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Michael Ahearn, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman, First Solar

Michael J. Ahearn has served as the chief executive officer and chairman of First Solar since August of 2000. Mr. Ahearn also served as president between August 2000 and March 2007. Appointed in 1996, he is also partner and president of the equity investment firm JWMA Partners, LLC, (formerly True North Partners, LLC), the majority shareholder of First Solar. Prior to joining JWMA, Mr. Ahearn practiced law as a partner at the firm of Gallagher & Kennedy. He received both his bachelor's degree in finance and law degree from Arizona State University.



The Honorable Joaquín Almunia, Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs, European Commission

Joaquín Almunia's political career spans nearly 30 years. In 1979, he became a member of the Spanish Parliament where he remained until 2004, when he became the European commissioner for economic and monetary affairs. Commissioner Almunia is a member of the Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE) and has held various positions within the party, including spokesperson and leader. In 1982, he served as Spain's minister of employment and social security; four years later he became minister of public administration. Prior to his political career, he worked as an economist at the Council Bureau of the Spanish Chambers of Commerce in Brussels and chief economist of UGT, a Spanish trade union. Commissioner Almunia holds degrees in law and economics from the University of Deusto and completed follow-up studies at L'École Pratique des Hautes Études and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.



The Honorable Celso Luiz Nunes Amorim, Minister of External Relations, Brazil

A graduate of the Rio Branco Institute, the prestigious Brazilian Diplomatic Academy, Celso Amorim did his post-graduate work at both the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna and the London School of Economics and Political Science. Showing a lifelong and genuine interest in academics, Minister Amorim remains on the faculty list at both the University of Brasilia and the University of São Paulo. He was minister of external relations under President Itamar Franco's government (1993 to 1994), and has held the same position again since the first term of President Lula's government (2003 to date). Among his several ambassadorial posts prior to this, he served as the permanent representative of Brazil to the United Nations and other international organizations in New York (1995 to 1999) and in Geneva (1991 to 1993 and 1999 to 2001). He was also Brazilian ambassador in London (2001 to 2002). In recognition of his dedication to international public service, Minister Amorim has received several national and foreign decorations and prizes. He has also written for several Brazilian and foreign publications in the fields of political theory, international relations, cultural policy, and scientific and technological development.



Anne Applebaum, Columnist, *The Washington Post*

Anne Applebaum is a columnist for *The Washington Post* and *Slate*. She also writes for a range of other newspapers and magazines, including the *New York Review of Books*. Formerly a member of *The Washington Post* editorial board, Ms. Applebaum has worked as the foreign and deputy editor of *Spectator* magazine in London, and as a columnist at several British newspapers, including the *Daily* and *Sunday Telegraphs* and the *Evening Standard*. From 1988 to 1991, she covered the collapse of communism as the Warsaw correspondent of *The Economist* magazine. Her writing has also appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, the *Financial Times*, the *International Herald Tribune*, *Foreign Affairs*, *The New Criterion*, *The Weekly Standard*, *the New Republic*, *The National Review*, *The New Statesman*, *The Independent*, *The Guardian*, *Prospect*, *Commentaire*, *Die Welt*, *Cicero*, *Gazeta Wyborcza*, *Dziennik*, *The Times Literary Supplement*, and several anthologies. A graduate of Yale University, Ms. Applebaum was a Marshall scholar at the London School of Economics and St. Antony's College in Oxford. She has been a lecturer at Yale and Columbia Universities, the University of Heidelberg, the University of Zurich, and the Humboldt University in Berlin. Ms. Applebaum has authored a number of books. Her most recent book *Gulag: A History* (Doubleday 2003) won the Pulitzer Prize for non-fiction in 2004.



Uzi Arad, Director, Institute for Policy and Strategy, IDC Herzliya; Chairman, Atlantic Forum of Israel

Uzi Arad is the founding director of the Institute for Policy and Strategy at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya, where he established and chairs the Annual Herzliya Conference Series. Concurrently, Prof. Arad is the chairman of the Atlantic Forum of Israel and has been advising the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee. He is currently being considered as the national security advisor and chairman of the National Security Council in Prime Minister-designate Netanyahu's government. He led a distinguished career in the Mossad for more than 20 years during which he held senior positions in Israel and abroad, his last position being director of research (intelligence), after which he was appointed the foreign policy advisor to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (during his first term in office). Prior to his career in government, Prof. Arad was a professional staff member with the Hudson Institute and a research fellow at Tel Aviv University's Center for Strategic Studies. He earned his master's and doctorate. degrees in international relations from Princeton University, where he attended as a Fulbright scholar.

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The Honorable José Manuel Barroso, President, European Commission

José Manuel Barroso is the 12th president of the European Commission. A graduate of the University of Lisbon law school he subsequently moved to Geneva where he earned a diploma in European studies and a master's of political science at the University of Geneva. Mr. Barroso's political career began in 1980 when he joined the Portuguese Social Democratic Party and in 1999 he was named president, which was reaffirmed in three subsequent elections. During this same period, he served as vice president of the European People's Party. In 1985, Mr. Barroso was named undersecretary of state in the Ministry of Home Affairs and in 1987 was promoted to the position of secretary of state for foreign affairs and cooperation, where he remained for five years. In 1992, he held his second term as minister of foreign affairs and served in this capacity until 1995. In April 2002, Mr. Barroso was elected prime minister of Portugal where he served until 2004, when he was named president of the European Commission. His academic career includes work as a teaching assistant at the University of Lisbon, the University of Geneva, and as a visiting professor at Georgetown University, Washington, DC; Roger Williams University, Rhode Island; and University of Genoa, Italy. In addition, he has received honorary degrees from the University of Kobe and Sapienza University in Rome.



