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Program Overview

**Protecting the Homeland and Honoring Civil Liberties:
How Can the Constitution Guide Us?**

This plenary panel of legal and academic experts will explore the balance between national security and Constitutional rights amid the war against radical Islamic terrorism.

The balance between protecting America's shores and honoring its Constitution is at the center of the first major legal disputes involving the new Administration and its travel ban executive orders. Fears over religious differences have also spawned a rise in hate crimes here and abroad. In addition, government policies to counter violent extremism are raising new questions over their harmony with fundamental American values and their impact upon American security.

How can the Constitution and the protection of religious freedom point the way toward religious tolerance, yet preserve national security? Is the recent Presidential executive order to control the entry of certain immigrants and refugees into the United States constitutional? In an era of self-radicalization, when ideas and conflicts can cross borders at ease, how can the homeland be protected while honoring the civil liberties of all faiths and races?

Panelists:

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