# The Role of Corruption as a Driver of Many of the World's Security Crises Today

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**Sarah Chayes** is a former special assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and two commanders of the international forces in Afghanistan. Ms. Chayes lived and worked in that country for nearly a decade, initially in the development sector. Convinced that corruption was key to the burgeoning conflict, she worked on anti-corruption policy for several years. At Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Sarah Chayes is expanding the aperture, working on the role of corruption in helping fuel international security crises ranging from the East-West standoff in Ukraine to the spread of Boko Haram and ISIL, to symbiotic alliances between corrupt governments and organized criminal networks in Latin America and Eastern Europe. She is the author of *Thieves of State: Why Corruption Threatens Global Security*.

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