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A Note from our President

Dear Colleagues,

I had the honor this month of keynoting the World Affairs Councils of Atlanta's Young Professionals Conference on Democracy and Development. Congratulations to Wayne Lord and the Atlanta Council for the outstanding work they are doing in Atlanta, and, in particular for the outstanding outreach and engagement with our young professional leaders. Over 100 young professionals from the Atlanta area attended the conference and it was both rewarding and inspiring to see their profound understanding of the global connectedness that defines all aspects of our lives today and their desire to improve their own knowledge of the critical global issues before us. I asked Wayne to share the details of this event with the network and I encourage you to read and comment on his article below under Share the Best: Programs.

I also encourage you to read and comment on the Share the Best: Practices column on Fund Raising by Steve Sokol, President of the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh. Steve suggests several interesting and innovative ideas.

The National Office with the help of many of our leaders in the network is continuing to work on both the Education Initiative and the Communications & Branding Initiative, and is also continuing to implement our Engage America Programs including the Understanding Muslim Societies series, the EU Education Outreach program and the Spotlight on Turkey program. We are also preparing for the 2011-2012 Academic World Quest National competition in DC at the end of April. We will be launching on Monday on our facebook page a weekly challenge question to help our AWQ participants across the country prepare for their local AWQ competitions, the National Competition, or just test their knowledge for fun. The challenge is open to all, so please join us on our facebook page every Monday between now and the end of April.

There are many exciting programs throughout the network on our

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Six Top Issues for the 2012 Election and more. It should be a very informative month in our network across the US as we continue to implement our very important mission of educating and engaging the American public on global issues.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lori E. Murray
President & CEO
World Affairs Councils of America

2012 Council CEO Spring Leadership Meeting

The **2012 WACA Council CEO Spring Leadership Meeting** will take place in **Denver** on **April 30, 2012**.

We have secured a block of rooms at The Curtis (1405 Curtis Street, Denver CO) "a uniquely fun boutique Downtown Denver Hotel for \$149 for the night of April 29. To book a room, call the hotel at 303-571-0300 or toll free at 1-800-525-6651 and reference the "World Affairs Councils of America". **Rooms must be booked by March 30, 2012.**

Tentative Meeting Agenda:

Sunday, April 29

5:30: Reception hosted by IIE Rocky Mountain Board of Directors

Monday, April 30

8:30 - 3:30 PM: Leadership Meeting

A more detailed agenda coming soon!

The purpose of the Spring Leadership meeting is to provide our Council CEOs the opportunity to meet among themselves to exchange best practices and ideas for strengthening the local councils, the national council system and our ability to fulfill our mission to educate the American public on global issues. We hope you can join us!

Attendee List To Date: If you have any changes or additions to the attendee list please contact Althea Gerogantas, ageorgantas@worldaffairscouncils.org

More information

News from the National Network

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Academic WorldQuest 2011-2012

Congrats to our Regional Winners

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The results are continuing to come in! Congratulations to our recent AWQ regional winners:



[Alaska World Affairs Council](#) - West High School
[International Affairs Council](#) - North Carolina School of Science and Math
[International Relations Council](#) - Shawnee Mission East High School

[World Affairs Council of Greater Reading](#) - Wilson High School
[World Affairs Council of Las Vegas](#) - Advanced Technologies Academy
[World Affairs Council of Kentucky & Southern Indiana](#) - St. Henry's District High School

[World Affairs Council of Maine](#) - Greely High School
[World Affairs Council of the Palm Beaches](#) - Saint Edwards School

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[World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh](#) - Pittsburgh Allderdice High School

[World Affairs Council of Wilmington](#) - Wilmington Charter School
[World Affairs Forum](#) - Wilton High School



North Carolina School of Science and Math Winners of the International Affairs Council

For more information on Academic WorldQuest, visit [our website](#) or visit the [WACA Leadership Network/Program Resources](#).



Academic WorldQuest: Are You Ready for the Quest?

See how prepared you are for Academic World Quest! Starting Monday March 5, we will be posting sample AWQ Questions on our facebook page so that all of our AWQ competitors across the country and any other friend or fan of WACA can further enhance their understanding of the critical global issues of our time.

We will tell you the right answers by the end of each week and let you know how many of you got it right!

Click [here](#) for a link to our Facebook page.

Academic World Quest

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 Hot Topics Conference Call:
Inside Egypt



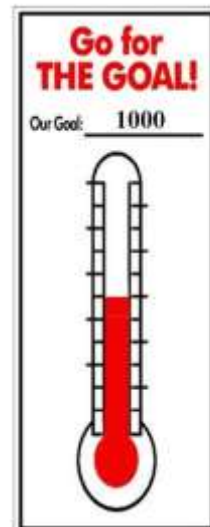
[Listen to the Call!](#)
[Download on iTunes!](#)

On **Monday, February 27** WACA hosted a **Hot Topics Conference call Inside Egypt: The Path Forward with Gallup Senior Analyst Mohamed Younis** who presented the latest research on Egyptians' views on; the coming presidential election, Egypt's peace treaty with Israel, the Arab Spring and events in Syria and Libya, the Egyptian military's involvement in national politics, Egyptians' preferred path to civilian rule. It was an excellent discussion packed with very current information.

