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Chicago and the World Forum to Address Role of U.S. Foreign Policy in Presidential Race

Gone are the days when candidates for America's highest office could shy away from discussing America's role in the world. U.S. foreign policy will play a central role in the upcoming presidential election. Issues such as the war in Iraq, Iran's nuclear program, immigration reform, and trade imbalances may determine how most Americans will vote in 2008.



Historian Niall Ferguson kicks off the year-long Chicago and the World Forum series on November 28, 2007.

In anticipation of the enormous public interest in U.S. foreign policy and the U.S. role in the world, distinguished public figures will speak to The Chicago Council on Global Affairs as part of its year-long Chicago and the World Forum series: "Road to 2008: American Leadership in an Uncertain World."

"Today, the voting public, and therefore the candidates themselves, are fixated on America's place in the world and the foreign policy options confronting our country," says Rachel Bronson, vice president for programs and studies at The Chicago Council on Global Affairs. "The Council is well equipped to harness this interest and provide a forum for discussion in Chicago."

The series, generously supported by the McCormick Tribune Foundation, will begin in November and will include talks by Niall Ferguson, the Harvard historian who has described the "descent of the West"; Walter Russell Mead, the Council on Foreign Relations Fellow whose new book addresses the grand strategic challenge America now confronts; and Thomas Pickering, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and one of the country's most distinguished foreign policy experts.

In spring 2008, the series will turn to an examination of the major international issues the next administration will face, including the future of international institutions, conflict in the Middle East, the rise of China, and managing the Transatlantic partnership. The spring series will include talks by journalist and Pulitzer Prize-winning author

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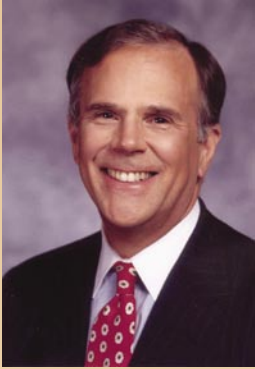
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Council's Attention Focused on Road to 2008

Message from the President



The 2008 presidential contest is shaping up to be unusual in several respects. It has begun in earnest earlier than any previous national election cycle. It is the first presidential race in more than fifty years in which neither the incumbent nor a sitting vice president is a candidate. And it is very likely that much of the 2008 campaign will focus on national security and foreign policy.

Challenges in the Middle East—Iraq and the future of U.S. involvement there, Iran's pursuit of nuclear capability and regional influence, the options for defusing increasingly confrontational Israeli-Palestinian relations, and the potential for a wider regional conflict—will likely dominate foreign policy discussions. Questions of how best to deal with the global terrorist threat, how to manage an increasingly complex U.S.-China relationship, how to reestablish Transatlantic consensus, how to develop a strategic partnership with India, and how to contain the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction will be much debated as well.

Yet, in the minds of many Americans, one of the most important tasks for any new president—and one of the most difficult questions for the candidates—will be how to restore America's standing and leadership in a complex and uncertain world. Americans will look to the candidates to explain how they will employ the United States' still unparalleled power and influence in the service of our interests and values.

The Chicago Council will devote much of its attention over the coming year to stimulating and informing dialogue, in Chicago and beyond, on the international issues and policy choices that will dominate the 2008 presidential campaign.

We begin this fall with a year-long Chicago and the World Forum series focused on the overall challenge of providing international leadership in the 21st century. Then in June 2008, the Council's America and the World Conference, cosponsored by the McCormick Tribune Foundation, will bring foreign policy specialists from around the world to consider the question of global leadership—how is it defined, exercised, and made effective.

In early fall 2008, The Chicago Council will release the results of its highly respected biennial public opinion study of American public attitudes on world affairs and U.S. foreign policy. A few months later, the Council will publish and share with the incoming administration and Congress task force reports on the role of religion in the making of U.S. foreign policy, the priorities for U.S. trade policy, and the impact of possible energy and climate legislation on the economic competitiveness of the Midwest.

The road to 2008 is in many respects the road to America's future. The Chicago Council on Global Affairs is privileged to help map the way for its members and others who will make their choices in November 2008.

Marshall M. Bouton
President

Chicago and the World Forum

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Samantha Power, former assistant secretary of state for Near East Affairs Ambassador Martin Indyk, and *Die Zeit* editor and publisher Josef Joffe, among others.

