



Former Deputy National Security Advisor Victoria Coates Joins AFPC

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Washington, DC -- In January 2022, the American Foreign Policy Council (AFPC) was delighted to welcome Victoria Coates as a Distinguished Fellow in Strategic Studies. Coates previously served as the Deputy National Security Advisor for the Middle East and North Africa on the National Security Council staff and the Senior Policy Advisor to the Secretary of Energy in the Donald J. Trump administration. She also served as the National Security Advisor in the office of Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) and as Director of Research for (former) Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's 2011 memoir, *Known and Unknown*.

Coates works on regional issues such as energy policy, countering predatory Chinese activity, expanding the historic Abraham Accords between Israel and Muslim-majority nations, and establishing a U.S.-led Middle East strategic alliance. Coates routinely appears on TV and radio outlets such as Fox News, CNN, OANN, Newsmax, The Hugh Hewitt Show, The Erick Erickson Show, and The John Batchelor show. Her writing has appeared in Bloomberg, FoxNews.com, The Jerusalem Post, The New York Post, Newsweek, The National Interest, National Review, The New Criterion, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Examiner, and The Washington Times.

"Victoria has served at the very highest levels of U.S. foreign policy and national security," said AFPC President Herman Pirchner, Jr. "We are delighted that she will bring that expertise to bear in her work with us."

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