 **Sign the Petition! A Call to Action: Educating the Next Generation of Global Citizens**

Did you know that former National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski recently (2/24) told John Bussey, WSJ, that he was "very worried that the American public is abysmally ignorant about the condition of the world" and cautioned that "a public that does not understand the world cannot support an intelligent policy."

Last Spring, our network leadership voted **US Education Competing Globally** as the **Number ONE** National Security issue facing our country. In November at our Annual Membership meeting we voted unanimously for the Call to Action:



Educating the Next Generation of Global Citizens.

The World Affairs Councils of America has posted the Call to Action as an online petition, calling on its members and the American public to show support for our network commitment to educating our next generation of global citizens!

[Sign the Petition!](#) [Post to Facebook](#)
[Get the Widget](#) [Tweet this Petition](#)

Share this Link:

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/educating-the-next-generation-of-global-citizens/>

[Listen to last week's full interview by two of our 2011 National Conference participants, Dr. Brzezinski and John Bussey.](#)

Videos from the 2011 National Conference available on YouTube!

With events in Afghanistan capturing headlines this month we are highlighting the [Plenary on Afghanistan/Pakistan](#).

Among the ways you can use these videos include:

- As a focal point for discussion group meetings for your membership on any of the Six Top Issues;
- As background information for your members to prepare for any speakers you may host relating to the Six Issues; or
- As a basis for programming ideas for your council events.



WACs in the News

Montana WAC on KGVO 1290

On **February 7, 2012** the [Montana World Affairs Council](#) was represented on the News Talk show of the KGVO 1290 radio station in Missoula by the Council's director, **Ambassador Mark Johnson**. He was on the radio show to comment on the Syrian crisis and to talk about how the state of affairs in Syria could affect the people in Montana. [Listen to the Audio](#)



Dallas/Fort Worth on the Emirates News Agency

On **February 1, 2012** the **Emirates News Agency** posted an article on the luncheon hosted by the **World**



[Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth](#) honoring **His Excellency Yousef Al Otaiba**, United Arab Emirates Ambassador to the United States at Dallas' Rosewood Crescent Hotel. The purpose of the event was to celebrate the launch of **Emirates' Airlines** new service from Dubai International Airport to Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. **The Honorable Betsy Price**, mayor of Fort Worth, and **The Honorable Mike Rawlings**, mayor of Dallas, attended the luncheon and welcomed the Ambassador. Click [here](#) for an article posted on the **Emirates News Agency** website about the event.

Share: The Best--Practices

This column features a guest short essay from a Council CEO on a range of best practices topics, in an effort to help strengthen our council network and more broadly share our network expertise. Comment on this post on the WACA Leadership Network or email the author directly with any further questions. This month's topic focuses on fundraising.

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Fundraising and Reaching out through the 2012 Pittsburgh Marathon

By Dr. Steven E. Sokol, President and CEO, World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh

There is no single silver bullet.

When it comes to World Affairs Councils, there is no "one size fits all." At one end of the spectrum, there are multi-million dollar organizations with professional staffs, and small organizations with an all-volunteer staff at the other. Yet, when it comes to funding - whether large or small - we all face similar challenges. At a time when the economy is sputtering, each council is struggling to fund its programs and activities from a variety of sources. Membership dues, foundation grants, and corporate contributions or sponsorships are key in the funding mix.

At the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh, we have been pursuing traditional sources of funding, but we have also been experimenting with some new ideas to increase awareness in the Council and to tap new sources of funding. In 2010, we launched an informal series of events designed to engage the local business community and to strengthen our relevance. Under the auspices of the Council's "Global Business Dialogue" we have invited the CEOs of local companies to talk about the impact of globalization on their firm and sector. For this kind of access and exposure, we have asked these companies to sponsor the Council at a higher level than they might otherwise. This

has led to a bump in funding from those companies. The events are not intended as a PR campaign for the company but rather as an opportunity to place a local company in an international context and to give the company's leadership a chance to talk about the opportunities and challenges they face in the global economy. To date, the chief executives of Alcoa, Consol Energy, and U.S. Steel have been among the speakers who have participated.

In a never-ending effort to reach new audiences - and to generate a modest amount of new funding - the Council registered as a "charity" for the 2012 Pittsburgh Marathon on May 6. We've created a team - WorldRunners - to increase awareness and to raise money to support our educational programs in schools in underserved and underprivileged communities throughout southwestern Pennsylvania. Our goal is to raise \$10-15,000 this year.

Almost every major city has an organized run, walk, or cycling event, and there seem to be a plethora of health-related or advocacy groups that are running, walking, or cycling to raise money for their cause. Why not get people to participate and support the Council's mission? WorldRunners has more than 20 runners of all distances (full marathon, half, and relay) and the first people to sign up were unknown to the staff at the Council. We're starting small, but we hope to be hitting the pavement again next year! It's not just about the money. It's about engaging the community.