The Chicago and the World Forum is The Chicago Council's premier public program series, which routinely attracts large audiences. For each series, the

Council invites nationally recognized leaders to address a particular topic or theme. Recent series topics have included "The Global Energy Future: Economics, Climate, and Security," "Whither Russia," and "Democratization: Can It Make The World Safe?" Previous speakers have included Richard Lugar, Brent Scowcroft, Fred Bergsten, and Strobe Talbott.

"This year's Chicago and the World Forum promises to be a dynamic series," says Chicago Council President Marshall M. Bouton. "We hope it will contribute to a serious and thoughtful debate in the run-up to the 2008 election.

To learn more or to see a full schedule of speakers, visit thechicagocouncil.org/ChicagoandtheWorld.

McCormick Tribune Foundation Helps the Council Bring the World to Chicago



BG David L. Grange, USA (Ret.), moderated a discussion with the Foreign Minister of Pakistan, Mian Khurshid Mahmud Kasuri, on June 21, 2007.

Over the past thirty years, the McCormick Tribune Foundation has helped The Chicago Council on Global Affairs build a forum in Chicago for the discussion of critical international issues. In recent years, the Foundation has provided annual support for the Council's Chicago and the World Forum public lecture series and its America and the World Conference. The Foundation also helped to make possible the Council's Study Group on Chicago's global future, which released a report this October.

"The Chicago Council's efforts to engage the public in discussions of foreign policy and world affairs fit right in with the mission of the McCormick Tribune Foundation—to improve civic health by advancing the ideals of a free, democratic society," said BG David L. Grange, USA (Ret.), president and chief executive officer of the McCormick Tribune Foundation. "The power of the Foundation's approach is in partnerships with organizations like the Council."

Grange, who also is a member of The Chicago Council's Board of Directors, joined the McCormick Tribune Foundation after thirty years of service in the U.S. Army, where his final position was commanding general of the First Infantry Division.

The McCormick Tribune Foundation was established in 1955 as a charitable trust upon the death of Col. Robert R. McCormick, longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. Today, the McCormick Tribune Foundation is one of the nation's leading public charities and has awarded \$37.4 million to 774 nonprofit agencies throughout the nation to date in 2007. More than \$21 million has been awarded to Chicago-area organizations.

"The McCormick Tribune Foundation strives to go beyond philanthropic support by creating synergies with the organizations it supports. Through innovative partnerships, the Foundation is able to have greater impact on the community," said Grange.

"Every action we take is intended to inspire meaningful dialogue and deliver results that will improve our country's civic health," he said. "We must consider how the partners we support and their projects will strengthen the community and country."

The McCormick Tribune Foundation is advancing the ideals of a free democratic society by investing in children, communities, and country. Through its children and community programs, the Foundation supports early childhood education, provides victim relief and recovery support for communities affected by Hurricane Katrina, and offers emergency support to the families of soldiers wounded and killed in Iraq. Through its journalism program, the Foundation helps advance the ideals of a free press and ensure the future of our nation's news media. The McCormick Tribune Foundation also funds and offers programs and services to the public through Cantigny, a 500-acre park and golf course in Wheaton, Illinois, and three world-class museums: First Division Museum at Cantigny, Robert R. McCormick Museum, and McCormick Tribune Freedom Museum.

The Chicago Council and the Freedom Museum have collaborated recently to offer public programs covering topics such as immigrant rights. Grange and the McCormick Tribune Foundation also plan to sponsor one-year Chicago Council student memberships for one hundred local area students each year.

These activities represent just a few ways in which the Council partners with the McCormick Tribune Foundation to engage citizens and preserve a democratic society. For more information about the McCormick Tribune Foundation, please visit McCormickTribune.org.

Task Force Convened on Religion and the Making of U.S. Foreign Policy

Today's world is deeply fractured along religious lines. Whether trying to manage sectarian divisions in Iraq, respond to Europe's struggle to integrate Muslims, or reduce extremism around the globe, policymakers are being forced to confront religion head-on in their policy calculations.

American policymakers are distinctly disadvantaged when dealing with religion, both at home and abroad. There seems to be no commonly understood vocabulary for discussing religious topics and no consensus for how religion should be taken into account when constructing American policy. Due to America's commitment to the separation of church and state, there also are deeply seated normative and legal obstacles, which often prevent U.S. leaders from effectively engaging in discussions of religion and policy.

