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PUBLIC EVENT REGISTRATION

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The Center for Global Affairs
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INFORMATION AND ADVISEMENT

For questions related to our graduate and continuing education programs in global affairs, please call (212) 992-8380 or visit www.scps.nyu.edu/cga.



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIVISIONAL DEAN



The start of a new year and semester is a time for reflection on what has come before and on the challenges ahead—perhaps never as much as during these tumultuous times.

Many of you have heard me speak with pride about the NYU Center for Global Affairs (CGA) and its integrated approach to global affairs education. Our graduate program equips men and women to take on leadership roles in today's complex environment; our continuing education courses give everyone the opportunity to stay informed on global happenings and trends; and, of course, our public events give all of you an opportunity to participate in conversations among diplomats, policy-makers, and prominent writers. All of them are represented in the pages that follow.

Join me in reading the incisive comments of our esteemed faculty member, Professor Ralph Bultjens, who for the past two decades has been teaching courses in our continuing education global affairs program (page 4). Another member of the CGA family, Professor Alon Ben-Meir, engages ambassadors and high-ranking diplomats in candid conversations (page 8). An upcoming symposium showcases our faculty talent (page 2). Advisory board member and editor of *Foreign Affairs* James F. Hoge, Jr. talks with prominent authors about their most recent writings (page 6). And there are many others in these pages that we by now consider part of our CGA family.

2009 marks the fifth anniversary since founding the Center for Global Affairs. To celebrate our growth and prepare for the future, we are refurbishing office space for faculty, staff, and students. We invite you to visit, join us at a public event, or register for a class. Become part of this vibrant experiment in global education.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Vera Jelinek".

Vera Jelinek
Divisional Dean
New York University
Center for Global Affairs

ACADEMIC UPDATE

M.S. in Global Affairs Spotlight

Graduate students and faculty in global affairs invite you to the following special events.

UNITED NATIONS PEACE AND SECURITY REFORM

Friday, February 13, 6.30-8.30 p.m.

Issues in peace and security continue to be a fundamental task of the United Nations 64 years after its founding. Recent developments, however, have presented new challenges to the international community, demanding a modernization of the organization. With 192 Member States, any modification involves a vast political and operational effort. The NYU Center for Global Affairs invites you to a conversation with leaders in the field to discuss recent reforms and the way ahead.



POST-EUPHORIA: GLOBAL CHALLENGES FACING THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION

Friday, March 27, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Join Center for Global Affairs faculty for a symposium examining the variety of issues facing President Barack Obama's administration, including security, trade, energy, and the economy. More information about this symposium, including panel topics and speakers, will be announced soon.

For more information on these and other CGA public events, please visit www.scps.nyu.edu/cga/public-events.

For more information about our Master's Degree in Global Affairs, please visit www.scps.nyu.edu/cga or call (212) 998-7200.

Peace Corps Information Sessions

Wednesday, February 25, 1-2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8, 1-2 p.m.

Learn how the Peace Corps can fit into your career path. Over 800 NYU alumni and more than 4,000 New York City residents have joined the Peace Corps since 1961. Peace Corps volunteers provide technical assistance to nonprofits, NGOs, local governments, communities, schools, health posts, and small businesses in over 70 countries around the world in the fields of business, health, education, agriculture, urban youth development, forestry, NGO development, social work, community development, and the environment. Positions are available for U.S. citizens with a wide variety of backgrounds.

Join Us for a Graduate Information Session

Discover how an M.S. in Global Affairs can transform your future.

**Tuesday, February 10
6-8 p.m.**

Marriott Marquis, NYC
1535 Broadway, 4th Floor

**Tuesday, April 14
6-8 p.m.**

Hyatt Grand Central
Park Avenue, NYC
Conference Level

Continuing Education Spotlight: Summer Programs at CGA

Turn your summer vacation into an opportunity to engage with the global community and understand our constantly evolving world. The Center for Global Affairs offers two special summer programs for continuing education students.

