

# World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh

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### *Public Policy Discussion and Luncheon*

#### **A NEW MOMENT: ENGAGING MUSLIM COMMUNITIES AT HOME AND AROUND THE WORLD**

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**Thursday, October 20 | 12:00-1:45 pm**

**Heinz Hall | 600 Penn Avenue | Pittsburgh**

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With an estimated population between 1.2 to 1.6 billion people, Islam is the second largest religion in the world with a rapidly growing population in the United States. Despite the prevalence of Muslims throughout the world and in the United States, misconceptions abound about the religion and its adherents. Conversely, many Muslims around the globe have a great mistrust and misunderstanding of the United States. The current administration is working hard to dispel these myths by engaging Muslim communities abroad and at home. A recent Gallop poll shows that Muslim Americans have a greatly improved sense of well-being under the leadership of President Obama. What is the current administration doing to build relationships with Muslim Communities at home and abroad? What can be done to counter misunderstandings between the United States, and the Muslim world and what will this mean for how the U.S. is perceived overseas?

**Farah Anwar Pandith** is the Special Representative to Muslim Communities and reports directly to Secretary of State, Hilary Clinton. Her office is responsible for executing Secretary Clinton's vision for engagement with Muslims around the world on a people-to-people and organizational level. Prior to this appointment, Ms. Pandith was Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs during which she focused on Muslim communities in Europe where she was responsible for policy oversight for integration, democracy, and Islam in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs.