In June 2007, The Henry Luce Foundation awarded The Chicago Council on Global

Affairs a \$375,000 grant to convene a Task Force on "Religion and the Making of American Foreign Policy." This is the largest single project grant the Council has received from one foundation. With an additional \$50,000 from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Task Force is set to begin meeting in early 2008.

"This is a huge vote of confidence for The Chicago Council and will enable us to tackle one of our nation's most vexing problems," said Rachel Bronson, vice president for programs and studies at The Chicago Council on Global Affairs.

The Task Force will include approximately thirty-five high-level and influential policymakers, academics, constitutional lawyers, and religious leaders. Task Force members will work to identify the current role of religion in the making of U.S. foreign policy and will explore how religion is represented in the execution of policy. They will work towards building a consensus around how,

in concept and in vocabulary, religion can be included transparently and legitimately in the policy development process in the United States. The Task Force also will work to bring notice to Chicago's rich religious history and its contributions to this topic.

"Chicago has a long tradition as a center of religious study and as a home to initiatives focused on fostering religious pluralism and positive engagement with the world; it is the right place to convene a group focused on the role of religion in the U.S. policy process," said Chicago Council President Marshall M. Bouton.

The Council plans to present Task Force findings to the incoming administration in 2009 to help it navigate the complex environment it will inherit. With a history of successfully carrying out high-level, policy-relevant projects, The Chicago Council on Global Affairs is well positioned to take up this complicated and important project.

Roundtable Formed to Focus on Russia and its Neighbors

The Chicago Council on Global Affairs has formed a new Roundtable on Russia and its neighbors, particularly relevant now during the 200th anniversary of official U.S.-Russia relations. The Roundtable is chaired by Terese Zimmer, who recently joined The Chicago Council as an adjunct senior fellow.

Zimmer earned a Ph.D in political science from The Johns Hopkins University and an M.A. from the Davis Center for Russian Studies at Harvard University. Her research has focused on center-periphery relations in the former Soviet Union, in particular on the formulation of economic policy in Soviet Central Asia. She has received several International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) fellowships, through which she spent a year performing research at Tashkent State University in Uzbekistan. She also has taught at the University of Chicago and Northern Illinois University. More recently, Zimmer has worked in the field of urban education practices and reform, and she is currently an analyst with the Center for Urban School Improvement at The University of Chicago.

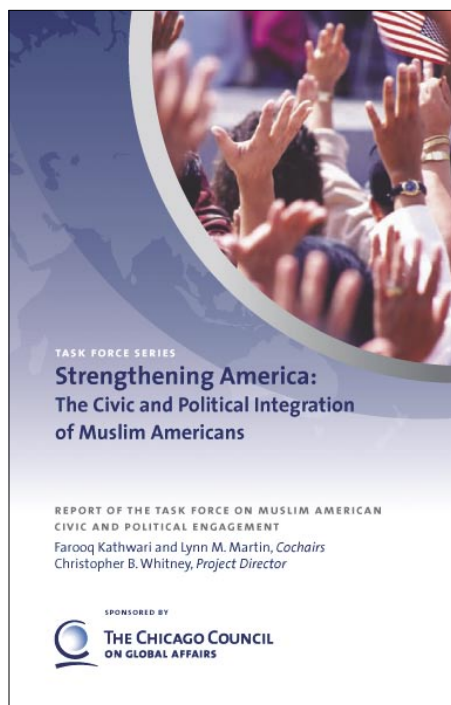
The Russia Roundtable meetings will be open to a limited number of Roundtable members with experience or interest in the region. Participants will hear from experts on the political, economic, and social changes occurring in Russia and its neighborhood, and engage in small group discussion.

The first meeting of four took place on October 3 and focused on the private sector's evolving relationship with the Russian government. Three other meetings are scheduled, one this fall and two in the spring. The next meeting is Wednesday, November 14, and features Dr. Martha Merritt, associate dean for international education at The University of Chicago, who will discuss "The Putin Presidency and the Triumph of Politics in Russia."

For more information or to join the Russia Roundtable, contact Natasha Karpasov at 312-821-6855, or nkarpasov@thechicagocouncil.org

Chicago Council Report Calls Muslim American Integration Vital to National Interest

Greater Muslim American civic and political engagement is urgently needed to prevent alienation in a community that is vital to U.S. security and relations with the Muslim world. This is the main conclusion of an independent Task Force report, "Strengthening America: The Civic and Political Integration of American Muslims," released by The Chicago Council on Global Affairs in June 2007.



