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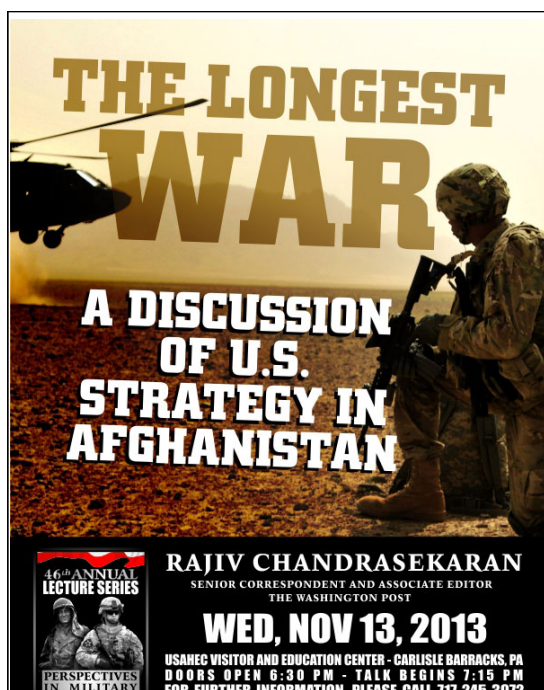
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Heralded by Publishers Weekly as "A searing indictment of how **President Barack Obama's** 2009 Afghanistan surge was carried out," **Rajiv Chandrasekaran's** second book, *Little America: the War within the War for Afghanistan* (Knopf), highlights his insights as an in-country reporter for The Washington Post.

Chandrasekaran details the challenges faced by the U.S. Administration through bickering, mismanagement and lack of cultural understanding of the Afghans. He explores the nuances surrounding the lack of success of the surge through his experiences with top military commanders in the field and the locals, providing viewpoints from every possible angle.

In this talk, Chandrasekaran will evaluate the U.S. military's role, capabilities, and the Afghani culture to help create a better understanding of the complex challenges which have impacted America's relationship with Afghanistan since its involvement in the area during the Cold War on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 7:15 p.m.

Rajiv Chandrasekaran is a senior correspondent and associate editor at The Washington Post. From 2009 - 2011, he traveled extensively through the southern provinces of Helmand and Kandahar, Afghanistan where he experienced first-hand the impact of President Obama's decision to double the U.S. Force's presence during the surge.



In addition to his work with The Post, Chandrasekaran has served two terms as a public policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington. He has also served at the Center for the New American Security as the author in residence and has been the journalist in residence at the International Reporting Project at the John Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies.

His first book, *Imperial Life in the Emerald City*, recounts Chandrasekaran's experiences as the Post's Baghdad Bureau Chief within Iraq as the U.S. worked to rebuild Baghdad. Mr. Chandrasekaran holds a degree in Political Science from Stanford University.

The U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center sponsors a monthly public lecture series, "Perspectives in Military History," which provides a historical dimension to the exercise of generalship, strategic leadership, and the war fighting institutions of



land power.

All lectures are held in the multipurpose rooms of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, 950 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The building opens at 6:30 p.m., the talk begins at 7:15 p.m., and the question period concludes around 8:30 p.m. All are welcome, and the event is free! For further information, please call 717-245-3972.

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