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## SPECIAL GUEST

# JAMES ASTILL

Washington correspondent | Washington D.C., United States



James Astill is *The Economist's* Washington correspondent. Previous to this, he was Political Editor and Bagehot columnist based in London from 2012. He joined *The Economist* as International Security Editor in 2004. He had previously filed dispatches from Afghanistan, Pakistan and many African countries, while also working for the *Guardian*. In 2007 he moved to Delhi to be the South Asia Correspondent, writing on all the countries of the Indian sub-continent. He has won several awards, including the Gerald Ford prize for his coverage of US security and the Grantham prize for a special report on the world's forests. Mr Astill has also written special reports on India, on Pakistan and the Arctic. He

returned to London in 2011 to take up the role of Energy and Environment Editor before his current appointment.

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## DINNER HOST

# H.E. HUMDULLAH MOHIB

Ambassador of Afghanistan to the United States



Before being appointed Ambassador to the United States, **Dr. Hamdullah Mohib** served as Deputy Chief of Staff to H.E. The President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. The role included oversight of the spokesperson's office, the office of correspondence and diplomatic communications, protocol office, petitions office, and the Presidential secretariat. During his tenure at the Presidential Palace, his role involved liaison with governmental counterparts and drafting of bilateral and multilateral agreements. Dr. Mohib also engaged in the substantive preparation and implementation of official presidential visits to Azerbaijan, Belgium, China, Germany, India, Iran, Nepal, Pakistan,

Russia, Saudi Arabia, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and the United States as part of the administration's strategy for geopolitical and economic integration. Dr. Mohib led the presidential negotiating team for several inter-government cooperation agreements and the formulation of Afghanistan's national development "Realizing Self-Reliance" reform strategy. Dr. Mohib has a PhD and Bachelors degree with honors from Brunel University in the United Kingdom. The university honored him with an award for social and cultural contributions to campus, and a research scholarship to pursue a Doctorate of Philosophy. Before joining the government, Dr. Mohib worked for the American University of Afghanistan and Intel Corporation. Dr. Mohib has been an active leader in civil society among the global Afghan community. He founded the largest Afghan diaspora youth association in Europe, the Afghan Students Association of the UK. He also founded and served as Chairman of the Board for the Afghan Professionals Network (APN). As part of APN, he started a think-tank "Discourse Afghanistan", and initiated community service programming to support special needs orphans in Kabul, and to recognize achievements of Afghan women. Dr. Mohib is fluent in English, Pashto, and Dari, with proficiency in Urdu/Hindi. He is a published writer on Afghan politics, as well as on academic research. Follow the Ambassador on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)