

ADST 2024
Annual Distinguished Speaker

Steve Coll

“From Ghost Wars to the Achilles Trap: Lessons from a Foreign Policy Journalist and Scholar”



Tuesday, October 1, 2024 2:00 – 3:30 PM

*DACOR Bacon Foundation House, 1801 F Street NW
(corner of F and 18th Streets NW), with option for virtual participation*

Please join us as award winning journalist and scholar Steve Coll shares what he has learned while researching and writing about the greatest foreign policy challenges of modern times. His most recent book, *The Achilles Trap: Saddam Hussein, the CIA, and the Origins of America’s Invasion of Iraq*, drew partly from ADST’s oral history collection to explain miscalculations on both sides of the conflict. Coll won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for nonfiction for his earlier book, *Ghost Wars: The Secret History of the CIA, Afghanistan, and Bin Laden, from the Soviet Invasion to September 10, 2001*. Visiting senior editor at *The Economist* and former *Washington Post* managing editor, Coll served as Dean of Columbia University’s Journalism School from 2013 to 2022. Q&A and discussion will follow his remarks.

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