After every major conflict, the United States has found itself in the middle of a vigorous domestic debate about its strategic position, the threats and opportunities it confronts, and the strategic options for responding. The domestic debate has been vigorous with strong charges that the strategy is being "mis-managed" and the intensity of the debate has not seemed to vary whether the wars were "won" or "lost." We are likely entering another such period, regardless of which of the various "ways forward" in Iraq the country takes. It is thus timely to review America’s experience with modern “post-war strategic debates,” both to understand more fully the history and also to shed light on the near future. This conference will examine the last fifty years of American experience. It will look at what happened following World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Cold War, and conclude by thinking what a post-Iraq War domestic strategic environment might look like. In each of the panels, a speaker will consider the following questions: What was the strategic debate within the American strategic community? What were the "lessons learned"? What were the short-to-medium term legacies? What was the state of various relationships: civil-military, left-right, Republican-Democrat, and academic-policy? Do any legacies from this post-war period linger today?