



# World Affairs Fellows

2004-05 Programs

- SEPTEMBER **Dr. Graham T. Allison**, Founding Dean of Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government  
***"Nuclear Terrorism: The Ultimate Preventable Catastrophe"***  
Dr. Allison argued, in his view, that current US policy is failing to implement the appropriate – and relatively simple – measures that would prevent a devastating and likely nuclear strike by terrorists.
- OCTOBER **Karl Zinsmeister**, Editor-in-Chief of *The American Enterprise*  
***"The Promise of Democratizing Iraq"***  
Zinsmeister, who had reported extensively from Iraq, discussed his viewpoint that democracy in Iraq was a goal well worth fighting for, that progress towards the goal was good, and that most Iraqis welcomed the US.
- NOVEMBER **Ambassador Anwarul Chowdhury**, UN Undersecretary General for Least Developed Countries  
***"Alleviating Global Poverty: The Role of the UN"***  
1.1 billion people live on less than \$1 per day, 1.2 billion don't have clean drinking water, and 11 million children under five die every year. Ambassador Chowdhury, the UN High Representative for the world's most vulnerable people, discussed the UN's work towards achieving its Millennium Development Goals.
- DECEMBER **Dr. Christine Ingebritsen**, Professor of European Studies at the University of Washington  
***"An Update on US-EU Relations"***  
The EU reaction to the US election, plus issues such as: What should the Administration know about Europe? What are different ways of engaging the EU on global politics? EU expansion - what does it mean for the US?
- JANUARY **Ambassador Darryl Johnson**, Former US Ambassador to Thailand  
***"What the US Needs to Know about Southeast Asia"***  
The discussion centered on globalization's impact on Southeast Asia, Thailand in particular. Additionally, Ambassador Johnson, who was in Thailand when the tsunami struck, discussed relief efforts. Other important issues were terrorism, environmental protection, trafficking in human beings, human rights, and HIV/AIDS.
- FEBRUARY **Tracy Dahlby**, Former Managing Editor of *Newsweek International*  
***"A Report on Indonesia and Asia's War on Terror"***  
Dahlby discussed his reporting from Jakarta slums, terrorist-traumatized Bali, and the Islamic heartland on the island of Java, where the outcome of a struggle now raging between moderate Muslims and their extremist brethren for the country's Islamic soul promises to have far-reaching effects on the lives of ordinary Americans.
- MARCH **Roya Hakakian**, Author, Journalist, Filmmaker  
***"A Memoir of Revolutionary Iran"***  
As the US government and the European Union try to persuade the Iranian regime from developing nuclear weapons and meddling too much in Iraq, Iran has remained something of a puzzle to the American people. Beneath the media-filtered surface, what is Iranian society like? Hakakian, originally from Iran, explained.
- APRIL **Sidney Rittenberg**, President of Rittenberg & Associates  
***"Contemporary China"***  
Rittenberg, a celebrated expert on China who lived in Mao's China, discussed how the dynamics in the region are changing with China's economic growth and political clout. What are the implications for US-Chinese relations?
- MAY **Paul Simo**, Director of the Global Rights Africa Program  
***"Wealthy States, Penniless Citizens: Defining the New Frontiers of the Human Rights Struggle in Africa"***  
How do human rights groups contribute to reverse the so-called "resource curse", by which some of Africa's most resource-wealthy States (Congo, Sudan, Liberia, Nigeria, etc) fare dismally on rankings of human development indicators? Herein lies a major task for Africa's human rights defenders. The presentation will discuss how are they meeting this challenge, and what they need to succeed.
- JUNE **Dr. Larry Diamond**, Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution and Stanford University Professor  
***"The American Occupation and the Effort to Bring Democracy to Iraq"***  
Dr. Diamond, a noted expert on democracy-building worldwide, worked several months in Baghdad as an advisor to the Coalition Provisional Authority in 2003. Like Zinsmeister, he believed that democratizing Iraq was a worthy goal, but unlike Zinsmeister left his mission disillusioned by the objective and its implementation.