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WASHINGTON, DC, January 5, 2009 - The Center for a New American Security (CNAS) is pleased to announce that bestselling author, [Thomas E. Ricks](#), has joined CNAS as a Senior Fellow. Concurrently with his duties at CNAS, he will write an online blog for ForeignPolicy.com called, "[The Best Defense](#)," serve as a contributing editor for *Foreign Policy*, and continue coverage as a special military correspondent for *The Washington Post*.

Prior to becoming a Senior Fellow, Ricks was affiliated with CNAS as a Senior Writer in Residence, at which time he completed his new book, *The Gamble: General Petraeus and the American Military Adventure in Iraq, 2006-08*, published on February 10, 2009 by The Penguin Press. In *The Gamble*, Ricks documents the inside story of the Iraq war from 2006 through 2008. Using hundreds of hours of exclusive interviews with top officers in Iraq and extraordinary on-the-ground reporting, Ricks -- working in the tradition of his highly lauded *Fiasco* -- examines the events that took place as the military was forced to reckon with itself, the surge was launched, and a very different war began.

Born in Massachusetts in 1955, he grew up in New York and Afghanistan and graduated from Yale in 1977. He is a member of the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society, the Society for Military History, and the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

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