Contributed by Steven E. Sokol, President and CEO, World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh, Please visit firstgiving.org/worldpittsburgh or email sokol@worldpittsburgh.org for more information.

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Share: The Best--Programs

This column features a guest short essay from a Council CEO on a program that relates to one of our six top issues, in an effort to help share program content, impact and structure. Comment on this post on the WACA Leadership Network or email the author directly with any further questions. This month's topic focuses on programs to ensure that Young Leaders are well versed in Democratization.

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Young Leaders; Conference on Democracy, Democratization, and Development

By Wayne Lord, President World Affairs Council of

Atlanta, Claire Higgins Morton, Council Administrator, World Affairs Council of Atlanta

On Saturday, February 18, nearly 100 Atlanta young leaders met at The Commerce Club (an Atlanta institution) to participate in the Young Leaders of the World Affairs Council of Atlanta's annual day-long conference, this year focusing on "Democracy, Democratization, and Development." In addition to listening to four panel discussions and three keynote addresses, participants engaged in lively question and answer sessions with the speakers. The conference was organized and presented by members of the steering committee of the Young Leaders.

Dr. Lori Murray, president of the World Affairs Councils of America, gave an opening keynote address with comments that were right on the mark. Her remarks provided a strategic overview of democracy and development in recent history and emphasized the central role that social media is now playing as a driver of democracy and the challenges and opportunities this trend creates. The Council's leadership was especially pleased that "Our President" honored its Young Leaders by coming all the way to Atlanta to open their conference.

The whole conference was really quite astounding and the presentations and discussions were of a national level. Looking across the names and experience of the presenters, from John Stremlau of The Carter Center to Jim Clancy of CNN International and Dan Runde of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the participants could already see the breadth and complexity of the conference agenda. The subjects the presenters covered, the politics of change, national development, military and cyber security issues, and citizen rights, addressed the full arc of the issues and processes involved in these complicated democratization movements and the developmental efforts that support them.

While everything was great, the dialogue between Marika McCauley from The Coca-Cola Company and Liz McCauley from CARE was utterly remarkable in both substance and content about private/NGO partnerships. Both have had deep engagement in some of the rawest places on earth and are seriously addressing the issues of poverty, health, water and empowerment of women and children.

Jim Clancy of CNN International had just returned from the Middle East and gave a unique, inside media perspective on what really caused the Awakening and had very different takes on the role of social media dating back to his earlier experiences in the Balkans.

The conference closed with a keynote address by Dr. John Eaves, Chairman of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, who as an academic and a politician presented keen observations derived from

his recent "official" international trips. Chairman Eaves related those experiences directly to his own economic development initiatives in Fulton county and metropolitan Atlanta.

Like last year's YL conference on "Leadership in the 21st Century," the event was the highlight of the Young Leaders program offerings, which include their acclaimed monthly, evening briefings series which features pressing topics such as Somalia, Immigration, and the Arab Spring.

Contributed by Claire Higgins Morton, Council Administrator, World Affairs Council of Atlanta. Please visit <http://robinson.gsu.edu/wacatl/index.html> or email hmorton@gsu.edu for more information.

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WACA Leadership Network

To access the WACA Leadership Network, go to [our homepage](#) and click on WACA Leadership Network on the right-hand side. The WACA Leadership Network is a forum for sharing best practices and ideas among council members. It includes: program resource materials, best practices, available authors and speaker recommendations, as well as a host of other information.



Recommended Speakers

Check out WACA's list of Recommended Speakers, available through the Leadership Network! New speakers include:

- **Dr. Timothy D. Hoyt**, Professor of Strategy and Policy U.S. Naval War College and Co-Chair Indian Ocean Regional Studies Group



- **Charles A. Kupchan**, Professor of International Affairs at the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and is also Whitney H. Shepardson Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations



For more information on these speakers and more, go to our [homepage](#), then click on WACA Leadership Network. Once logged in, click on "Recommended Speakers."

Recommend a Speaker to the Network!

If your council has recently hosted a speaker that you would like to recommend to other councils throughout the national network, please visit the [WACA Leadership Network](#), select Recommended Speakers, and choose "Add." Help us leverage our resources throughout the network!

Available Authors

Working with the publishing houses, WACA has prepared a listing of authors who are available to receive invitations from World Affairs Councils around the country.



We have specifically highlighted authors who can speak to one of the Six Top National Security Issues voted on by our Council Leaders. These authors will help us in our effort to conduct a national conversation and debate on these six top issues in the run up to the 2012 elections. We also have a listing of authors who can speak on other foreign policy topics under General Interest.