Katinka Barysch, Deputy Director, Centre for European Reform

Katinka Barysch is the deputy director of the Centre for European Reform and also runs the center's research programs on Turkey and Russia. Before joining the Centre in 2002, she was an analyst for the Economist Intelligence Unit in London. Until 1998, she served as a consultant in Brussels and was involved in formulating the European Commission's strategy concerning Eastern European candidate countries. In addition, Ms. Barysch has served as an advisor for several organizations, including the EU Select Committee of the House of Lords and the World Economic Forum. She writes extensively on EU enlargement, economic and energy issues, Turkey, and Russia. Ms. Barysch holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Munich University and a master's degree in international political economy from the London School of Economics.



Ferdinando Beccalli-Falco, President and Chief Executive Officer, GE International

Ferdinando Beccalli-Falco was named president and chief executive officer of GE International in January 2005. As president and CEO, he is responsible for directing GE's strategies for growth outside the United States by working on behalf of all GE businesses to expand customer and government relationships and to develop new business markets. Mr. Beccalli-Falco formerly served as president and CEO for EMEA. Prior to that, he was executive vice president of GE Capital, where he had oversight responsibilities for GE Capital's Equipment Management Businesses and oversaw GE Capital India, GE Capital Global Sourcing, GE Capital Container Finance, and GE SeaCo JV. He has enjoyed a long career at GE, beginning in 1975 in the United States and also working at the offices in the Netherlands, GE Plastics global headquarters in Pittsfield, MA, and returning to Europe in 1991 to become the managing director of the Structured Products Business. In 1993, Mr. Beccalli-Falco was appointed president of GE Plastics Japan Ltd. until he returned to North America as vice president and general manager of GE Plastics Americas from January 1997 until May 2001, when he joined GE Capital. He holds a number of board memberships, including the Emmanuel Center Stiftung, Germany; the GE Foundation; Genpact Limited; and the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS). Mr. Beccalli-Falco previously served as an international advisor to former French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin and currently sits on the Trilateral Commission.



The Honorable Robert Bennett, Member, U.S. Senate; Co-chair Brussels Forum Congressional Delegation

Robert Bennett is a Republican senator of the state of Utah. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1992. Senator Bennett graduated from the University of Utah where he served as the student-body president during his studies. Prior to his election to the U.S. Senate, he earned distinction in entrepreneurial and government activities as chief executive officer of the Franklin International Institute and was named *Inc. Magazine's* "Entrepreneur of the Year" for the Rocky Mountain region. He also served as chief congressional liaison at the U.S. Department of Transportation. Senator Bennett currently serves on the Senate Committees of Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Energy and Natural Resources; and Appropriations where he is the ranking minority member for the Subcommittee on Agriculture. He also serves as ranking minority member on the Senate Rules Committee and serves on the Joint Economic Committee.



The Honorable Carl Bildt, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sweden

Carl Bildt has a long background in politics in Sweden and Europe, and mainly focuses on international policy and business. He is the current foreign affairs minister of Sweden and was the country's prime minister from 1992 to 1994. Minister Bildt's political career began in 1979 when he was elected to the Swedish Parliament. He served as chair of the Moderate Party from 1986 to 1999 as well as the International Democrat Union from 1992 to 1999. His government negotiated and signed the 1995 accession of Sweden to the European Union, and undertook far-reaching liberalization and structural reforms to improve the competitiveness of Sweden and modernize its old-style welfare system. Internationally, Minister Bildt served as mediator in the Balkan conflict of the mid 1990s in a variety of capacities, including his appointment as the European Union's special envoy to former Yugoslavia, co-chair of the 1995 Bosnian Peace Talks at Dayton, serving as high representative for Bosnia-Herzegovina immediately after the Bosnian War, and as the United Nations secretary general's special envoy for the Balkans. In the corporate sector, he has served on several boards, including Legg Mason, Vostok Nafta, Lundin Petroleum, and Teleopti AB.

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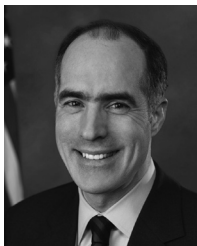
The Honorable Elmar Brok, Member, European Parliament

Elmar Brok was elected to the European Parliament in 1980. He is a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and of the delegation for relations with the United States. He also serves as the European Parliament's representative on the Council's Reflection Group, which is preparing the reform of the Maastricht Treaty. Additionally, Parliamentarian Brok served as the representative at the Intergovernmental Conference in Amsterdam (1996 to 1997) and again in Nice in 2000, and was also the European Parliament's representative at the Intergovernmental Conference on the EU Constitution in 2003. He served as the reporter-in-chief on the enlargement between 1999 and 2004. A member of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU), Parliamentarian Brok has served as chairman of the CDU district Ostwestfalen-Lippe since 1996. He is a member of the EPP-ED political bureau and the EPP board, and president of the Europa-Union Deutschland. He studied both law and political science at the Centre of European Governmental Studies at the University of Edinburgh. He has also received several awards, including the First Class Federal Cross of Merit and the Grand Golden Medal of Honor of the Republic of Austria, and he was named Commander of the Gregorius-Order by Pope John Paul II in November 2002.



