From Yemen to Libya: The Role of Congress in Authorizing the Use of Force

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Location:
United States Capitol Visitors Center; House Visitors Room 200
First Street and East Capitol Street SE Entrance, (follow signs to the House Meeting Rooms)

Congress recently considered two key questions on the use of force: whether to authorize force in Libya, and whether to amend the AUMF of 2001 to incorporate new threats. Both incidents raised a fundamental question – what exactly is the role of Congress in approving discrete, limited uses of force today, either against state actors like Libya or diffuse terrorist groups like Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula? The panel will discuss the role of Congress and the President in committing U.S. military forces overseas. The panel will begin with a recap, followed by a discussion among experts.

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Moderator: Harvey Rishikof, Chair, ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security

Panelists:

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