Latest Additions: Among the latest additions to the Available Authors are:

- **Michael Hastings's *The Operators: The Wild and Terrifying Inside Story of America's War in Afghanistan*.**



In June 2010, award-winning journalist Michael Hastings published an article in Rolling Stone that made headlines around the world and resulted in the firing of the U.S. commander in charge of the war in Afghanistan. Hastings's hard-hitting account of the blunt, dismissive remarks made by General Stanley McChrystal and his staff about President Obama, Vice President Biden, leading U.S. diplomats, our European allies, and what McChrystal's "Team America" saw as a lack of strong leadership by the White House led Obama to summon the much-admired McChrystal back to Washington, where he was summarily relieved of command in the Oval Office. It was the most dramatic and consequential military firing since Truman dumped MacArthur in the middle of the Korean War. *THE OPERATORS* tells for the first time the full, gripping story of General Stanley McChrystal's spectacular rise and fall.

- **Alexander Cooley's *Great Games, Local Rules: US-China-Russia Competition in Central Asia*.**



The struggle between Russia and Great Britain over Central Asia in the nineteenth century was the original great game. But in the past quarter century, a new great game has emerged, pitting America against a newly aggressive Russia and a resource-hungry China, all struggling for influence over one of the volatile areas in the world: the long border region stretching from Iran through Pakistan to Kashmir. In *Great Games, Local Rules*, Alexander Cooley, one of America's most respected Central Asia experts, explores the dynamics of the new competition over the region since 9/11.

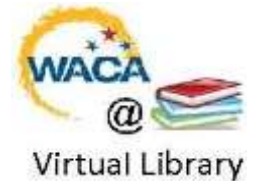
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Latest from the Capitol:



Testimony: Senate Foreign Relations: National Security and Foreign Policy Priorities in the FY 2013 International Affairs Budget, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton 2/28/2012 [Watch](#)

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Testimony: The Department of Defense and the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget, The Honorable Leon E. Panetta and General Martin E. Dempsey 2/29/2012 [Read Testimony](#)



US Economic Competitiveness

Testimony: House Committee on Financial Services: Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy, The Honorable Ben Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System 2/29/2012 [Watch video and Read statement](#)

Testimony: House Committee on Science, Space and Technology: Assessing America's Nuclear Future - A Review of the Blue Ribbon Commission's Report to the Secretary of Energy 2/8/2012 [Watch](#)

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China

Remarks on Promoting U.S. Economic Engagement with Asia, U.S. Senior Official for APEC Ambassador Hans Klemm; U.S. Ambassador to ASEAN Davis Carden; and Boeing Vice President of International Government Relations Stanley Roth 2/22/2012 [Watch video](#)



The Middle East

Remarks by the President, the Vice President, Secretary Panetta, and General Dempsey at Dinner in Honor of the Armed Forces who Served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn and their Families 3/01/12 [Watch video](#)



General Interest

Remarks on African Economic Growth, Investment and Development, William Fitzgerald, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs 2/22/2012 [Watch video](#)

Senior State Department Official Previewing Conference on Somalia, William Fitzgerald, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs 2/22/2012 [Read Statement](#)

Remarks on arriving in Beijing for possible resumption of 6 party talks, Glyn Davies Special Representative for North Korea Policy 2/22/2012 [Watch video](#)

What's Happening in the Network

The following updates from around the network include programs you can attend, participate in virtually, get ideas about speakers, or model format. We encourage you, as you read through the programs, to follow-up with the sponsoring council for more information.

Washington D.C.



22nd Annual Summer Institute on International Affairs for Educators

July 24-27, 2012 - Washington, DC
Teaching Global Issues - An In Depth Look at Some of Today's Leading Issues in the Global Community. In the twenty-first century, countries are becoming increasingly interdependent. With the rise of the international community, the demands of globalization are being felt throughout the United States. As a result, it is imperative that today's students are educated, global citizens that are aware of the world outside their borders.



Join the World Affairs Council - Washington, DC for an intensive, week-long seminar and gain access to experts in the field as we explore: Global economics, Nuclear proliferation, Global warming, Failed states and democratization, Classroom resources. Registration fee \$350 (\$300 before April 12). Final registration by May 18 WAC-DC arranges accommodations if needed.
\$100-double occupancy (total for 5 nights)
\$200-single occupancy (total for 5 nights)

Participants earn 40 professional credit hours
Choose to earn 3 graduate credits through Catholic University of America
For more information or to register, contact Amanda Stamp via email - astamp@worldaffairsdc.org or phone at 202-293-1051

San Francisco



On **March 30-31, 2012**, the **World Affairs Council of Northern California** will hold its annual, **WorldAffairs 2012** conference at the St. Regis San



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Francisco. Over the course of a day and a half, we will examine key shifts in the global landscape and how the US and the international community may respond. Our main topics include: global security, the global economy and our global future.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear key thought leaders speak on today's pressing global concerns. Recently added speakers include: **Peter Thiel**, Entrepreneur, Investor, and Philanthropist and **Vijay Vaitheeswaran**, Shanghai Bureau Chief and China Business Editor for *The Economist*. [More Information](#)

Philadelphia



The **World Affairs Council of Philadelphia** would like to announce the following **Travel The World** tours:



Voyage into Antiquity - October 2-14, 2012

Explore the ancient cities of the Aegean and Mediterranean Seas, understand the civilizations that created them and, with insights from the founder of the Montana World Affairs Council, Ambassador Johnson, learn about the political issues that dominate the region. Embark the 114-guest, all-suite Corinthian II in Athens and sail to Santorini, Crete, Egypt, Israel, Cyprus, Kastellorizo, Rhodes, Ephesus, Troy and end in Istanbul. In addition to the ambassador's presentations, an archaeologist will also lecture. From \$7,995 plus airfare.

