

PANELIST BIOGRAPHIES

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Amb. Jack Matlock, a retired diplomat, has held academic posts at Hamilton College, Princeton University, the Institute for Advanced Study, and Columbia University since 1991. During his 35 years in the American Foreign Service (1956-1991) he served as ambassador to the Soviet Union from 1987 to 1991, special assistant to the President for national security affairs and senior director for European and Soviet affairs on the National Security Council staff from 1983 until 1986, and ambassador to Czechoslovakia from 1981 to 1983. Before his appointment to Moscow as ambassador, Amb. Matlock served three tours at the American Embassy in the Soviet Union, as vice consul and third secretary (1961-63), minister counselor and deputy chief of mission (1974-1978), and chargé d'affaires ad interim in 1981. His other foreign service assignments were in Vienna, Munich, Accra, Zanzibar and Dar es Salaam, in addition to tours in Washington as director of Soviet affairs in the State Department (1971-74) and as deputy director of the Foreign Service Institute (1979-80). He is the author of *Reagan and Gorbachev: How the Cold War Ended* (2004); *Autopsy on an Empire: The American Ambassador's Account of the Collapse of the Soviet Union* (1995); and a handbook to the thirteen-volume Russian edition of *Stalin's Collected Works* (1955; 2nd edition, 1971). Amb. Matlock received an A.B. from Duke University and a M.A. and Certificate of the Russian Institute from Columbia University. He has been awarded honorary doctorates by four institutions. In addition to the books noted, he is the author of numerous articles on foreign policy, international relations, and Russian literature and history.

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