Barnard Professor Says U.S. and Great Britain Can Lead Peace-Keeping Mission After the War

"If we are serious about winning the war on terrorism, U.S. and British troops can’t go home once the current fighting in Afghanistan is over," says Kimberly Marten Zisk, professor of Political Science at Barnard College and a fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. "Instead, troops should stay in the region to continue peace enforcement mission. We cannot count on the military assets and the American-supported peacekeeping forces to call on if needed, even guarantee that it never happens."

"Our stable economies will provide a powerful deterrent to any threats," Zisk says. "We cannot count on the U.S. military to provide a permanent occupation force."

"We cannot afford to withdraw behind our borders and ignore Afghanistan again."

"The UN is learning in the field that peace enforcement missions will not succeed if they are backed by inadequate international participation and resources."