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How can the new administration succeed in Afghanistan?

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Professor Sinno will explain why the security situation in Afghanistan is deteriorating. He will discuss the mistakes made by the Bush Administration after the defeat of the Taliban regime, the reasons the insurgency in Afghanistan took several years to intensify, and the current spiral of violence. He will present the factors favoring the United States and NATO presence as well as those helping their Afghan challengers. He will then explore strategic options for the United States in Afghanistan and South Asia more broadly.

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