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**"Follies and Fiascoes: Why Does U.S.  
Foreign Policy Keep Failing?"**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

RECEPTION 5:30, DINNER 6:00, LECTURE 6:45PM  
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The end of the Cold War left the United States in a remarkable position: it was far and away the world's most powerful country and it was on good terms with most of the world's major powers. Despite these advantages, its foreign policy record since then is mostly one of disappointments and sometimes costly failures. These recurring follies are due in part to America's structural position in the international system, but they also reveal some recurring weaknesses in America's foreign policy establishment and its overall approach to foreign affairs.

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Professor Walt's books include *The Origins of Alliances*, which received the 1988 Edgar S. Furniss National Security Book Award, and *Taming American Power: The Global Response to U.S. Primacy*, which was a finalist for the Lionel Gelber International Affairs Book Award and the Arthur Ross Book Prize. His most recent book, *The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy* (co-authored with John J. Mearsheimer) was a *New York Times* best-seller and has been translated into more than twenty foreign languages. His weekly *Foreign Policy* column can be found at <http://www.foreignpolicy.com/voices/walt>

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**Reservations are not required to attend the presentation only (6:45)**

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