The Task Force, led by Farooq Kathwari, chief executive officer of Ethan Allen Interiors Inc., and Lynn Martin, former secretary of labor and Illinois congresswoman, first convened in February 2006. A group of thirty-two distinguished Muslim and non-Muslim Americans met regularly for more than a year to examine the Muslim American experience and provide a roadmap for accelerating Muslim American engagement in civic affairs and U.S. political life.

The Task Force found that although Muslim Americans are a well-educated, diverse group that can make greater contributions to the nation, they lack strong institutions and sufficient recognizable public or political voices to gain regular access to government and media circles.

"There is a great need and opportunity for Muslim Americans to fully participate in American society and politics," said Kathwari. "The recommendations of the Task Force provide sensible and implementable ways to achieve this objective."

Many Muslim Americans responded helpfully to September 11 and condemned other terrorist acts. Despite this response, many Americans continue to view Muslim Americans with suspicion in the post-September 11 environment. The present climate of mistrust and the lack of engagement threaten to marginalize and potentially alienate some among Muslim Americans.

To combat this trend it is critical that Muslim American leaders and institutions continue and amplify their condemnations of extremism and terrorism and continue to strengthen efforts to prevent radical activity within the community. National leaders and the media in turn need to communicate these endeavors to the public.

"The continued isolation and mistrust of Muslim Americans since 9/11 is a recipe for a national crisis," said Martin. "It is in the interest of all Americans to build trust and rapidly bring Muslim Americans into the social and political mainstream to strengthen our democratic institutions and to improve homeland security."

This fall The Chicago Council on Global Affairs will sponsor a series of public discussions of the Task Force report in large American cities with significant Muslim populations, including Boston,

To accelerate Muslim Americans' civic and political engagement, the Task Force recommends:

- Muslim American leaders continue to take the lead in encouraging greater civic participation, leadership development, and institution building within their community.
- Non-Muslim groups and government leaders work to better recognize Muslim American contributions to national security, improve collaborations with Muslim American institutions, and provide greater opportunities for young Muslim Americans in government service.
- Media organizations and Muslim American groups jointly sponsor seminars to address concerns and deepen relationships and understanding.
- Leading research and policy institutes deepen their work on Islam and Muslim communities and create partnerships with Muslim American institutions.
- An American Diversity Dialogue be established among Muslim and non-Muslim leaders to examine critical issues in Muslim American integration.

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New York, Detroit, and Los Angeles. Institutions that participated in the Task Force process, as well as other relevant institutions, are working with the Council to develop the programs and reach out to audiences. Task Force cochairs and members also will participate in the events.

Moskow Joins The Chicago Council as Senior Fellow for the Global Economy



Michael H. Moskow

Michael H. Moskow, retired president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, became a senior fellow of The Chicago Council on Global Affairs on September 1, 2007. Moskow, who is a vice chairman of the Council's Board of Directors, will focus on the challenging issues of the global economy and ways in which The Chicago Council can address them.

Throughout his career, Moskow has contributed significantly to Chicago and the nation. In addition to thirteen years leading the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, he has been confirmed by the Senate for five U.S. government positions. From 1991 to 1993, he served as deputy U.S. trade representative with the rank of ambassador and was responsible for trade negotiations with Japan, China, and Southeast Asian countries, as well as industries such as steel, semiconductors, and aircraft. He also held senior management positions with three Chicago-area companies over a fourteen-year period.

"Michael's association with The Chicago Council as a senior fellow will greatly enhance the Council's ability to contribute to critical discussions about the global economy," said Lester Crown, chairman of The Chicago Council on Global Affairs.

"His decision to join the Council is an exciting endorsement of the momentum and direction of the organization."

In September 1994, Moskow became the eighth president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. In that capacity, he served on the Federal Open Market Committee, the Federal Reserve System's most important monetary policymaking body.

Earlier in his career he taught economics, labor relations, and management at Temple University, Lafayette College, and Drexel University. Prior to joining the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, he was professor of strategy and international management at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

Moskow also is the former chairman of The Economic Club of Chicago, and he continues to be active in numerous other professional and civic organizations in Chicago. He serves as a director of the Northwestern Memorial Foundation, World Business Chicago, and the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Civic Committee of The Commercial Club of Chicago. He also is a director of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration, and a board member and former chairman of the National Bureau of Economic Research. Prior to becoming president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, he served as a director of Conrail, Inc.