Jin Canrong, Professor and Associate Dean, School of International Studies, Renmin University of China

Jin Canrong is a professor and associate dean of the School of International Studies at the Renmin University of China. He is also a visiting professor at the Gerald Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan and the "Weilun" chair at Tsinghua University. He holds a doctorate in international studies from Peking University and master's degree from the Chinese Academy of Social Services. Before joining Renmin University, Dr. Canrong worked for the Institute of American Studies at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. His fields of interest include American foreign policy, Sino-U.S. relations and Chinese foreign policy. He has published more than 500 papers, including five translations: *Liberal Tradition in America* by Louis Hart, *Between Hope and History* by former President Bill Clinton, and *Diplomacy* by Henry Kissinger. From 1995 to 1998, Dr. Canrong was the first columnist on international politics to produce Focusing on America, a bi-weekly column on world affairs in mainland China. Some of his other positions include vice president of the China National Association of International Studies, advisor to the policy planning office of the National People's Congress, and a standing councilor of the China Reform Forum.



The Honorable Robert Casey, Member, U.S. Senate; Co-chair Brussels Forum Congressional Delegation

Robert Casey is a Democratic senator of the state of Pennsylvania. He was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 2006. After graduating from the College of the Holy Cross, Senator Casey spent time teaching and coaching for the Jesuit Volunteer Corps before receiving his law degree from Catholic University, and he practiced law until 1996 when he ran for public office. Prior to his term in office, he served eight years as Pennsylvania auditor general and two years as state treasurer. Senator Casey serves on five Senate committees including Foreign Relations; Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; the Special Committee on Aging; and the Joint Economic Committee.



Joyce Chang, Global Head of Emerging Markets and Credit Research, JPMorgan Chase & Co.

Joyce Chang is managing director and global head of emerging markets and credit research at JPMorgan. Altogether, she manages a team of approx. 150 professionals across research in 13 developed and emerging markets countries covering macroeconomic, FX and rates, and company forecasts. Prior to joining JPMorgan, Ms. Chang was a managing director at Merrill Lynch and Salomon Brothers. She has also worked for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in the Philippines, Jordan, and India. She has been the #1 ranked emerging markets strategist by Institutional Investor for 11 consecutive years. Ms. Chang is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Inter-American Dialogue and serves on the Board of Directors of Trickle Up, EMPower, and the New York Theater Ballet. She has been featured in various publications, including *Newsweek* ("20 Most Influential Women"), the *Wall Street Journal* ("Top 50 Women to Watch"), *Crain's New York Business* ("New York Rising Stars - 40 Under 40"), and *Goldsea* (Top Ten Asian American executives under 45). Ms. Chang received her bachelor's degree from Columbia and master's degree in public administration from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University.

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Nuri M. Çolakoglu, Board Member, Dogan Yayin Holding

Nuri M. Çolakoglu graduated from Robert College and received his bachelor's degree from School of Political Sciences in Ankara, Turkey. He has been working as a journalist and broadcaster and media executive since 1969. He has held positions in Turkey and abroad, including with TRT Foreign News Department, German News Agency DPA, Sweden STV, German WDR Radio, *Aydinlik*, BBC Turkish Section, and *Milliyet*. Since 1991, he has been involved in launching or restructuring a number of private TV channels - Show TV, Cine 5, Olay TV, NTV, CNBC-e, CNN Turk, Fenerbahce TV, Romania Kanal D, and TEB KOBI TV. He joined Dogan Media Group as chief executive officer and president of CNN Turk. Mr. Çolakoglu is currently the vice president of Dogan Media Group and chief executive officer of *Turkish Daily News*. He is also a board member of Kanal D Romania. He owns InterMedia International Communication Corporation and the NMC New Media Company Television and Advertisement Corporation. He is currently serving as the chairman of TV Broadcasters Association of Turkey, executive board member of Istanbul Arts & Culture Foundation, executive board member of Istanbul Modern Arts Museum, chairman of the Education Committee of Turkish Businessmen and Industrialists' Association, board member of Advertisement, and executive board chair of Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture. Mr. Çolakoglu was assigned as the coordinator of Istanbul's 2010 European Capital of Culture application in March 2005 and was designated as the chairman of the Executive Board after the agency was launched.



Gregory Craig, White House Counsel, Executive Office of the United States

Greg Craig was recently appointed as White House counsel to U.S. President Barack Obama. Under the Clinton administration, he served as an assistant to the president and special counsel. In 1997, then- U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright appointed Mr. Craig to be a senior advisor subsequently serving the secretary as director of policy planning from 1997 to 1998. Prior to working for the administration, Mr. Craig served as a senior advisor on defense, foreign policy, and national security to U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy. He is also a partner at the law firm of Williams & Connolly.



The Honorable Pieter De Crem, Minister of Defense, Belgium

Pieter De Crem was appointed Belgium's minister of defense in December 2007. He has an extensive career in government and politics beginning in 1989 as an attaché in both the office of the former Belgian Prime Minister Wilfried Martens and later moving to the office of the former Minister of Defense, Leo Delcroix, in 1992. Later, Minister De Crem became involved in municipal politics and was elected mayor of Aalter, being re-elected in both 2000 and 2006. He concurrently served as a member of the Belgian Parliament representing the Christian People's Party and later under the Christian Democratic and Flemish (CD&V) parliamentary party. In May 2003, he became CD&V chairman and held this position until he took over his current responsibilities as minister of defense. Minister De Crem holds a master's degree in romance philology from Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and a master's degree in European and international law from Vrije Universiteit Brussel. He is also an officer in the Order of Leopold.



