

We Need Not Be Enemies: Iran and the U.S. In the 21st Century

**Thursday, February 7
5 pm**

Honors College Commons (MD Anderson Library)



Join UH's Center for International and Comparative Studies (CICS) in welcoming General Colin Powell's former chief-of-staff, Colonel Lawrence Wilkerson, to campus!

After serving in the Vietnam War, Colonel Wilkerson attended Airborne School and Ranger School before receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in

English literature and graduate degrees in international relations and national security. He attended the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island and later returned there to teach. He later served as deputy director of the Marine Corps War College at Quantico, and spent time in the United States Navy's Pacific Command in South Korea, Japan and Hawaii.

In 1989 became the assistant to Colin Powell, who was serving as National Security Advisor in the Reagan administration. He continued this supporting role as Powell became Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff through the Gulf War and when President George W. Bush appointed Powell Secretary of State, where he served from 2002-05. Since his retirement, Colonel Wilkerson has been outspoken regarding America's relationship with countries in the Middle East, specifically Iran and Iraq. His presentation will explore opportunities for improving U.S.-Iran relations.

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