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Under his tenure as president, the Chicago Council on Global Affairs has emerged as a leading national organization on global affairs. Daalder led the creation of the Pritzker Forum on Global Cities, a renowned annual forum for global civic, corporate, cultural, and education leaders to discuss how cities can play a bigger role in addressing the world's global challenges. Over the last decade, the annual Chicago Council Survey of public attitudes on foreign policy has become the go-to resource for understanding what Americans think about the US role in the world. In 2016 and 2017, the Council was ranked in as the number one ten thinks tank to watch in the world.

A widely-published author, his most recent books include *The Empty Throne: America's Abdication of Global Leadership* (with James M. Lindsay); *In the Shadow of the Oval Office: Profiles of the National Security Advisers and the Presidents they Served—From JFK to George W. Bush* (with I. M. Destler); and the award-winning *America Unbound: The Bush Revolution in Foreign Policy* (with James M. Lindsay). Other books include *Beyond Preemption: Force and Legitimacy in a Changing World* (2007); *Crescent of Crisis: U.S.-European Strategy for the Greater Middle East* (2006); and *Winning Ugly: NATO's War to Save Kosovo* (2000). Daalder writes a biweekly foreign affairs column for the *Chicago Tribune*.

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