UN IN GENEVA STUDY PROGRAM

Saturday–Saturday, June 20–27, X12.9997/\$2,495

Geneva is the European headquarters of the United Nations, the primary seat of several of its specialized and affiliated agencies, and the center of many of its global responsibilities. This unique study tour places you in the historic Palais des Nations, the original home of the League of Nations, now the hub of international activity and the setting for hundreds of year-round meetings and conferences. There, you meet and are briefed by senior UN officials, diplomats, and key representatives of governments and nongovernmental organizations on such topics as human rights, refugees, peace and security, world health, world trade, development, HIV/AIDS, women and children's issues, international labor issues, and humanitarian assistance.

The application is available beginning in January, and the early application deadline is March 13.

For more information on this program, visit www.scps.nyu.edu/cga.geneva.

SUMMER INSTITUTE IN GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Monday–Friday, July 6–31, X12.9991/\$3,380

Increase your understanding of global affairs and explore international career paths by learning from experts in politics, economics, law, international relations, and more. This program covers the political, economic, social, and cultural issues that shape the world. Through private briefings and site visits, gain insight into the work of the United Nations, specialized international agencies, private sector firms, and nongovernmental organizations. You also participate in a global crisis decision-making exercise involving interactive negotiation and crisis resolution. Upon successful completion, students receive the Certificate in Global Affairs.

For more information on the Summer Institute, visit www.scps.nyu.edu/cga.si.



A Conversation With Ralph Buultjens

Ralph Buultjens is a political historian, author, and recipient of the Toynbee Prize in Social Sciences. He was formerly Nehru Professor at Cambridge University, where he is a Professorial Fellow. He has taught continuing education courses at NYU-SCPS for more than two decades and has been with the Center for Global Affairs since its inception. He speaks with *Preview* about the lessons of the 20th century and the challenges for the 21st.

Preview: *Why do you think a global education is a necessity, and what are its primary characteristics?*

Buultjens: For the first time in history, the world is linked by unprecedented levels of interdependence and interaction. Also, the understanding of this has spread to most levels of most societies—often driven by global developments that affect ordinary life in adverse ways (e.g. energy costs and food prices). So, more and more people are being connected to world trends. Increasingly, individuals who want to be successful have to prepare themselves for international interaction. Education—both formal and informal—has not yet adapted to these new circumstances. We need to expand what is often called “global education” at two levels—the conceptual level of consciousness, awareness, and understanding and the functional level of knowledge and practical operating skills. The era of insularity is rapidly ending—the technologies of communication, the evolution of global markets, and the expansion of individual, professional collaboration are creating global pools that transcend old boundaries. Global education enables us to swim in these pools.

Preview: *What are the lessons of the 20th century? How will they help us confront the challenges we have inherited?*

Buultjens: First lesson: On every occasion where great international challenges were overcome, success was due to collaboration and the constitution of genuine international partnerships and alliances/cooperative coalitions. Today,



Ralph Buultjens

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it is almost impossible to achieve progress in world politics or economies by going at it alone. Climate change, terrorism, nuclear proliferation, and global crime cartels, for example, can only be confronted by concerted global action.

Second lesson: Nations with inflated ambitions failed miserably. The quickest way to the decline of modern states is for them to overreach and to have an exaggerated idea of their own power. Thus did at least 12 major states crumble in the past century.

We should also remember two other instructive happenings—happenings very relevant in our current economic context. It took the New Deal to save American capitalism during the Great Depression. It took the welfare state to save European capitalism after World War II. In the struggle to bail out globalized-electronic capitalism, we have to balance institutional rescue with the cushioning of individual hardships. Political disaster during the Great Depression or in post-World War II Europe was averted because a lot of attention was given to human needs.

