



APRIL 2007 EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2007

PUBLIC PROGRAM

**SECOND CHANCE: THREE PRESIDENTS
AND THE CRISIS OF AMERICAN SUPERPOWER**

with Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski,
former U.S. National Security Advisor



Having emerged from the Cold War as the unquestioned victor, the United States entered a phase of unprecedented global dominance. Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski will discuss the leadership of the three presidents – George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush—who, during this period, successively became history's first global leaders. Assessing how each president's personal leadership style influenced not only their

success but the global stature of the United States, he concludes that the United States has squandered much of its prestige, but also addresses how it may be regained.

Dr. Brzezinski is widely considered to be one of the nation's most important voices on foreign policy. Educated at Harvard and McGill universities, he served the U.S. government in various advisory roles before being appointed national security advisor to President Carter in 1977. He is now a trustee at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and a professor at the Paul Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at The Johns Hopkins University. A regular contributor to both domestic and foreign newspapers and journals, his expertise is frequently called upon by the public, private, and political sectors. His latest book, *Second Chance: Three Presidents and the Crisis of American Superpower*, published by Basic Books, will be available for purchase and signing at the program. **Learn more and register online at thechicagocouncil.org.**

5:30 p.m. Cash bar reception

6:00-7:30 p.m. Lecture, discussion, and book signing

Hilton Chicago, 720 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago

Members \$20; Nonmembers \$30

President's Circle and Corporate Members complimentary

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2007

ASIA IN CHICAGO

**BENEATH THE SUPERPOWER FAÇADE:
CHINA'S DEEPEST FEARS AND THE AVOIDABLE
CONFLICT WITH AMERICA**

with Dr. Susan Shirk, Professor of Political Science at the University of California, San Diego, and former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for China



With its astounding economic success, China appears to be the world's next superpower. But beneath this superpower façade, China's leaders harbor fears of their own weaknesses and fret over political survival and domestic chaos. Worse yet, these insecurities can become the catalyst for an avoidable conflict between China and the United States. Why does China's superpower rise make its leaders uneasy

and threaten global stability? What must the United States understand and do to prevent these fears from leading to a catastrophic conflict with China?

Professor Susan L. Shirk, a former deputy assistant secretary of state responsible for China, argues that unless we understand China's brittle internal politics and the fears that motivate its leaders, we face the very real possibility of avoidable conflict with China. Professor Shirk, knowing many of today's Chinese rulers personally and having studied them for three decades, offers invaluable insight into how they think and what they fear. She is currently a professor of political science at the University of California, San Diego, and is author of *China: Fragile Superpower*, which will be available for purchase and signing at the program. **Learn more and register online at thechicagocouncil.org.**

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2007

PUBLIC PROGRAM

LOCAL CONFLICTS AS A GLOBAL CHALLENGE

with Dr. George Rupp, President of the International Rescue Committee



Globally, the International Rescue Committee (IRC) serves people uprooted by war or persecution, and in the United States, it aids refugees who have qualified for resettlement. As president and chief executive officer of the IRC for over four years, Dr. George Rupp will discuss how conflicts in the world today differ markedly from the dominant pattern of the past 350 years, and show how the conflicts in countries such as Sudan, Afghanistan,

and Congo pose a global challenge for the developed, as well as the developing, world. Drawing on the experience of the IRC, he will sketch how its work seeks to address this global challenge.

Dr. Rupp was educated at Princeton, Yale, and Harvard universities. He served as dean of the Harvard Divinity School, president of Rice University, and president of Columbia University before joining the IRC in 2002. As chief executive officer, he oversees the agency's relief and rehabilitation operations in twenty-five countries and its refugee resettlement programs in the United States. He also leads the IRC's advocacy efforts on behalf of the world's most vulnerable people.

This program is cosponsored by the Global Donors Forum, Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights, and the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights. *Learn more and register online at thechicagocouncil.org.*

5:30 p.m. Registration

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Lecture and discussion

Millennium Knickerbocker, 163 East Walton Place, Chicago

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THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2007

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM

YOU CAN HEAR ME NOW: CONNECTING THE WORLD'S POOR TO THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

with Nicholas Sullivan, author



Bangladeshi villagers sharing cell phones helped build what is now a thriving company with more than \$200 million in annual profits. But what is the lesson for the rest of the world? This is a question author Nicholas P. Sullivan addresses in his tale of a new kind of entrepreneur – Iqbal Quadir, the visionary and catalyst behind the creation of GrameenPhone in Bangladesh.

GrameenPhone—a partnership between Norway's Telenor and Grameen Bank (cowinner of the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize) defines a new approach to building business opportunities in the developing world. Sullivan's latest book, *You Can Hear Me Now*, offers a compelling account of what he calls the “external combustion engine” – a combination of forces that is sparking economic growth and lifting people out of poverty in countries long dominated by aid-dependent governments. The “engine” comprises three forces: information technology, local entrepreneurs trained in the West, and foreign investors. Sullivan's book, *You Can Hear Me Now*, published by Jossey-Bass, will be available for purchase and signing at the program.

Learn more and register online at thechicagocouncil.org.

5:30 p.m. Cash bar reception

6:30 p.m. Talk followed by audience Q&A

The James Hotel, 55 East Ontario, Chicago

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The Young Professional (YP) series is designed to engage young people under the age of 40 in discussions on world affairs. YP programs offer young Chicagoans the opportunity to hear from influential experts and policymakers while networking with others who share their international interests.

FIFTH ANNUAL GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS DINNER

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007

One of the highlights of The Chicago Council's year, the Global Leadership Awards Dinner honors distinguished individuals for their outstanding achievements in the realms of international relations, global thought leadership, and philanthropy.