Zsolt Darvas, Visiting Fellow, Bruegel

Zsolt Darvas, a Hungarian citizen, joined Bruegel as a visiting fellow in September 2008 and continued his work at Bruegel as a research fellow until January 2009. He is also research fellow at the Institute of Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and associate professor at the Corvinus University of Budapest. From 2005 to 2008, Dr. Darvas was the research advisor of the Argenta Financial Research Group in Budapest. Prior to that position, he worked at the research unit of the Central Bank of Hungary (1994 to 2005), where he served as deputy head. He holds a Ph.D. in economics from Corvinus University of Budapest. Dr. Darvas' research interests include macroeconomics, international economics, central banking, and time series analysis.



Pavol Demeš, Director of the Bratislava Office, The German Marshall Fund of the United States

Pavol Demeš has been the director of the German Marshall Fund of the United States' (GMF) Bratislava office since 2002. Before joining GMF, he was the executive director of the Slovak Academic Information Agency Service Center, a Slovak non-governmental organization that promoted civil society. Mr. Demeš also has a political career and served as foreign policy advisor to the Slovak president from 1993 to 1997; minister of international relations from 1991 to 1992; and director of the Department of Foreign Relations in the Ministry of Education from 1990 to 1991. Prior to his political career after the Velvet Revolution, he was also a biomedical researcher at Comenius University in Bratislava. Mr. Demeš is a graduate of Charles University and spent a year at the University of South Alabama as postdoctoral fellow.

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Lyse Doucet, Presenter and Correspondent, BBC World

Lyse Doucet is a presenter and correspondent for BBC World television and BBC World Service. In 2002, she and her team were nominated for a Royal Television Society Award for their exclusive coverage of the attempted assassination of the Afghan President Hamid Karzai. The following year, Ms. Doucet was awarded a Silver Sony Award for News Broadcaster of the Year. She is also a regular presenter on the BBC's "Have Your Say" program and she occasionally presents "HARDtalk." Before joining the BBC's team of presenters in 1999, she spent 15 years as a BBC foreign correspondent. Ms. Doucet has an honorary doctorate in civil law from the University of King's College in Halifax, Nova Scotia; a master's degree in international relations from the University of Toronto; and a bachelor's degree from Queen's University at Kingston.



Steven Erlanger, Paris Bureau Chief, The New York Times

Steve Erlanger began his career as a journalist over 30 years ago. He began his career with *The New York Times* as a metro reporter and later became bureau chief in Bangkok, Moscow, Central Europe, the Balkans (based out of Prague), and Berlin. He became the Jerusalem bureau chief in 2004 and in 2008 became the Paris bureau chief. He has also been the newspaper's chief diplomatic correspondent in Washington, DC and cultural news editor. Before he started with *The Times* in 1987, Mr. Erlanger was with *The Boston Globe* for 11 years, where he served as a European correspondent based in London, assistant national editor, assistant foreign editor, and reported from Eastern Europe, Canada, and Iran. He holds a degree in political philosophy from Harvard College, where he was also a teaching fellow.



The Honorable Mircea Dan Geoană, President, Romanian Senate

Mircea Dan Geoană began his diplomatic career in 1990 directly after the Romanian Revolution by joining the Foreign Service. For the next six years, he held a variety of positions, including being the director general for Europe, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, and Africa. At the age of 37, Senator Geoană became the Romanian ambassador to the United States, the youngest Romanian at the time to hold such a position. In 2000, he became the foreign affairs minister of Romania, a position he kept for four years. During that time, Senator Geoană also served as Organization for Co-operation and Security in Europe (OSCE) chairman in office in 2001. Currently, he is the president of the Social Democratic Party (PSD).



Ulysse Gosset, Journalist and Anchor, France Television Group

Ulysse Gosset began his journalistic career in 1977 working for a variety of French radio stations, including France Inter, France Info, and France Culture, focusing on international news, politics, and culture. In 1986, he became French television station TFF's Moscow correspondent. Later, Mr. Gosset was promoted to chief correspondent and was the station's U.S. bureau chief. In 2003, France 3 TV named him chief domestic editor. Mr. Gosset recently left France 24, where he was a manager and served on the board of directors, and currently works as an anchor for the France Television Group.



Nik Gowing, Lead Anchor, BBC World

In 1996, Nik Gowing became a lead anchor for the BBC's international television news channel, BBC World. From 1996 to 2000, he was the principal anchor for the 90-minute weekday news program "The World Today," and its predecessor, "NewsDesk." He was a founding presenter of BBC's "Europe Direct," has been a guest anchor on "HARDtalk" and "Simpson's World," and is a regular presenter for "Dateline London." Mr. Gowing regularly anchors BBC World's live coverage from major international events, including the UN World Sustainability Summit in Johannesburg; the German, Dutch, and Russian elections; the India-Pakistan Summit in Agra, India; and the Kosovo crisis in 1999. Before joining the BBC, he was a foreign affairs specialist and presenter at ITN for 18 years. During the 1980s, first as foreign affairs correspondent, then as diplomatic correspondent, Mr. Gowing reported extensively from Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. In 1989, he reported on the revolutions marking the end of communist rule, as well as on the unrest in China.

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Ambassador Marc Grossman, Vice Chairman, The Cohen Group

Marc Grossman served 29 years in the public service sector, retiring in 2005 as under secretary of state for political affairs. Among his many distinguished positions in the U.S. State Department, Ambassador Grossman served as director general of the Foreign Service, director of human resources, assistant secretary of state for European affairs, and ambassador to Turkey from 1994 to 1997. Currently, he is the vice chairman for the Cohen Group and serves on various nonprofit and educational institutions' boards. Ambassador Grossman holds a bachelor's degree from the University of California in Santa Barbara.



