

# BROOKINGS

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The Brookings Institution is a nonprofit public policy organization based in Washington, D.C. Our mission is to conduct in-depth research that leads to new ideas for solving problems facing society at the local, national, and global level.

In support of Brookings' mission, our scholars host events virtually and in-person. Most events are open to the public to attend or watch online, while others are by invitation only. We welcome guests to our public events and expect respectful exchanges and discussion. By registering for or attending a Brookings event, you agree to these Terms and Conditions of Attendance.

## **REGISTRATION**

The Brookings Institution requires advance registration for all in-person events and recommends registration for virtual events. Admittance to in-person events is subject to occupancy limits and available seating. Most in-person events are livestreamed to our website and available to watch online post-event. Please check the registration confirmation you receive by email for any event-specific instructions.

## **GENERAL SECURITY PROVISIONS**

Brookings is a private institution; trespassing, soliciting, peddling, loitering, and any other behavior deemed inappropriate is not permitted. Brookings reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to deny admission to anyone for any reason and to physically remove from the premises any person(s) in violation of these terms and our standards of conduct. Any person who is removed from the event may be subject to detention by security for violation of these terms or potential arrest by law enforcement for violation of any applicable laws and regulations.

## **BAGS, PERSONAL ITEMS AND SCREENING**

For the safety of all attendees, speakers, and staff, all persons, bags, and other containers may be subject to search. Attendees may also be screened by magnetometers (metal detectors) or other screening devices and security portals at Brookings events. Brookings provides coat closets for personal items that require storage during an event; please note that space for storing personal belongings is not guaranteed and Brookings is not responsible for items that are lost, misplaced, or left behind.

## **DECORUM**

We welcome opportunities for attendees to offer, observe, and discuss differing opinions. However, attendees must comply with requests from staff or security and must refrain from any disruptive behavior that may interfere with others participating, listening or speaking at an event.

Signs, banners, posters, flags, paint, liquids, and any similar items that could distract from the event or be used as weapons are strictly prohibited. The distribution of any promotional items such as flyers, handbills, or printed materials is only allowed at the discretion and with explicit permission of the event host(s).

## **RECORDING AND PHOTOGRAPHY**

Brookings provides a press box of event audio for media crews. No audio/video devices may be placed on the stage without advance authorization from the Brookings [Office of Communications](#). Brookings reserves the right to disconnect or remove any device which may interfere with an event. No standing and blocking the view of other attendees in order to photograph or record is permitted.

**LIABILITY**

By registering for or attending an event, attendees agree that the Brookings Institution assumes no liability for injury, damage, illness, death, property loss or any other loss which may be related in any way to its implementation of this policy. In the event of injury, illness, or accident during a live event or program, attendees consent to have medical treatment that may be deemed advisable and affirmatively releases the Brookings Institution and any and all persons participating in such medical treatment from all responsibility for any such action.

**USE OF IMAGE OR LIKENESS**

Brookings regularly records programs and special events. By confirming your participation in the event as a speaker, panelist, presenter, invited guest or a member of the public attending the event in-person or virtually, you acknowledge that Brookings may record, livestream, and/or share the content publicly during and following the event.

You also acknowledge that Brookings and its designees maintain the right to include your image, likeness, voice, actions, and statements, or other documents or information in any live or recorded audio, video, film, webinar, stream, or other transmission, simulcast, or reproduction made of, or at, the program in any medium or context for any purpose, including commercial or promotional purposes, without further authorization or otherwise, now and forever.

**ACCESSIBILITY**

Brookings aims to create events that are accessible for guests. If you need special assistance or accommodations, please contact your event host for information. All post-event recordings are available on YouTube with auto-generated captions.

**OTHER TERMS**

The Brookings Institution reserves the right to make changes to our events, site, policies, and these terms at any time. Brookings reserves all rights not expressly granted to the attendee. If any of these conditions shall be deemed invalid, void, or for any reason unenforceable, that condition shall be deemed severable and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining condition.

Additional provisions to this policy may be added without advance notification or be updated based on our agreement with any outside venue and/or external partners.