Osama Bin Laden and the Globalization of Terror

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START Seminar Series

College Park, MD – The START Seminar Series returns to the University of Maryland (UMD), College Park, on November 17, 2008 at 2:00 pm with a presentation by Steve Coll, President and CEO of the New America Foundation and two-time Pulitzer Prize Winner. Mr. Coll will present “Osama Bin Laden and the Globalization of Terror” to the audience in the Charles Carroll Room of the Stamp Student Union.

The START Seminar Series brings leading experts in the field of homeland security to Maryland’s campus each semester to brief the campus community and public on hot topics related to terrorism.

Steve Coll

Mr. Coll is a well-established journalist and is currently a staff writer for the New Yorker in addition to his work at the New America Foundation. He spent 20 years as a foreign correspondent and senior editor at the Washington Post and won many awards throughout his career, including two Pulitzer Prizes. His first was awarded for explanatory journalism for his series with David A. Vise on the US Securities and Exchange Commission. He received the second in 2005 for his book, Ghost Wars: The Secret History of the CIA, Afghanistan and Bin Laden, from the Soviet Invasion to September 10, 2001.

The New American Foundation

Mr. Coll is currently president and CEO of the New American Foundation, a nonprofit, nonpartisan public policy institute launched in 1999 that invests in new thinkers and new ideas to address the next generation of challenges facing the United States. The foundation focuses on key issues including the next social contract, economic growth, education, energy and environment, family and children, fiscal policy, foreign policy, health policy, ownership and assets, political reform, retirement security, telecom and technology, and trade and globalization.

For more information on the Coll Seminar, see http://www.start.umd.edu/announcements/announcement.asp?id=117. This event is open to the public. An RSVP to infostart@start.umd.edu is required.

The National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), is a U.S. Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence based at the University of Maryland. START uses state-of-the-art theories, methods, and data from the social and behavioral sciences to improve understanding of the origins, dynamics, and social and psychological impacts of terrorism. Additional information on START is available at: www.start.umd.edu.