His Excellency Karel De Gucht, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Belgium

Karel De Gucht is currently the deputy prime minister of Belgium and in 2004 was also appointed minister of foreign affairs. He has a degree in law from the Free University of Brussels and at the age of 26 became a member of the European Parliament. After 14 years of active experience, Minister De Gucht took the oath of a Belgian senator and a year later was elected to the Flemish Parliament as a member of the Vlaams Liberaal Democraten, and from 1999 to 2003, he served as chairman. Minister De Gucht is a lawyer and teaches at the Free University of Brussels. In 2002, he received the title of minister of state.



Shekhar Gupta, Editor-in-Chief, The Indian Express

Shekhar Gupta is the editor-in-chief of *The Indian Express*, a newspaper at the forefront of investigative and public affairs journalism. He leads India's largest network of award-winning journalists whose work has effected change in several areas, including government policy and legislation. Mr. Gupta, known as a reporter's editor, has some of the significant newsbreaks in contemporary Indian journalism to his credit. As a reporter with *The Indian Express*, he exposed the horrific Nellie massacre in Assam that marked a watershed in the North-East's ethnic conflict. As a reporter, and then an editor, with *India Today*, India's largest newsmagazine, he uncovered LTTE training camps in India, nailed the lie of official intelligence agencies in a spy scandal that falsely implicated scientists of the Indian Space Research Organisation. Seven years before 9/11, he travelled across Afghanistan, Pakistan, Germany, the United States, and the United Kingdom to report extensively on the threat from Islamic fundamentalism, including its links with Osama bin Laden. His weekly column "National Interest," now in its ninth year, has become a touchstone for new ideas in politics, governance, society, business, and sports. In addition, Mr. Gupta hosts an interview-based program, "Walk the Talk," on NDTV 24x7, India's most watched and respected English news channel. He is a regular guest speaker at the World Economic Forum in Davos and is the author of *Assam: A Valley Divided* and *India Redefines Its Role*.



The Honorable Karl-Theodor Freiherr zu Guttenberg, Minister for Economy and Technology, Germany

Karl-Theodor Freiherr zu Guttenberg was first elected to the German Bundestag in 2002 and currently serves as the minister for economy and technology. Until the end of 2008, when he took over his ministerial role, he serves as chairman of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU)/Christian Social Union (CSU) faction of the Foreign Relations Committee, a substitute member of the Defense Committee, a chairman of the German-British Parliamentary Group, a vice president of the Eastern Europe Society, and the spokesperson of the CDU/CSU faction for disarmament, nonproliferation, and arms control. Minister zu Guttenberg was the secretary general of the CSU from November 2008 until February 2009, when he was appointed minister of economics and technology. He holds a doctorate in law and political science, and before entering into politics he served as the chief executive officer of the Guttenberg GmbH. He has also spent time as a freelance journalist for *DIE WELT*.



Hironori Hamanaka, Professor, Faculty of Environment and Information, Keio University

A graduate of the University of Tokyo, Hironori Hamanaka is currently a professor with the Faculty of Environment and Information Studies at Keio University in Japan. Before joining Keio in 2004, he served 35 years in the Japanese public service, which included the position of vice minister for global environmental affairs at the Japanese Ministry of the Environment. Dr. Hamanaka is the chair of ICLEI Japan, a board member of the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, and director general of the International Law Environment Committee Foundation. Over the last nine years, he has devoted his administrative career to intergovernmental negotiations that included the Kyoto Protocol and the Johannesburg Plan. Dr. Hamanaka currently serves as Compliance Committee co-chair under the Kyoto Protocol and chair of its facilitative branch.

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James Harding, Editor, *The Times*

James Harding was named editor of the *The Times* in December 2007. His journalistic career began at the *Financial Times* in 1994 and two years later moved to open the Shanghai bureau. He later spent three years as the *Financial Times* Washington bureau chief. He joined *The Times* in 2006 as business editor, where he remained until taking over his current position in 2007. Mr. Harding is a graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge and City University.



The Honorable Alcee Hastings, Member, U.S. House of Representatives

Alcee Hastings is a Democratic representative of the state of Florida. He was elected to U.S. Congress in 1992. Congressman Hastings graduated from Fisk University in 1958 and earned his law degree from Florida A&M University in Tallahassee. Appointed by President Jimmy Carter in 1979, he became the first African-American federal judge in the state of Florida and served in that position for ten years. Congressman Hastings is co-chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe and chairman of the Legislative and Budget Process Subcommittee of the House Committee on Rules.



Søren Hermansen, Director, Samsø Energy Agency

Søren Hermansen has been the director of Samsø Energy Academy in Denmark since 2006. A graduate of the University of Aarhus in Denmark, he holds a degree in environmental studies. Mr. Hermansen is the organization leader of Samsø Energy and Environment Organization (SEEO)—Samsø, Denmark's 100 percent renewable energy island. He is also the project secretary of Samsø Offshore Wind Company and a board member of OVE, the Danish organization for renewable energy.