Preview: *Looking ahead: Of the many challenges facing the new world leaders of 2009, what do you believe should be their priorities?*

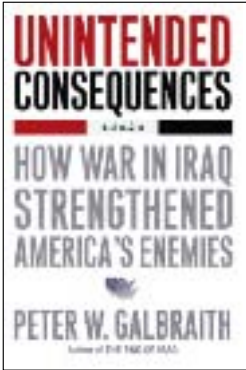
Buultjens: The priorities are clear: Economic concerns, military conflicts, humanitarian miseries, and so on. All have varying degrees of importance and urgency. But what is equally necessary is that world leaders—and that includes the new American administration—work on many issues at the same time. There is a tendency to address the agenda of concern sequentially, but our leaders have to focus simultaneously on several vital areas. We do not have the luxury, for instance, to concentrate largely on economics and neglect or postpone climate change issues. This is true also in regional matters—the Middle East is an example. The Palestinian situation, the Iranian situation, the Iraq war, the oil/energy supplies issue, Lebanon, and others all have to be addressed. Also, in working on the immediate we should not sideline longer-term questions, such as global humanitarian needs. Because of domestic pressures and problems in the more affluent countries, the difficulties of a poorer state may be thrust aside. This would be a tragedy—there would be great setbacks if we do this. And the eventual consequences will be very dangerous and costly in both human and economic terms. We are entering an era of intense competition at the upper end of the global balance—American predominance will be challenged by China, Russia, the European Union, and some Islamic nations. We have to turn this competition into cooperation so that the energies and resources of powerful states can be diverted and focused on world problems rather than on a struggle for first place.

PUBLIC EVENTS

In Print

This series features James F. Hoge, Jr., editor and Peter G. Peterson Chair of *Foreign Affairs*; chairman of the International Center for Journalists; and CGA advisory board member, in conversation with leading journalists and authors.

Books are available for sale.

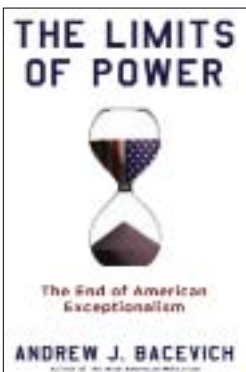


PETER GALBRAITH—UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES: HOW WAR IN IRAQ STRENGTHENED AMERICA'S ENEMIES

Thursday, February 26, 6.30-7.45 p.m.

Peter W. Galbraith served as the first U.S. Ambassador to Croatia. He is currently the Senior Diplomatic Fellow at the Center for Arms Control and Nonproliferation and a regular contributor to the *New York Review of Books*.

Galbraith surveys the occupation in Iraq, now in its fifth year, with strong words for optimists who regard the surge as a road to victory. The author argues that the war has achieved the opposite of many of its stated objectives: Israel is not safer and Middle Eastern regimes seem still to be moving in an antidemocratic direction. He discusses a possible Iraqi three-state solution, whereby the country would be divided by ethnic group—an extreme measure that he believes might stabilize the region.



ANDREW BACEVICH—THE LIMITS OF POWER: THE END OF AMERICAN EXCEPTIONALISM

Tuesday, March 10, 6.30-8.30 p.m.

Andrew J. Bacevich, a professor of history and international relations at Boston University, retired from the U.S. Army with the rank of colonel. He is the author of *The New American Militarism*, and his writing has appeared in *Foreign Affairs*, the *Atlantic*, the *Nation*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. He is the recipient of a Lannan Award and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

The Limits of Power identifies a triple crisis facing America: the economy, in remarkable disarray, can no longer be fixed by relying on expansion abroad; the government, transformed by an imperial presidency, is a democracy in form only; U.S. involvement in endless wars, driven by a deep infatuation with military power, has been a catastrophe for the body politic. If the nation is to solve its predicament, Bacevich argues, it will need the revival of the neglected tradition of realism.



**JOHN MICKLETHWAIT AND ADRIAN WOOLDRIDGE—
*GOD IS BACK: HOW THE GLOBAL RISE OF FAITH WILL
CHANGE THE WORLD***

Tuesday, April 14, 6.30–7.45 p.m.

