the Stockholm School of Economics. He has served as an adjunct professor of International Relations at Johns Hopkins University SAIS, an adjunct scholar at the Middle East Institute and as a Policy Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington DC. He is fluent in Persian/Farsi, English, and Swedish. Parsi's articles on Middle East affairs have been published in the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Financial Times*, *Jane's Intelligence Review*, *the Nation*, *The American Conservative*, *the Jerusalem Post*, *The Forward*, and others. He is a frequent guest on CNN, PBS's *Newshour* with Jim Lehrer, NPR, the BBC, and Al Jazeera.



Ephraim Sneh, *Chair, S.Daniel Abraham Center for Strategic Dialogue, Netanya Academic College*

Ephraim Sneh, doctor, military figure and statesman was appointed Chairman of the Center following a career of military and political service in which he acted in all of Israel's critical junctions of the past thirty-six years. In 1985 he was appointed by Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin to serve as head of the Civil Administration in the West Bank. When he received his discharge from the IDF with the rank of General in late 1987, he turned to political service within the Labor Party. Owing to his wide familiarity with the Palestinian issue and the great personal regard in which he was held by Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin, Ephraim Sneh was sent, in the summer of 1988, to conduct the first secret talks with the PLO in Paris. From that day to this, Ephraim Sneh has remained in close and continuous contact with the Palestinian leadership. In June 1992, Ephraim Sneh was elected as a Member of the Knesset for the first time. He served as Health Minister, Transportation Minister, and twice as Deputy Minister of Defense, leaving a significant mark on each ministry.

1:30-3:00 p.m.

Moderator:



Panel 3:
Chances for Rapprochement: What Role for Multilateral Initiatives?

Ambassador Abdullah M. Alsaidi, *Senior Fellow, International Peace Institute*

Alsaidi was the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations from 2002 until his resignation in March 2011 in response to the killing of dozens of demonstrators by pro-government forces in Sanaa. He has played a prominent role at the UN in his capacity as Permanent Representative. He has also held important government positions, including Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs from 1998 to 2002 and member of the National Arbitration Committee with Eritrea over the Hanish Islands from 1996 to 2002.

He received his BA degree in political science from Long Island University in 1975 and his MA in political science from Columbia University in 1982. Ambassador Alsaidi was also a co-chair of IPI's task forces on strengthening multilateral security capacity in 2008.

Speakers:



Avner Cohen, *Senior Fellow at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Monterey Institute of International Studies*

Dr. Cohen, widely known for his path-breaking history of the Israeli nuclear program, is an internationally recognized author and expert on nonproliferation issues, focusing on the Middle East. A consultant to a range of NGOs and governmental agencies, Dr. Cohen joins CNS after serving as a Public Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (2009-10) and following a ten-year affiliation with the Center for International and Security Studies (CISSM) at the University of Maryland. Dr. Cohen is a two-time winner of prestigious MacArthur Foundation research and writing awards, in 1990 and 2004, and in 1997-98 and 2007-08, was a Senior Fellow at the United States Institute of Peace (USIP). In addition, Dr. Cohen was co-director of the Project on Nuclear Arms Control in the Middle East at the Security Studies Program at MIT from 1990 to 1995. He has been a visiting professor at a number of U.S. universities, and in 2005, was Forchheimer Visiting Professor at the Hebrew University. Dr. Cohen holds a B.A. in Philosophy and History from Tel Aviv University, an M.A. in Philosophy from York University, and a Ph.D. from the Committee on History of Culture of the University of Chicago (1981).



Ambassador Seyed Hossein Mousavian, *Research Scholar, Program on Science and Global Security, Princeton University*

Seyed Hossein Mousavian is a former diplomat who served as Iran's Ambassador to Germany (1990-1997), head of the Foreign Relations Committee of Iran's National Security Council (1997-2005) and as spokesman for Iran in its nuclear negotiations with the European Union (2003-5). He has taught at Islamic Azad University (Tehran), served as Vice President of Iran's official Center for Strategic Research (Tehran) and was the editor in chief of the Tehran Times. Ambassador Mousavian received a Master's degree from the University of Tehran in 1998 and a PhD in international relations from the University of Kent in the UK in international relations in 2002. His research focuses on options for resolving the crisis over Iran's nuclear program through diplomacy and improving US-Iran relations.



Rolf Mützenich, *Member of the German Parliament (Bundestag), Social Democratic Party (SPD), and SPD's Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Spokesperson*

Representative of Cologne as a Member of the German Bundestag for the Social Democratic Party since 2002. He has written extensively on the regional security framework and the role of regional powers like Syria and Iran, nuclear proliferation and Iran's nuclear ambitions, the Israeli- Palestinian peace process, and the role of the German Armed Forces in Lebanon. Mr. Mützenich serves as a full member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and the Subcommittee on Disarmament and Arms Control. He is an alternate member on the Committee for Work and Social Security. Since 2004, he has served as the speaker on disarmament for the SPD caucus.



Ambassador Aapo Pöyhö, *Personal Deputy to the Facilitator on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and all other Weapons of Mass Destruction*

Ambassador Aapo Pöyhö is the Personal Deputy to the Facilitator on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and all other Weapons of Mass Destruction. Between 2007 and 2011, he was Ambassador of Finland to Belgium and Head of Mission of Finland to NATO. Between 2004 and 2007, he was the Director General for Africa and the Middle East. Between 2002 and 2004 he was the Deputy Director General for Political Affairs. Previously he has been head of mission in Egypt and Sudan and served as minister at the Finnish embassy in Washington. He has also been posted in Brasilia, Mexico City and Baghdad. At the ministry he was the head of the unit for security policy.

3:00 p.m. Workshop Wrap-Up:



Andrew Nagorski, *Vice President, EastWest Institute*

Andrew Nagorski is Vice President and Director of Public Policy at the EastWest Institute. Prior to joining EWI in August 2008, he had a long career as an award-winning foreign correspondent and senior editor for Newsweek, reporting from Hong Kong, Moscow, Warsaw, Rome, Washington, Bonn and Berlin. Born in Edinburgh, Scotland of Polish parents, Nagorski grew up in the United States and abroad after his father joined the U.S. foreign service. A 1969 graduate of Amherst College, he taught high school social studies in Wayland, Massachusetts for three years before embarking on his journalistic career.

Nagorski has written for numerous publications, and he is the author of five books. His latest book is *Hitlerland: American Eyewitnesses to the Nazi Rise to Power* (Simon & Schuster, 2012), which has received rave reviews in *The Economist*, *Newsweek*, *The Weekly Standard*, and on National Public Radio and the PBS Newshour, among others. For more information, see www.andrewnagorski.com