Lindsey Hilsum, International Editor, Channel 4 News

Lindsey Hilsum is international editor for Channel 4 News, Britain's premier evening news program. She won the 2005 Royal Television Society Journalist of the Year award for her reporting from Fallujah and Beslan, Iraq. In 2003, Ms. Hilsum won the RTS Specialist Journalist of the Year award for her reports from the Palestinian refugee camp at Jenin. She has twice won awards from Amnesty International, including one for her coverage of the genocide in Rwanda in 1994. During the 2003 Iraq war, she spent 10 weeks in Baghdad, and was in Belgrade during the NATO Kosovo campaign. Ms. Hilsum has spent extended periods in Zimbabwe and the Middle East, and she headed C4N's Beijing bureau from 2006 to 2008, covering the Tibetan uprising, the Sichuan earthquake, and the Olympics. Most recently she has reported from Mexico, Iran, and Israel. Previously, Ms. Hilsum reported for the BBC, *The Guardian*, and other newspapers from Africa and Latin America, where she was once an aid worker for OXFAM and UNICEF. She is also a regular contributor to the *New Statesman*, the *Observer*, and *Granta*.



Richard Holbrooke, Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, U.S. Department of State

On January 23, 2009, Richard Holbrooke was appointed Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan. He is a former diplomat, journalist, investment banker, and advisor. He has extensive senior management experience, including as president and chief executive officer of Perseus LLC; president and chief executive officer of the Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria; chairman of the Asia Society; and founding chairman of the American Academy in Berlin. Mr. Holbrooke joined the U.S. Foreign Service in 1963 and began his career in Vietnam as a provincial representative for the U.S. Agency for International Development. In 1966, he joined President Lyndon Johnson's Vietnam staff and was a member of the American Delegation to the Paris Peace Talks. During the Carter administration, Mr. Holbrooke served as assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs and was in charge of U.S. relations with China. As assistant secretary of state for Europe, he was the chief architect of the 1995 Bosnian Peace Accords at Dayton that ended the war in Bosnia. He later served as President Bill Clinton's special envoy to Bosnia and Kosovo, as well as special envoy to Cyprus. In 1993, he was the U.S. ambassador to Germany, and most recently, from 1999 to 2001, he served as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. In addition, Mr. Holbrooke served as Peace Corps director for Morocco from 1970 to 1972. As a journalist, he was managing editor of *Foreign Policy* from 1972 to 1977, and contributing editor of *Newsweek* for a year in the mid 1970s. Mr. Holbrooke also wrote one volume of the Pentagon Papers and two best-selling books: *To End a War*, a memoir of the Dayton negotiations, and co-authored Clark Clifford's memoir, *Counsel to the President*.

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The Honorable Darrell Issa, Member, U.S. House of Representatives

Darrell Issa is a Republican representative of the state of California. He was elected to U.S. Congress in 2000. Congressman Issa obtained his business degree at Siena Heights University in Adrian, Michigan and serves as a member of the University Board of Trustees. He founded Directed Electronics, a California-based manufacturer of automobile security and convenience products. Additionally, he has served as chairman of the Consumer Electronics Association and member of the Board of Governors of the Electronics Industry Association. In 1994, Congressman Issa received the Entrepreneur of the Year Award from *Inc. Magazine*, Ernst & Young, and *The San Diego Union-Tribune*. He currently serves on the House Government Reform Committee where he is ranking member of the Domestic Policy Subcommittee, the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence where he serves as ranking member of the Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management, and the House Judiciary Committee.



Bruce Jackson, Founder and President, Project on Transitional Democracies

Bruce Jackson is the founder and president of the Project on Transitional Democracies, a multi-year endeavor aimed at accelerating the pace of reform in post-1989 democracies and advancing the date for the integration of these democracies into Euroatlantic institutions. Previously, he served in the U.S. Army as a military intelligence officer, in the Office of the Secretary of Defense in a variety of policy positions pertaining to nuclear forces and arms control, as a strategist for Lehman Brothers, and as vice president for strategy and planning at Lockheed Martin Corporation. During 1995 and 1996, Mr. Jackson was national co-chairman of the Dole for President Finance Committee. From 1995 until 2003, he was the president of the U.S. Committee on NATO, a nonprofit corporation formed in 1996 to promote the expansion of NATO and the strengthening of ties between the United States and Europe. Mr. Jackson has been recognized for his work on democratic change and European integration by Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Romania, Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia.



Martin Jäger, Head of Global External Affairs and Public Policy, Daimler AG

Martin Jäger was born in Ulm, Germany on September 9, 1964. After training as a photo journalist in Paris, he studied ethnology, philosophy and political science in Munich while working as a freelance journalist for various publications. In 1994, he joined the German Foreign Office where he held a number of posts, including speechwriter for the Federal Minister and head of cultural affairs at the German embassy in Prague. In 2004, Mr. Jäger worked for the head of the Federal Chancellery responsible for media relations, and one year later took up the post of spokesman for the Foreign Office and the German Foreign Minister. On September 1, 2008, he joined Daimler AG as head of global external affairs and public policy.



Lady Barbara Judge, Chairman, United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority

A U.S. trained lawyer, Lady Barbara Judge was appointed by former President Jimmy Carter as the youngest-ever commissioner of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. In the mid 1980s, she became the first woman director of a London merchant bank based in Hong Kong, Samuel Montagu, and was an advisor to the Hong Kong stock exchange. Lady Judge has been chairman of the U.K. Atomic Energy Authority since 2004, having joined as a director and chairman of the Audit Committee in 2002. From 2002 to 2004, she served as a board member of the Energy Group of the Department of Trade and Industry and was its representative on the Program Board, which was the predecessor to the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority. Lady Judge is also a member of the U.K. government's newly formed Nuclear Development Forum. Until recently, she was also chairman of LIFE IC, an incubator for renewable energy technologies. In addition, she currently serves as deputy chairman of Friends Provident plc., chairman of the School of Oriental and African Studies, and director of numerous companies around the world including Bekaert in Brussels, Massey Energy in the United States, and Forte Energy in Australia. Lady Judge has spoken extensively on clean energy and the decommissioning of nuclear power plants, as well as the need for their continued construction and corporate governance.