Both John Micklethwait and Adrian Wooldridge were educated at Oxford and work for the *Economist*. Micklethwait has overseen the magazine's Los Angeles and New York bureaus and is now its U.S. editor. Wooldridge has served as West Coast correspondent, social policy correspondent, and management editor, and is currently the Washington, D.C. correspondent. Together, they have coauthored four books.

Religion is surging worldwide, and nations that once swore off faith—or even tried to stamp it out—are now run by avowedly religious leaders. Formerly secular conflicts have taken on a religious cast. Since the Enlightenment, intellectuals have assumed that modernization would kill religion—and that religious America is an oddity. The authors argue that religion and modernity can thrive together. *God Is Back* shows how the same American ideas that created our unique religious style can be applied to channel the rising tide of faith away from volatility and violence.



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Global Leaders: Conversations With Alon Ben-Meir

Alon Ben-Meir, professor of international relations, journalist, and author, hosts leaders from around the world in conversations that probe critical global issues.



HIS EXCELLENCY ABDULLAH HUSSAIN HAROON **Ambassador of Pakistan to the United Nations**

Tuesday, February 17, 6.30–7.45 p.m.

Ambassador Haroon began his career in public service as election coordinator for the Pakistan Muslim League in 1970. Later he served as councilor for the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation, speaker for the Provincial Assembly of Sindh 1985-1986, and leader of the opposition for the Sindh Assembly from 1986 to 1988. He also served as delegate to the UN General Assembly, director of the Board of Karachi Electric Supply Corporation 1997-1999, chairman of Griffith College Karachi 1999-2005, and president of the Pakistan-China Business Forum from 1999 to 2004. He became Ambassador of Pakistan to the United Nations in New York on September 3, 2008.

HIS EXCELLENCY SAMIR SUMAIDA'IE **Ambassador of Iraq to the United States**

Thursday, March 12, 6.30–7.45 p.m.

H.E. Samir Sumaida'ie was appointed Iraq's Ambassador to the United States in April 2006. Prior to his appointment, Ambassador Sumaida'ie served as Permanent Representative to the United Nations from July 2004–April 2006. Ambassador Sumaida'ie has also served as the Minister of Interior in Baghdad. In this capacity he managed a domestic security force of over 120,000 and made considerable progress in reorganizing and modernizing the Ministry's operations. In addition, Ambassador Sumaida'ie served as a member of the Governing Council (GC) in Iraq. In the GC, he was Chairman of the Media Committee. He played an integral role in the founding of the Iraqi Telecoms and Media Commission and the Public Broadcasting Institution. He also held positions on the Security, Finance, and Foreign Relations Committees.

H.R.H. PRINCE TURKI AL-FAISAL **Former Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United States**

Tuesday, April 21, 6.30–7.45 p.m.

Prince Turki Al-Faisal served as the Director General of the General Intelligence Directorate (GID), the Kingdom's main foreign intelligence service, from 1977 to 2001. In 2002, he was appointed Ambassador to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland by King Fahd bin Abdulaziz. He served as Ambassador to the United States from September 13, 2005 until February 2, 2007.

Prince Turki Al-Faisal is involved in a number of cultural and social endeavors. He is one of the founders of the King Faisal Foundation and is the chairman of the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies in Riyadh. He is also co-chair of the C100 Group, which has been affiliated with the World Economic Forum since 2003.

Worldly Perspectives With Clyde Haberman

In this popular and candid series that cuts to the heart of world affairs, Clyde Haberman, NYC columnist for the *New York Times* and veteran foreign correspondent, talks with renowned journalists. Avoiding sound bites and the clichés of studio-bound pundits, this more leisurely approach consistently yields thoughtful conversation and insightful observations from many corners of the world.