Meeting Place of Empires: Venice-Balkans Cruise - September 1-13, 2012

Explore the layers of civilization that make the journey from the Balkans to the Black Sea one of the most fascinating corners of the world. In Sardis you'll wander through the remains of an ancient Greek temple and a 4th-century synagogue. At Mostar you'll stroll across the Stari Most bridge. In Dubrovnik you'll see glorious examples of Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque architecture, and in Split you'll visit the palace of the Roman Emperor Diocletian. Sail in the Black Sea before ending in Istanbul. **The cruise is enhanced with lectures by former Acting CIA Director John McLaughlin.** \$7,695 plus airfare. No Single Supplement and Special Savings Rate - now from \$5,995! Must book by April 30th! Cabins will go fast!

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Visit our website <http://www.wacphila.org/travel/>

Foreign Policy Association



On **March 15, 2012** the **Foreign Policy Association** will host a panel discussion as a part of the **David A. Coulter/Warburg Princus LLC Distinguished Lecture Series on Africa Emerging: Trade, Investment and Opportunity Across the Continent** at Credit Suisse.



The IMF recently projected economic growth in Africa to reach 5.8 percent in 2012, well above that of most western economies. Sub-Saharan Africa is expected to grow at a faster clip than Brazil and India, boasting six of the 10 fastest growing economies over the last 10 years. Where is this growth coming from and how is this boom different than others in Africa's past? This panel discussion will focus on Africa's rapidly changing business environment, what's driving it, how it could reshape the continent.

Panelists include: **Teresa Clarke**, Chairman and CEO, [Africa.com](#) LLC; former Managing Director, Goldman Sachs; **Tony O. Elumelu**, Chairman, Heirs Holding Limited; Founder, Tony Elumelu Foundation.

Advanced registration is required. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. [More information](#)

Dallas/Ft. Worth



On March 20, 2012 the **World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth**, will hold a **Global I.Q. with The Economist: Need, Speed, and Greed with Vijay Vaitheeswaran**, China correspondent for *The Economist*, on the innovation revolution that is rocking our global economic environment.



Explore how the rules of this new era, defined by Googlization, social networking and 24/7 connectivity, have, despite incredible benefits, fostered inequality resulting in movements like Occupy Wall Street and the Tea Party. Go beyond the pages with the Council and **The Economist** as you submit your questions live, helping to guide the conversation in this free, interactive webinar.

In order to participate:

1. [Register](#) for a Global I.Q. with *The Economist* webinar
2. A reminder email will be sent to you an hour before the program
3. Click the link in the message to access the webinar
4. Enjoy the program from your desktop!

Santa Fe



The Santa Fe Council on International Relations would like to highlight the below events. Register for all events at: www.sfcir.org, or (505) 982-4931.



Dr. Toby Jones, professor specializing in the modern **Middle East and the Arab-Israeli conflict** will deliver the third in CIR's Spring 2012 **International Lecture Series** entitled: Saudi Arabia: A Problematic Ally? Should the U.S. remain dependent on oil delivered from a Kingdom that fosters radical Islam around the world? **Saturday, March 24**, 3:00 - 5:00 pm, The Forum, Santa Fe University of Art & Design; 1600 St. Michael's Dr, \$15 Members/\$20 Non-members

Florida Palm Beaches



On **March 8, 2012** the World Affairs Council of the Florida Palm

Beaches will present **Dr. Omer Taspinar** who will discuss **Turkey & the Arab Spring: Turkey's Evolving Domestic and Foreign Policy**. Dr. Ömer Taspinar is Professor of National Security Strategy at the U.S. National War College and the Director of the Turkey

Project at the Brookings Institution. and was previously an Assistant Professor in the European Studies Department of the Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies SAIS (where he still teaches as Adjunct Professor)



On **March 21, 2012** the World Affairs Council of the Florida Palm Beaches will present **Dr. Daniel Byman** who will discuss **A High Price: the Triumph & Failures of Israeli Counter-terrorism**. Dr. Byman is a professor in the School of Foreign Service and was director of Georgetown's Security Studies Program and Center for Peace and Security Studies from 2005 until 2010. He is also a Senior Fellow with the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution. he served as a Profession Staff Member with the 9/11 Commission and with the Joint 9/11 Inquiry Staff of the House and Senate Intelligence Committees.

Harrisburg

The World Affairs Council of Harrisburg will presents as part of their **2012**

Executive Lecture Series, International 101, Dr. Oya Dursun-Ozkanca, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Elizabethtown College, who will speak about **Armed Aggression and Global Peace: Understanding the pursuit of military**

power among nations around the globe as well as approaches to conflict resolution to prevent wars and promote international



stability.

