



World Affairs Fellows

2007-08 Programs

- SEPTEMBER **Nancy Floyd**, Founder of Nth Power
“Global Trends in Clean Energy”
Ms. Floyd addressed the global trends in energy technology and what these trends tell us about the future of worldwide sustainability initiatives. She discussed how clean technology is being adopted and influencing business worldwide and addressed ways in which the Pacific Northwest can secure a leadership position in this global industry.
- OCTOBER **Hans Blix**, Former UN Chief Weapons Inspector
“Current Trends in Nuclear Disarmament”
Dr. Blix discussed whether it is time for a revival of disarmament. He went on to relate the impact of our current political climate on world affairs and shared his insight and expertise regarding instituting change via weapons control.
- NOVEMBER **Andrew Kuchins**, Senior Fellow and Director of the Center for Strategic and International Studies
“The Russian Elections: Putin’s Future”
Known for his expertise in Russian foreign and security policy, Russian energy policy and US-Russia relations, Dr. Kuchin explained the complexities of oil politics, including the resurgences of Russia as an energy superpower and its effect on US national security.
- DECEMBER **Pankaj Ghemawat**, an Indian businessman and author
“The World is Not Flat”
Dr. Ghemwat argued against Thomas Friedman’s thesis that the world is flat and offered alternative perspectives on the impact of globalization.
- JANUARY **Steven Cook**, Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations
“Understanding Islam and Democracy in Turkey”
Dr. Cook addressed the recent elections in Turkey, the effect of the Islamist victory and Turkey’s relationship with the US and the EU.
- FEBRUARY **Wendy Chamberlin**, Former US Ambassador to Pakistan and President of the Middle East Institute
“Pakistan’s Best Chance”
Ambassador Chamberlin addressed elections in Pakistan, the effect of Benazir Bhutto’s death on Pakistani politics, and discussed U.S./Pakistan relations.
- MARCH **Robert Kapp**, Senior China Advisor, K&L Gates
“The Future of U.S./China Relations”
Mr. Kapp discussed U.S./China economic relations and the impact of a weakening dollar in reference to China’s increasing economic power.
- APRIL **Paul Roberts**, Energy Expert, author of *The End of Oil*
“Food, Energy, and the Future”
Mr. Roberts examined the geopolitics of food and food production systems, as well as future trends in the field.
- MAY **Joel Ngugi**, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Washington &
Roy Steiner, Senior Program Officer and Deputy Director in the Global Development Program, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
“Agriculture and Development in Africa”
Dr. Ngugi and Mr. Steiner discussed governance issues in Africa, as well as ongoing economic and social trends and their implications for the future.
- JUNE **Akhtar Badshah**, Senior Director of Global Community Investments, Microsoft Corporation
Sunila S. Kale, Assistant Professor at the UW Jackson School of International Studies &
“Current Trends in India”
Dr. Badshah and Dr. Kale discuss how India, as the world’s largest democracy, impact the global landscape and India’s current political and social trends.