ELISABETH ROSENTHAL
International environment correspondent
International Herald Tribune/New York Times

Elisabeth Rosenthal has been a reporter with the *International Herald Tribune/New York Times* since 1994. For the last four years she has covered global environmental issues, based in Paris and Rome. From 1997 to 2003 she was a correspondent for the *New York Times* in Beijing, China, and she covered the 2004 U.S. Presidential campaign. She has won numerous awards for her work from (among others) the Asia Society, the United Nations, and the Newswomen's Club of New York.

Wednesday, February 4
6.30-7.45 p.m.

JAMES BENNET
Editor-in-chief, the *Atlantic*

James Bennet was named the *Atlantic's* 14th editor-in-chief in 2006. Before joining the *Atlantic*, Bennet was the Jerusalem Bureau Chief for the *New York Times*. Prior to his time in Jerusalem, he served as White House correspondent for the *New York Times*. A graduate of Yale University, Bennet began his career at the *Washington Monthly*.

Wednesday, February 25
6.30-7.45 p.m.

BOB SIMON
Correspondent, "60 Minutes"

Bob Simon has been contributing regularly to "60 Minutes" since 1996. He has covered virtually every major foreign story in the last three decades and has accumulated scores of major awards along the way, including a Lifetime Achievement Emmy in September 2003 and a Peabody Award in 2000. He covered the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the Argentine government's campaign against dissidents. Simon was named Chief Middle Eastern correspondent for CBS News in 1987. He has reported from locations as diverse as Sarajevo, Vietnam, Lebanon, Cambodia, Saudi Arabia, India, and China.

Wednesday, April 8
6.30-7.45 p.m.

Politics and Art in Cinema: *Films That Made a Difference*

Filmmaker, journalist, and founder/executive director of BYkids, Holly Carter hosts three screenings of film selected as particularly influential by foreign policy experts. Some experts may attend and join in discussion after the film. Please visit scps.nyu.edu/cga/public-events for updates.

PATHER PANCHALI (SONG OF THE ROAD) (INDIA, 1955)

Wednesday, February 18, 6 p.m.

Set in the 1920s, a boy, Apu, is born to a poor Brahmin family in a village in Bengal. The father, a poet and priest, cannot earn enough to support his family. Apu's sister, Durga, is forever stealing guavas from the neighbor's orchards. With a rich sense of place and time the film suggests an intimate connection between the human and natural world. Directed by Satyajit Ray. 115 minutes.

Selected by Richard Celeste, director of the Peace Corps (1979-1981), Governor of Ohio (1983-1991), Ambassador to India (1997-2001), and current President of Colorado College. "Pather Panchali whet my appetite and enthusiasm for India."

RASHOMON (IN THE WOODS) (JAPAN, 1950)

Wednesday, March 11, 6 p.m.

Rashomon is a Japanese crime drama containing philosophical and psychological overtones. An event (rape and murder) in a forest is reported by four witnesses, each from a unique point of view. Who is telling the truth? What is truth? Directed by Akira Kurosawa. 88 minutes.

Selected by Donald P. Gregg, CIA (1951-1982), National Security Advisor to Vice-President George H. W. Bush, Ambassador to South Korea (1989-1993), and chairman of the board of the Korea Society. "Kurosawa's Rashomon, which I saw in 1951, awakened an interest in Asia, leading to ten years in Japan. If I had the chance of only seeing one more movie, Rashomon would be it."

HIGH NOON (U.S., 1952)

Wednesday, April 15, 6 p.m.

On the day he marries and retires as town marshal, Will Kane is told that Frank Miller, a man he once sent to prison, is returning with his gang to exact revenge. Though advised to leave town with his new wife, Kane decides he must face Miller. Directed by Fred Zinnemann. 85 minutes.

Selected by J. Stapleton Roy, U.S. Ambassador to Singapore (1984-86), the People's Republic of China (1991-95), and Indonesia (1996-99), and currently vice chairman of Kissinger Associates. "High Noon influenced my foreign service career..While I'm subject to the usual human failings, my desire to behave honorably in stressful conditions has been strengthened by the role models provided both by people I have known and by movies such as this."