Next in series:

MAR. 8, 2012 -- *Non State Actors in International Politics*: This session, led by Harry L. Witte, Adjunct Professor at Widener University School of Law in Harrisburg and a practicing attorney, will examine the roles that nongovernmental organizations play in international affairs, including an overview of the United Nations, World Trade organization, the European Union, as well as the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Venue: Cumberland Valley High School - IMC

MAR. 22, 2012 -- *Promoting Human Development and Economic Well-Being*: This session, led by Dr. Mehdi Noorbaksh of Harrisburg University, will provide an overview of issues involving human rights, economic rights and international efforts to protect the environment. Venue: Harrisburg University.

[More Information](#)

New Hampshire

The [World Affairs Council of New Hampshire](#) would like to highlight the following events:



Thursday, March 1 ~ 7 PM

SPECIAL PROGRAM: FREE!

"Estonia's first year in the Eurozone: A European Union Success Story?" The Council will host **Her Excellency Marina Kaljurand**, Estonian Ambassador to the US, to discuss Estonia's first year in the Eurozone. [More information](#)

On **March 12, 2012** the World Affairs Council of New Hampshire will hold a World Affairs Luncheon at the Hospitality Center of Southern New Hampshire University. The speaker, **His Excellency Albrecht Conze**, the German Ambassador to Zimbabwe, will discuss **Africa Beyond Aid: Is Political Emancipation Possible?** [More information](#)

On **March 20, 2012** the World Affairs Council of New Hampshire will host an event as part of their **Headline Speaker Series: Global Tipping Points** at the Third Floor Auditorium in UNH Manchester. Speaker **Jack Matlock, Jr.**, former US Ambassador to the USSR, will discuss his book *Superpower Illusions: How Myths and False Ideologies Led America Astray-- And How to Return to Reality*. [More information](#)

Charlotte

On **March 1, 2012** the [World Affairs Council of Charlotte](#) will present



His Excellency François Delattre, Ambassador of France to the United States, as part of their **Ambassadors Circle Series** at the Westin Charlotte. [More information](#)

On **March 21, 2012** the World Affairs Council of Charlotte will present **Paula Broadwell** a research associate at Harvard University's Center for Public Leadership author of All In: The Education of General David Petraeus. Broadwell, who spent much of the past year in Afghanistan as an embedded author, will participate in two events that are to be held at two different times throughout the day. At **12 pm**, the Council will host her for an event that makes part of the Council's **Speaker Series** and at **6 pm**, the Council will have her give a presentation as part of **The Voyager's Club**.

Click [here](#) for more information on the 12 pm session.
Click [here](#) for more information on the 6 pm session.

On **April 26, 2012** the World Affairs Council of Charlotte will host a **World Citizen Award Dinner** honoring North Carolina philanthropists **Leon and Sandra Levine**. Successful in business, community and family endeavors, the Levines are a shining example of outstanding citizenship and personal integrity. [More information](#)

Columbus

On **March 15, 2012** the **Columbus Council on World Affairs** will hold its annual 2012 **International Awards Ceremony** at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. The premier yearly event recognizes the outstanding global contributions of local leaders. This year, the awards will honor **Greif, Inc.** as *International Company of the Year*. **Michael J. Gasser**, Executive Chairman of the Board, will accept the award and deliver keynote remarks. Introducing him shall be **Jeffrey Wadsworth**, President and CEO of Battelle.



An outstanding **International Education Project of the Year** will also be recognized. **David Hile**, Superintendent of Licking Valley Local Schools, and the District's high school Principal **Wes Weaver** co-facilitated the project and will accept the award.

[More information](#)


Alaska

On **March 2, 2012** the **Alaska World Affairs Council** will present **Scott Miner**, Chief Investment Officer at Guggenheim Partners who will discuss **Alaska's Place in the World Economy** at the La Perouse Room in Egan Center. [More Information](#)



On **March 22, 2012** the Council will present **T.R. Reid**, Reporter, Author, and Regular NPR Correspondent, for an evening discussion on the **Affordable Health Care Act (Obama's Health Reform) in Plain English** at the Wendy Williamson Theater. [More Information](#)

Cleveland

 On **March 1, 2012**, as part of its **International Visitors Program**, the **Cleveland Council on World Affairs** presented **Carsten Sondergaard, Permanent Representative of Denmark to NATO**, to discuss **NATO in 2012: Chicago Summit and Lessons Learned from Afghanistan and Libya**, at the Union Club of Cleveland. The program gave a preview of what is ahead for NATO in 2012 and the the new NATO strategic concept.



Orange County

On **March 8, 2012**, The **World Affairs Council of Orange County** will present a Panel Discussion "**Can Europe Survive an Economic Collapse - What are the Solutions?**"



This event features **The Honorable Wolfgang Drautz**, Consul General of Germany in LA; **The Honorable Elisabeth Fotiadou**, Consul General of Greece in LA; **The Honorable David Martinon**, Consul General of France in LA; **The Honorable Giuseppe Perrone**, Consul General of Italy in LA and Special Guest Moderator, **David Pyott** - President and CEO of Allergan.

