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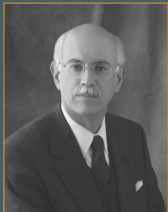
## *Know the World, then Change the World*

## February 15

### *Have We Learned Anything about this Pandemic?*

*Andrew Natsios, Director of the Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs,  
The Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M*

#### **How do we prepare for the next pandemic?**



COVID-19 took the world by surprise, but it shouldn't have been surprising. The question remains how our global health systems can be more responsive and resilient to pandemics. Professor Andrew Natsios will discuss the structural problems in the World Health Organization that have created dysfunctions laid bare by COVID-19; the need for a global pandemic early warning system and how it might be achieved; and next steps in vaccine distribution in the developing world in light of great power competition and larger global health challenges.

Professor Natsios is an Executive Professor at the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University and Director of the Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs. He was previously a Distinguished Professor in the Practice of Diplomacy at Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service. Professor Natsios served as Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development from 2001 to January 2006. He was the U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan to deal with the Darfur crisis and the North-South peace agreement. He served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives and in state government as the Secretary of Administration and Finance.

Professor Natsios, with President George H. W. Bush's Deputy Chief of Staff, Andrew H. Card Jr., recently edited *Transforming Our World: President George H. W. Bush and American Foreign Policy*. This book, available in print in December 2020, brings together a distinguished collection of foreign policy practitioners—career and political—who participated in the unfolding of international events as part the Bush administration to provide insider perspective by the people charged with carrying them out.

He is also the author of three books: *U.S. Foreign Policy and the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* (1997), *The Great North Korean Famine* (2001), and *Sudan, South Sudan, and Darfur: What Everyone Needs to Know*.

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