Robert Kagan, Senior Associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Robert Kagan is a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and former transatlantic fellow of the German Marshall Fund of the United States. He also writes a monthly column on world affairs for *The Washington Post*, and is a contributing editor at both the *Weekly Standard* and the *New Republic*. He is listed as one of the world's "Top 100 Public Intellectuals" by *Foreign Policy* and *Prospect* magazines. Previously, Dr. Kagan served in the U.S. State Department from 1984 to 1988 as a member of the policy planning staff, as principal speechwriter for U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz, and as deputy for policy in the Bureau of Inter-American Affairs. An expert in the fields of U.S. national security and foreign policy; U.S. relations with Russia, China, and Europe; the European Union; and Iraq, he is a graduate of Yale University and Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. Dr. Kagan also holds a Ph.D. in American history from American University. Some of his most notable publications include *The Return of History and the End of Dreams* (Knopf 2008), *Of Paradise and Power* (Knopf 2003), and *Dangerous Nation: America's Place in the World from its Earliest Days to the Dawn of the 20th Century* (Knopf 2006).

DISCUSSANT BIOGRAPHIES



The Honorable Ron Kind, Member, U.S. House of Representatives

Ron Kind is a Democratic representative of the state of Wisconsin. He was elected to Congress in 1996. He earned his bachelor's degree at Harvard University, where he graduated with honors in 1985. He later went on to receive his master's degree from the London School of Economics and his law degree from the University of Minnesota. Congressman Kind practiced law for two years at the law firm of Quarles and Brady in Milwaukee and served as a special prosecutor on cases throughout western Wisconsin. He is currently a member of the House Ways and Means Committee and Natural Resources Committee.



The Honorable Suat Kınıkloğlu, Spokesman, Foreign Affairs Committee, Turkish Parliament

Suat Kınıkloğlu is the Justice and Development Party (AKP) deputy chairman of external affairs and spokesman of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the Turkish Parliament. Before becoming a member of the parliament in 2007, he was the executive director of the German Marshall Fund of the United States' (GMF) office in Ankara. He was also a transatlantic fellow for GMF working on Black Sea security and strategic issues. Prior to GMF, Mr. Kınıkloğlu worked in a number of embassies in Ankara as political consultant before setting up the Ankara Center for Turkish Policy Studies in 2002, where he was also the editor of the English-language quarterly journal *Insight Turkey*. He writes a weekly column for *Today's Zaman*, an English-language daily, and is a frequent contributor to international media outlets such as the *International Herald Tribune*, the *Financial Times*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. Mr. Kınıkloğlu graduated from Carleton University in Canada with an honors degree in political science, followed by a master's degree in international relations and a doctorate in political science from Bilkent University in Ankara.



Eckart von Klaeden, Member, German Bundestag; Foreign Policy Spokesperson, CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group

Eckart von Klaeden has served as a member of the German Bundestag since 1994. As a member of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU), he currently serves as the party's foreign policy spokesperson, the chairman of the German-Hungarian Parliamentary Friendship Group, and a substitute member on the Defense Committee. He has been a chairman of his party's local chapter since 1995, becoming a member of the Federal Executive Committee in 2004, and assuming the responsibilities of federal treasurer in 2006. From 2000 to 2005, Parliamentarian von Klaeden served as secretary of the CDU/CSU Parliament Group and spokesman of the Committee of Inquiry on the Visa Affair. He is a law graduate from the University of Würzburg and Göttingen and completed military service between 1985 and 1987, achieving the rank of reserve lieutenant commander.



Thomas Kleine-Brockhoff, Senior Director for Policy Programs, The German Marshall Fund of the United States

Thomas Kleine-Brockhoff is the senior director for policy programs at the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF). He oversees GMF's foreign policy and economic policy program and its fellowship programs. Before arriving at GMF, Mr. Kleine-Brockhoff was the Washington bureau chief of *DIE ZEIT*, Germany's intellectual weekly. An expert on transatlantic relations and foreign policy, he has been called upon to provide expertise as a witness to the U.S. Congress. In addition, he is a frequent commentator on transatlantic and U.S.-German affairs, briefing visiting members of the German and European Parliaments, speaking at universities like Johns Hopkins and Harvard, serving as a panelist at think tanks like the Brookings Institution and the New America Foundation, commenting on TV stations, including PBS and CNBC, and contributing to American, German, Swiss, and Italian public radio outlets and to newspapers like *The Washington Post*.



Jim Kolbe, Senior Transatlantic Fellow, The German Marshall Fund of the United States

Jim Kolbe is a senior transatlantic fellow with the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF), where he focuses on trade, aid and migration issues. Before joining GMF, he was a U.S. Congressman who served from 1985 until 2007, representing Arizona's 8th District. Before he entered the U.S. House of Representatives, he served as a state senator for Arizona. While in the U.S. Congress, he served as chair of the subcommittees on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and related programs of the House Appropriations Committee.