For more information, please call 949-253-5751 or click [here](#).

Colorado Springs

On **February 16, 2012** the **Colorado Springs World Affairs Council** presented **Ambassador John Maisto who spoke about Democracies & Dictatorships: Myth & Reality in Latin America.**



Ambassador John Maisto is a former U.S. Ambassador to Nicaragua, Venezuela & the OAS. Since his retirement from the Foreign Service, he has spoken and written extensively on a wide range of policy issues relating to Latin America and the Philippines, serves on the board of several non-profit organizations focused on education, and is a member of the board of advisers of the Inter-American Dialogue and the Democracy Practitioners Network of the OAS.

The video for the presentation, which included a speech followed by a lively Q&A session, can be found [here](#).

Minnesota

On **March 3, 2012** the **Minnesota International Center**, in partnership with the Turkish Cultural Foundation and the World Affairs Councils of America, will host its **Spotlight on Turkey Teacher Workshop** at the University of Minnesota's





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Continuing Education and Conference Center. MIC has been selected by the Turkish Cultural Foundation to participate in "Spotlight on Turkey 2012", a program offering education about Turkey and its contributions to the global community. Topics to be addressed will include language, customs, history, family life and the Turkish approach to education. The workshop is targeted to middle school and high school educators, although all educators are welcome.


Participants in the March 3 workshop, who are also middle or high school teachers, are eligible to apply for two places on a 2-week summer study tour program to Turkey funded by the Turkish Cultural Foundation. Application forms will be available at the workshop and are due **April 1, 2012**.

Speakers Include: Speakers: **Kemal Pinar**, chair-elect, NAFAA Recruitment, Admissions and Preparation Knowledge Community; **Ceren Kaysadi**, an MIC K-12 education Program speaker and member of the Global Citizenship Student Council and Middle Eastern Student Association at Macalester College; **Belma Erdogan-Haug**, president of the Turkish American Association of Minnesota. [More information](#)

 On **March 19, 2012** the Minnesota International Center will host a conversation with **Hooman Majd**, author of **The Ayatollah Beggars to Differ** about Iran in the New Century at the William Mitchell College of Law Auditorium. The moderator will be **John Radsan**. [More information](#)

 On **March 20, 2012** the Minnesota International Center will present **Yolanda He**, for their **Culture through Cuisine: China** event at Tea House on the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus. She will speak about the culture and cuisine of Szechuan/China. The event is for MIC Members and their Guests only. Advance registration is required. [More information](#)

Kansas City

 On **March 7, 2012** the **International Relations Council of Kansas City** will welcome **Ambassador Allan Katz**, United States



Ambassador to Portugal, for a **special dinner** program at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

Ambassador Katz will speak about both Bilateral Relations between Portugal and the US and the European Financial Crisis, including the EU and IMF bailout of Portugal. Attendees will have an exceptional opportunity to meet Ambassador Katz, the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank, and to learn about the ongoing issues involved in the European financial crisis.

This program focuses on one of the **top six national security issues** facing the United States in the run-up to the 2012 presidential election - US Economic Competitiveness. [More information](#)

Sonoma

On **March 6, 2012** the [World Affairs Council of Sonoma County](#) will



present **Jacob N. Foster** for a discussion on **PROSECUTING WARLORDS, GENOCIDAIREs, HEADS OF STATE: The International Criminal Court at The Hague** to be held at the Spring Lake Village Auditorium. Less than a decade after its inception, the International Criminal Court is at the forefront of response to the most serious crimes of concern to the international community, such as genocide and war crimes. Mr. Foster in 2011 took temporary leave from his present position as Associate Attorney at Kasowitz, Benson, Torres and Friedman LLP to serve in the Intermediate Office of the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. He was profiled in a San Francisco Chronicle front page article "Seeking to right wrongs against Humanity." Mr. Foster, who worked on Muammar Gaddafi's arrest warrant, explores the complexities of international criminal justice, Proponents argue that prosecuting such crimes is necessary to ensure peace and reconciliation while critics contend that international criminal proceedings are selective justice enforced by the world's most powerful countries

[More information](#)

On **March 11, 2012** the World Affairs Council of Sonoma County will present **Dr. Tsuneo Akaha** for a discussion on **THE DAY THAT SHOOK JAPAN: 3/11 (Japanese Politics and Foreign Relations)** to be held at the Quail Inn. [More information](#)

South Dakota

On **March 29, 2012** the [South Dakota World Affairs Council](#) will present **Bonnie Joy Kaslan**, Honorary Consul General for Turkey in Northern California and Advisor for the Turkish Cultural Foundation, for a lecture on **Turkey and Its Region - Challenges**



and Opportunities at the South Dakota Art Museum auditorium. [More information](#)

On **March 31, 2012** the South Dakota World Affairs Council will host its **Spotlight on Turkey Teacher Workshop** at the King Center in the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