International Careers: Practical Advice and Real-Life Experience

Intrigued by an international career? Ready for life with at least one foot across sovereign borders? Are you a new job seeker or going through a career transition? This popular series provides an opportunity to meet international insiders who offer practical advice by sharing their real-life experiences.



INTERNATIONAL CAREERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Everett Myers, moderator
international banker/investment banker

Chris Gadomski, managing editor, nuclear,
New Energy Finance

Steven Godeke, principal, Godeke Consulting

Cortney Rhoads Stapleton, vice president, Bliss PR;
PR director, Spotlight Children

**Tuesday, February 3
6.30-7.45 p.m.**

INTERNATIONAL CAREERS WITH NONGOVERNMENTAL (NGO) AND VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

Carolyn Kissane, moderator; clinical associate professor,
Center for Global Affairs

James Allen Smith, vice president and director of research
and education, Rockefeller Archive Center

Jenna Slotin, program officer, International Peace Institute

Rena Kokalari, deputy field organizer, Presidential Campaign
for Barack Obama

**Thursday, February 19
6.30-7.45 p.m.**

INTERNATIONAL CAREERS WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

Judith Siegel, moderator; former deputy coordinator, Bureau of
International Information Programs, U.S. Department of State

Meghan Aabo, NYU recruiter, Peace Corps

Shane Christensen, foreign service officer, Office of the
Permanent Representative, U.S. Mission to the United Nations

Robert Dry, senior foreign service officer and diplomat in resi-
dence, City College of New York, U.S. Department of State

**Tuesday, March 3
6.30-7.45 p.m.**

Conflict, Security, and Development: Issues, Actors, and Approaches

A collaboration with the Office for International Programs at the NYU Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service (www.nyu.edu/wagner/international) and the Master's Program in Global Public Health (www.nyu.edu/mph)

This Thursday brown-bag series examines new research, creative policy approaches, and recent innovations in responding to challenges of security and development in conflict and post-conflict contexts.

Location: NYU Wagner at the Puck Building, 295 Lafayette Street, 2nd Floor

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**Thursday, January 29
12.30-1.30 p.m.**

WHERE HAS THE RUSSIAN MAFIYA GONE? AND WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

Mark Galeotti, clinical associate professor, Center for Global Affairs

In the 1990s, Russian organized crime—or fear of it—seemed everywhere, from CIA threat assessments to Bond movies. Since then, it seems to have dropped off the radar. Has it disappeared? Not quite. Instead, the fate and future of the *Mafiya* demonstrates how modern organized crime—networked, entrepreneurial, multiethnic, and transnational—can adapt and work within state and economic structures. While lower in profile, it is still a serious challenge to security and development—from drug production in Afghanistan and terrorist money flows to the integrity of global financial systems and the scourge of human trafficking.

**Thursday, February 5
12.30-1.30 p.m.**

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH OF WAR-AFFECTED POPULATIONS: WHAT DO WE KNOW?

Therese McGinn, associate professor, clinical population and family health, and director—RAISE Initiative, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

The traditional focus of international and local relief agencies during emergencies has been the provision of food, water, shelter, and basic health care, while reproductive health services have rarely been made available to refugees or the displaced. Dr. Therese McGinn outlines how reports of atrocities, particularly sexual violence, committed during conflicts such as those in the former Yugoslavia and in Rwanda have drawn world attention to reproductive health issues; and how the reproductive health of a population is affected, in turn, by refugee or displaced status.

**Thursday, February 12
12.30-1.30 p.m.**

**CHALLENGES AND HOPE FOR DEVELOPMENT:
THE CASE OF RWANDA AND DARFUR SURVIVORS**

*Mary Kayitesi Blewitt, founder and director, Survivors Fund;
nominee for 2005 Nobel Peace Prize*

How can the international community best provide support to survivors in post-conflict societies? In the 15 years since nearly one million people were killed in the Rwandan Genocide, the Survivors Fund (SURF) has worked to develop an integrated approach to helping survivors deal with and recover from their losses. Drawing on lessons learned from her experience working with genocide survivors, Blewitt talks about SURF's model for helping survivors rebuild their lives and how it can be applied to the situation in Darfur.