Q&A with Chicago Council Board Member Shirley Welsh Ryan



Shirley Welsh Ryan is chairman of Pathways Awareness Foundation, a national non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness about the benefit of early detection and therapy for children with early motor delays. In 2006, the Council honored Ryan with the Global Leadership Award, which recognizes outstanding civic and philanthropic leadership in the international arena. She has served as vice chairman of The Chicago Council's Board of Directors for the past seventeen years.

Q: How did you first become engaged with The Chicago Council?

A: After a graduate year in Paris, I returned

to Chicago and was very interested in finding a way to continue my international education. The Chicago Council made that possible. It has long been a source for young professionals to stay engaged with the world.

Why is The Chicago Council important to Chicago?

A: The Chicago Council connects Chicago to people and places around the globe. It fosters Chicago's connection to the rest of the world.

Q: If you could meet any global leader from any period in history, whom would you choose and why?

A: Wouldn't it be great to sit down to dinner with our early American fathers – Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln – and

hear their opinions about why the values they fought for are critically important for every citizen of the world.

Q: What global affairs topics should receive more attention?

A: Marshall Bouton does a superb job in keeping us current in this global era. I think the BRIC countries, Brazil, Russia, India, and China, deserve special attention for the impact they are expected to have on the world of tomorrow.

Q: What else would you like people to know about The Chicago Council on Global Affairs?

A: Since its founding, The Chicago Council has provided an open forum for everyone – students, interested citizens, civic leaders, and political leaders. I am extremely grateful for all that I have learned since becoming involved with the Council.

Council Reaches Out to Young Professionals in Chicago



Eboo Patel, author of *Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation*, met and spoke with audience members before his talk.

“This is clearly one of the major issues of our time,” said Eboo Patel, of the growing number of youth on the frontlines of religious violence worldwide. Patel, founder and executive director of the Interfaith Youth Core, spoke to a Chicago Council audience of more than 200 at The James Hotel, on Thursday, September 20, 2007, about the struggle to achieve global tolerance for religious pluralism.

Patel’s talk entitled “Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation,” was the highlight of The Chicago Council’s kick-off for its fall 2007 Young Professionals (YP) program series. His candid and insightful remarks were typical of the relaxed and engaging atmosphere of YP programs. Patel spoke to audience members and signed copies of his book, of the same title, following the program.

As the name suggests, YP programs are geared toward under-forty Chicagoans with interests in global affairs. Simon O’Rourke, executive director for public and leadership programs and the Global Chicago Center, explained that YP programs “focus on bringing to light stories and topics that are not always in the headlines.”

The Council’s YP programs draw large audiences of young Chicagoans from diverse academic, professional, and cultural backgrounds, and attendance is on the rise. YP membership in The Chicago Council also has increased to more than 600 individuals, the highest level in the past five years.



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“We are excited by the enthusiasm of younger audiences for our YP programs,” said O’Rourke. “Many of the Council’s current Board members first became engaged with the organization through similar programs more than twenty years ago.”

YP members attend programs to hear from emerging leaders and innovative thinkers who are working to solve some of the world’s most pressing challenges. Past speakers have included John Wood, the former Microsoft executive who founded Room to Read, which has donated millions of books and established hundreds of schools in developing nations, and Stephanie Nolan, the award-winning journalist who has been covering AIDS in Africa for the past six years. Local journalists, such as Jerome McDonnell, host of WBEZ’s *Worldview*, pose questions and engage in conversation with the featured guest during the program. Following the “interview,” the speaker fields questions from the audience.

In addition to a lively discussion of wide-ranging international issues, YP programs offer participants a comfortable social atmosphere. Programs take place in hip, downtown boutique hotels, such as The James. Many come early or stay afterward to enjoy a cocktail or a beer, and network with others who share their interest in world affairs.

Learn more at thechicagocouncil.org/yp.

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**AFTER HYPERPOWER:
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Niall Ferguson, author and
Laurence A. Tisch Professor of
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December 4
**THE MEANING OF
AMERICAN POWER**
Walter Russell Mead,
Henry A. Kissinger Senior Fellow
for U.S. Foreign Policy, Council on
Foreign Relations

December 12
**POWER AND PERSUASION:
ENSURING U.S. LEADERSHIP
IN THE GLOBAL ERA**
The Honorable Thomas R. Pickering,
vice chairman, Hills and Company,
and former U.S. ambassador to the
United Nations

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