The workshop is for middle and high school teachers. Teachers who attend the workshop can apply for travel in Turkey sponsored by the Turkish Cultural Foundation July 10-24, 2012. Complete program and details available from harriet.swedlund@sdstate.edu, 605-688-5416

Southern California

On **March 8, 2012** The **World Affairs Council of Inland Southern California** will hold a program on **WOMEN, ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND SOCIAL CHANGE** at the Historic Mission Inn in Riverside. The distinguished speaker will be Dr. Wendy Luhabe of South Africa. **La Sierra University School of Business** is cosponsoring the program in honor of Dr. Luhabe. Known for changing the economic landscape for women in South Africa, Dr. Luhabe has been recognized as one of the 50 most influential women social entrepreneurs in the world. She was founder of South Africa's Women's Investment Portfolio Holdings in 1993, the first women-owned company to be listed on the Johannesburg Securities Exchange. She is a Chancellor of the University of Johannesburg. She founded the Wendy Luhabe Foundation to improve the economic and educational condition of black South African women and children, many from child-headed households, casualties of the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Secretary of State Hilary Clinton recently appointed Dr. Luhabe to the International Council of Women's Business Leadership. The reception begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Music Room of the Mission Inn. For reservations or more information call [951.222.8160](tel:951.222.8160) or visit www.worldaffairsinlandempire.org.



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Boston

On **March 1, 2012** **WorldBoston** will host **The Challenge for NATO: Cooperation in Times of Constraint** a special reception with **Ambassador Inao Mira Gomes** Portugal's



Permanent Representative to NATO, who will discuss the future of the alliance and the transatlantic relationship. He will speak on NATO reform, especially the alliance's new strategic concept ("smart" defense in an era of fiscal austerity), and lessons learned from NATO military activities in Libya and Afghanistan. Guests will also include a delegation of politicians, advisers, and political journalists from several European countries.

On **March 6, 2012** join WorldBoston for **National Security and U.S. Strategy in a Changing Space Environment**, an exciting luncheon discussion with **Ambassador Gregory Schulte**, U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy. Ambassador Schulte will discuss why space, as a congested, contested, and competitive part of the global commons, is increasingly important to U.S. national security and economic prosperity.

On **March 13, 2012** the Council will host **Promoting Democracy**. The U.S. has had a history of advancing and supporting democracy around the world. What place does democracy promotion have in U.S. foreign policy today? With a choice of tools ranging from economic aid to military force, what are the appropriate yet effective methods that the U.S. should use to promote democracy? **Marcia K. Wong**, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs at the U.S. Institute of Peace, will take your questions in the second installment of **GREAT DECISIONS 2012**.

Join WorldBoston on **March 14, 2012** for a **CHAT & CHOWDA Author Series with H. Woody Brock "American Gridlock: Why the Right and Left Are Both Wrong"** In American Gridlock, renowned economist **H. Woody Brock** bridges the divide between the political Left and Right to offer commonsense solutions to the economic crisis. He demonstrates that the choice is not between free market capitalism and a government-driven economy; rather, constructive economic solutions will allow "true" capitalism to flourish even as they incorporate social policies that help those who truly need it. Eschewing ideology, Brock reveals fresh ideas for tackling issues central to the 2012 U.S. Presidential election and to the nation's long-term future.

RSVP for events: Contact James Nadel at wb@worldboston.org or 617-542-8995 x104

Greater Hampton Roads

The **World Affairs Council of Greater Hampton Roads** celebrated another successful **Global Citizen of the Year Award** ceremony on February 9th, with special guest **Ryan C. Crocker**, Ambassador to Afghanistan and featuring award recipient **Robin Wright** Journalist. Incoming events include:



Norfolk NATO Festival Banquet celebrating Allied Command Transformation, NATO HQ in Norfolk and Distinguished Speaker Series in May with Ambassador Harry K. Thomas (Manila/Philippines). Please visit our website for details www.hrwac.org.

Pittsburgh



On **March 7, 2012** The **World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh**



will host a Breakfast Briefing entitled **Conducting Diplomacy in a War Zone: Aiding Reconstruction and Reconciliation in Afghanistan** with **Ambassador Beth Jones**, Deputy Special Representative for Pakistan and Afghanistan, U.S. Department of State. Join us for a discussion of the "diplomatic surge," and what still needs to be done to end the political stalemate in Afghanistan.

On Friday, **March 9, 2012** the Council will hold a Public Policy Discussion and Luncheon with **William K. Davis**, Director, UNDP Washington, D.C. Representation Office. His talk, **The United Nations in the 21st Century: Opportunities and Challenges**, will focus on how the United Nations can revitalize its efforts to maintain peace and security around the world, and what the organization's role is in 21st century diplomacy.

Ambassador Gary Doer, Ambassador of Canada to the United States of America will join the Council on Wednesday, **March 21, 2012** for a **Public Policy Discussion and Luncheon**. The Ambassador's visit will mark the second event in an ongoing series highlighting the energy relationship between Canada and the United States.

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