

Panel 4: Technology and Society

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Barry Pavel is director of the Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security at the Atlantic Council, focusing on emerging security challenges, defense strategies and capabilities, and key European and global defense issues. Prior to joining the Atlantic Council, he was a career member of the Senior Executive Service in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy for almost eighteen years.

From October 2008 through July 2010, he served as the Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Defense Policy and Strategy on the National Security Council staff, serving both President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama. In this capacity, Mr. Pavel led the development of five of the first eight Obama Administration Presidential Study Directives. He was the initiator and architect of the NSC's first-ever National Security Priorities Review and a key contributor to the President's 2010 National Security Strategy. From October 1993 through November 2006, Mr. Pavel led or contributed to a broad range of defense strategy and planning initiatives for both the Clinton and George W. Bush Administrations.

Mr. Pavel received a Presidential Rank Award in 2007 in recognition of his career accomplishments. Mr. Pavel, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, speaks and writes on a wide range of foreign and security policy issues. He also is a Member of the Council on Foreign Relations.