Panel 3

Southwest Asia: Pivot for War, Or Peaceful Development with the New Silk Road

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Moderator's Introductory Remarks

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Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening, depending on where you are watching this from, and welcome back to the Schiller Institute conference, "The World at a Crossroad—Two Months into the

Biden Administration." I'm Diane Sare, and I'll be moderating panel three today, which has many distinguished speakers. On this panel today—and I'll introduce everybody before they speak—but, we will notably have among the speakers, the Foreign Affairs Minister of Yemen; we'll have a Member of the Parliament of Iraq; and Jacques Cheminade, the President of Solidarité et Progrès, in France. Helga Zepp-LaRouche will also be joining us for the Q&A. We welcome your questions, and I would appreciate your sending them to Questions@SchillerInstitute.org as they come to mind.

I participated in yesterday's first two panels, and must say that the first panel, on culture, was extremely powerful, and I think urgent watching for people all over the world. The second panel is critical especially for the American people. We should get every American to watch it. Because, as you hear the speakers from Russia, China, Syria, Pakistan, and Ibero-America—Argentina, Mexico, etc.—it becomes very clear and unavoidable that of the eight billion or so people on the planet, 7.5



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billion or more are not Americans, and they don't live in the United States, and they have a certain view of the United States differing, of course, from country to country, or region to region. But I think Americans would do well to take a lesson from Robbie Burns and consider "to see ourselves as others see us." And that panel, I think, would go a long way in helping with that.

And I think today's panel also is going to have a similar effect. It will put in bold relief some of the prob-

lems inside the United States that we may not often consider but are painfully obvious to the rest of the world, and we will have to develop the courage to face them squarely as President Franklin Roosevelt did, and as Lyndon LaRouche *always* did.

So, without saying more, I would like to introduce our keynote speaker today, who is a friend of mine, who has really taken up the challenge that Lyndon LaRouche gave all of us, which is to be a patriot of your nation, your homeland, but to be a citizen of the world, and to act for the good of humanity. And what you find, is that these things are not contradictory.

Our speaker has translated *EIR*'s *The New Silk Road Becomes the World Land-Bridge* report into Arabic, coauthored the *EIR* report Extending the New Silk Road to West Asia and Africa: A Vision of an Economic Renaissance on the development of Africa and Southwest Asia, and has become very well known in Iraq, both as a teacher of LaRouche's economics, and as an advocate for the New Silk Road. So, I'd like to introduce now, Hussein Askary.