

Global Citizenship Public Lecture
Aung San Suu Kyi and US Policy
towards Burma/Myanmar

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Abstract

Of all contemporary individual foreigners affecting US foreign policy towards any specific country, Aung San Suu Kyi is probably the most influential. The extent of her influence and bipartisan support through three presidential administrations and the Congress is remarkable for its consistency and ubiquity. This factor raises important questions concerning the future of US policy towards Burma/Myanmar both under the Obama administration's "pragmatic engagement" and the planned Burmese administration to follow the 2010 elections there.