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Roundtable Conversation: "The UN at 70...and Counting"

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Stephen Schlesinger is a Fellow at the Century Foundation specializing in UN affairs and former Director of the World Policy Institute. He served as Special Advisor to the head of the UN’s Habitat Agency in the mid-1990s and helped to organize the UN’s 1996 Habitat-2 Conference in Istanbul. He is the author of Act of Creation: The Founding of the United Nations, which won the 2004 Harry S. Truman Book Award.