Thursday, February 19
12.30-1.30 p.m.

**VOTING FOR PEACE: BUILDING DEMOCRACIES
IN POST-CONFLICT COUNTRIES**

*Thomas Flores, clinical assistant professor,
Center for Global Affairs*

In the wake of violent civil conflict, democratization is often seen as a central tenet of the post-conflict reconstruction plan. Holding elections is thought to signal a move to more peaceful politics. However, nascent democracies confront daunting obstacles on the road to recovery, and early elections are often a conduit to further violence. President Obama's emphasis on civilian efforts to rebuild failed states suggests that these issues will only increase in importance in the next several years.

Thursday, February 26
12.30-1.30 p.m.

**DISASTERS AND PEACEMAKING:
CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEACE**

*Michael Renner, senior researcher and director, Global
Security Project, Worldwatch Institute*

The human toll exacted by natural disasters is increasing, adding to the list of challenges faced by poor communities and countries worldwide. Recorded disasters nearly doubled between 1987 and 2006, while the number of people affected by them increased more than 10 percent. The intersection of disasters, conflict, and peacemaking requires interdisciplinary responses from governments, international donors, and civil society. Michael Renner examines the recent experiences of Indonesia's Aceh province, Sri Lanka, and Kashmir, among others, and uses these case studies to suggest better integration of disaster and conflict responses.

Thursday, March 5
12.30-1.30 p.m.

Save the Date

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the following special events.

Elections and Energy: What's Next for Canada and the United States?

Co-sponsored by the Consulate-General of Canada (New York)

Wednesday, February 11, 6.30-7.45 p.m.

Join CGA faculty and the Consulate-General of Canada for a panel discussion on the energy policy implications of the most recent federal elections in Canada and the United States, and explore opportunities for enhanced cross-border cooperation on energy trade, security, infrastructure development, and environmental strategy. Panel participants include:

Joseph Doucet, Enbridge Professor of Energy Policy, University of Alberta's School of Business

Carmen Dybwad, president, Energy Council of Canada

Edward Morse, managing director and chief economist, LCM Commodities

Rachel Ziemba, senior analyst, RGE Monitor

Exploring Global Identity: Democracy and Global Identity

Tuesday, February 24, 6.30-7.45 p.m.

The Center for Global Affairs continues a series examining the relationship between global citizenship, national identity, and individual responsibility. Join CGA Clinical Associate Professor Carolyn Kissane as she moderates this thoughtful discussion on global citizenship.

Special guests for this conversation on global democracies include University Professor at NYU Carol Gilligan and NYU Edwin D. Webb Professor of Law David A. J. Richards, co-authors of *The Deepening Darkness: Patriarchy, Resistance, and Democracy's Future* (2008), and Chris Walker, director-studies, Freedom House.

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Dorothy Royle, graduate program
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Jennifer Chowdhury, graduate
program support

Spring 2009 Faculty

Full-Time

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in residence, clinical professor

Thomas Flores, clinical assistant
professor

Mark Galeotti, clinical associate
professor

Carolyn Kissane, clinical associate
professor

Louis Klarevas, clinical assistant
professor

Michael Oppenheimer,
clinical associate professor

Adjunct

Giuseppe Ammendola, international
economist and consultant

Michelle Billig Patron, director, PIRA
Energy Group's Global Political Risk
Service

Barbara Borst, journalist specializing
in international affairs

Ralph Buultjens, historian; author,
recipient, Toynebee Prize in Social
Sciences

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Brown Brothers Harriman & Co.

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Joseph Coelho, consultant,
peacemaking and development,
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