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 **"Geopolitics and Great Power Competition in the South Caucasus."**

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**Ambassador Carey Cavanaugh** is professor of diplomacy at the University of Kentucky and chairman of International Alert, a London-based peacebuilding organization. His Foreign Service career included diplomatic postings in Berlin, Moscow, Tbilisi, Rome and Bern, and domestic assignments in the State Department, Pentagon, and on Capitol Hill. Under Presidents Bill Clinton and George W.Bush, Cavanaugh spearheaded or helped advance peace initiatives involving Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cyprus, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Tajikistan and Turkey. He was confirmed as Ambassador/Special Negotiator for Eurasian conflicts and US Co-Chair of OSCE’s Minsk Group. He led peace talks on Nagorno-Karabakh in Key West, Florida in 2001.

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