This year's honorees include: Sadako Ogata, former United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; Brent Scowcroft, former U.S. National Security Advisor; and Andrew J. McKenna, Chairman of Schwarz Paper Company and McDonald's Corporation.

Dinner tickets start at \$250. To learn more or request an invitation call PJH & Associates, 312-553-2000, or e-mail kmcginnis@pjhchicago.com, or visit pjhchicago.com/thechicagocouncil.com.

Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2007

WEST SUBURBAN PROGRAM AT THE COLLEGE OF DUPAGE

**UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES:
PERSPECTIVES ON U.S. RELATIONS
WITH LEBANON AND SYRIA**with journalist Andrew Tabler, Fellow,
Institute of Current World Affairs

Andrew Tabler, a foreign correspondent based in both Beirut and Damascus, has become one of the most sought-after commentators on contemporary Syria. Addressing the current political dynamics between Washington, Damascus, and Beirut in light of the assassinations of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri and other leading Lebanese figures, and the political upheavals that have followed, Tabler will explore current U.S. policies toward these two key Middle Eastern countries. While commenting on the political challenges afoot in Lebanon and Syria, he will also report on the complex economic realities that bind these two countries.

Tabler pursued graduate studies at the American University in Cairo and has since served as an editor at the *Middle East Times*, *Cairo Times*, and Oxford Business Group. In 2004 he cofounded *Syria Today*, an English language current affairs magazine, and used the work of this publication to build relationships between foreign and local journalists, enabling them to learn and write together to strengthen diplomatic ties and enhance journalistic quality. He is now a fellow at the Institute of Current World Affairs and is frequently interviewed by the international media, including CNN, NBC, PBS, NPR, the *Boston Globe*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *USA Today*, the *New York Times*, and *International Herald Tribune*. This program is cosponsored by the College of DuPage. [Learn more and register online at thechicagocouncil.org](http://thechicagocouncil.org).

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Presentation and discussion

College of DuPage, Student Resource Center (SRC 2800)
425 Fawell Boulevard, Glen Ellyn

Members \$10; Nonmembers \$15
President's Circle and Corporate Members complimentary

For directions and parking information, visit cod.edu.

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

CHICAGO AND THE WORLD FORUM SPRING 2007 SERIES
*THE GLOBAL ENERGY FUTURE: ECONOMICS, CLIMATE, AND SECURITY***PART TWO: THE GLOBAL ENERGY RACE:
MEETING THE WORLD'S ENERGY CRISES**with Spencer Abraham, Chairman and Chief Executive
Officer, The Abraham Group; former U.S. Secretary of Energy

During his three years as U.S. secretary of energy, Spencer Abraham sought to broaden America's international energy partnerships, develop close working relationships with energy companies, and launch key studies on a range of energy markets. Now the chairman and chief executive officer of The Abraham Group, he is also a distinguished visiting fellow at the Hoover Institution and chairman of the nuclear energy group

AREVA, Inc. In his talk, Abraham will address how the growing demand, shifting geopolitics, and increasing prices of energy have intensified the search for alternative ways to fuel the global economy. [Learn more and register online at thechicagocouncil.org](http://thechicagocouncil.org).

5:30 p.m. Cash bar reception

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Lecture and discussion

Location to be announced

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Please visit thechicagocouncil.org for date and location details.**FOREIGN LANGUAGE DINNERS**

The Chicago Council organizes monthly foreign language dinners for both native and nonnative speakers. You must be a Council member and have conversational proficiency in the language of the dinner you choose to attend. All dinners are held on weeknights in various ethnic restaurants in Chicago. Members must make reservations in advance and are responsible for paying for their dinners in cash.

For more information or to make reservations, please contact Missy Hertz at mhertz@thechicagocouncil.org or 312-821-7540.

Spanish	Tuesday, April 10th, 6:30 p.m.
Polish	Tuesday, April 10th, 7:00 p.m.
Chinese	Wednesday, April 11th, 6:00 p.m.
French	Wednesday, April 11th, 6:00 p.m.
Italian	Thursday, April 12th, 7:00 p.m.
Arabic	Tuesday, April 17th, 7:00 p.m.
Russian	Tuesday, April 17th, 6:30 p.m.
German	Wednesday, April 18th, 6:30 p.m.
Greek	Thursday, April 19th, 6:00 p.m.
Bulgarian	Thursday, April 19th, 6:30 p.m.



Register online at thechicagocouncil.org and receive immediate confirmation or complete this form in its entirety.

QUESTIONS? Call 312.726.3860 or visit thechicagocouncil.org.

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1. DR. ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI	APRIL 4	\$20		\$30		\$
2. DR. SUSAN SHIRK	APRIL 9	\$20		\$30		\$
3. DR. GEORGE RUPP	APRIL 11	\$20		\$30		\$
4. NICHOLAS SULLIVAN	APRIL 19	\$10		\$20		\$
5. ANDREW TABLER	APRIL 23	\$10		\$15		\$
6. SPENCER ABRAHAM	TBA	\$20		\$30		\$
TOTAL						\$

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Refunds: Requests for refunds must be sent in writing via mail or e-mail: refunds@thechicagocouncil.org 24 hours in advance of the program.

Special Requirements: With advance notification, special seating can be provided for members with hearing or vision difficulties. Please contact us by mail or e-mail no later than 24 hours in advance of the program to make arrangements. We cannot guarantee special seating the day of the program.

Check Policy: Paying by check authorizes The Chicago Council to send the information from your check electronically to your bank for payment. Your account will be debited in the amount of your check, and the transactions will appear on your bank statement. Your cancelled check will not be returned.

WHERE TO SEND THE FORM

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