The Honorable Miroslav Lajčák, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Slovak Republic

Miroslav Lajčák was appointed minister of foreign affairs for the Slovak Republic in January 2009. Previously, he was the high representative/EU special representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina from July 2007 until his current appointment. He also served as the director general for political affairs in the ministry of foreign affairs. His extensive experience in Southeastern Europe includes mediator and personal representative of Javier Solana, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy, during the independence referendum of Montenegro in 2006. Minister Lajčák joined the Czechoslovak foreign ministry in 1988 and began his diplomatic career in Moscow, serving through Slovakia's declaration of independence. He served as ambassador to Japan (1994 to 1998) and was chef de cabinet to Jozef Moravčík, Slovakia's then foreign minister (1993 to 1994), and again for Eduard Kukan (1998 to 2001). From 2001 to 2005, he served as ambassador to the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Albania, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Minister Lajčák is a law graduate from the Comenius University in Bratislava and holds a doctorate in international relations from the State Institute of International Relations in Moscow. He is also a graduate of the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Germany.



The Honorable Alexander Lambsdorff, Member, European Parliament

Alexander Lambsdorff is a member of the European Parliament, where he serves as deputy chairman of the Committee for the Internal Market and Consumer Protection. In addition, he is a substitute member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Subcommittee on Security and Defense. As a member of the Parliamentary Delegations with the United States and Japan, he takes a keen interest in transatlantic and pacific affairs. For the German Free Democrats, Count Lambsdorff serves as deputy chairman and foreign affairs spokesman in the European Parliament. In 2006, he was head of the European Commission's Election Observation Mission to Kenya and in 2008 he was the European Commission's chief observer in Bangladesh. Count Lambsdorff studied history, constitutional law, and international relations at Bonn University in Germany and at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. In 1995, he joined the German Foreign Service, where he was part of the policy planning staff of the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs. And from 2000 to 2003, he served at the German Embassy in Washington, DC before leaving the Foreign Service for the 2004 European election campaign.



The Honorable Sergey Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Russia

Sergey Lavrov, a graduate from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations, started his career in foreign affairs in 1972 where he served as a Soviet diplomat in Sri Lanka. Upon his return in 1976, he worked in the Department of International Organizations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 1990 to 1992, Minister Lavrov served as director of the Department of International Organizations and Global Problems before he was appointed deputy minister of foreign affairs. He served as a senior advisor to the Soviet Mission at the United Nations between 1981 and 1988, and again as Russia's permanent representative between 1994 and 2004, serving as the president of the United Nations Security Council seven times. Minister Lavrov was appointed to the post of Russia's minister of foreign affairs in March 2004 under former Russian President Vladimir Putin.



Jean-Pierre Lehmann, Founding Director, Evian Group

Jean-Pierre Lehmann, founding director of the Evian Group, has been professor of international political economy at IMD International Institute for Management Development since January 1997. He acts in various leading capacities in several public policy forums and organizations. In 1995 Professor Lehmann launched the Evian Group, which consists of high ranking officials, business executives, independent experts, and opinion leaders from Europe, Asia, and the Americas. Prior to joining IMD, he has had both an academic and a business career which over the years has encompassed activities in virtually all East Asian and Western European countries, as well as North America. Previously, he was the founding director of the European Institute of Japanese Studies (EIJS) at the Stockholm School of Economics and professor of East Asian political economy and business. From 1986 to 1992, Professor Lehmann established and directed the East Asian operations of InterMatrix, a London based business strategy research and consulting organization. During that time, he was operating primarily from Tokyo, with offices in Seoul, Taipei, Bangkok, and Jakarta and was concurrently an affiliated professor of international business at the London Business School. Other previous positions include: associate professor at the European Institute of Business Administration in Fontainebleau, France; visiting professor at the Bologna Center of the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in Italy; visiting professor and Japan Foundation fellow at the University of Tohoku, Sendai (Japan); and founding director of the Center for Japanese Studies at the University of Stirling (Scotland). Professor Lehmann obtained his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University and his doctorate from Oxford University.

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The Honorable Peter MacKay, Minister of Defence, Canada

Peter MacKay is Canada's defence minister, minister for the Atlantic Opportunities Agency, and also a member of parliament for Central Nova, Nova Scotia, a seat he has held since 1997. Minister MacKay is a member of the Foreign Affairs and National Security Committee and serves on the Treasury Board and Planning and Priorities Cabinet Committees. Before becoming defence minister in 2007, he was the country's minister of foreign affairs and served in many other capacities, including being the critic for the Prime Minister and Solicitor General. He also played a leading role in the creation of the Conservative Party, which merged the Progressive Conservative Party and Canadian Alliance Party. Prior to pursuing politics, Minister MacKay worked as a lawyer, serving as the crown attorney for the Central Region of Nova Scotia appearing regularly in provincial, family, and Supreme Court. He graduated from Acadia University in 1987 and holds a law degree from Dalhousie University.



Lord Mark Malloch-Brown, Minister of State, Africa, Asia and United Nations, United Kingdom

Lord Mark Malloch-Brown was appointed the minister for Africa, Asia and the United Nations joining the Cabinet in June 2007. His responsibilities include Africa, Asia (Afghanistan, Sub-Continent and Far East), the United Nations, the Commonwealth, human rights, global and economic issues, and FCO Services, as well as FCO business in the U.K. House of Lords. He served as deputy secretary general of the United Nations from April to December 2006. Before this, Lord Malloch-Brown had been the secretary general's chef de cabinet. Concurrently, he served from July 1999 until August 2005 as administrator of the United Nations Development Programme. After stepping down from the United Nations, he briefly took up the roles of vice chairman of Soros Fund Management and of the Open Society Institute. Lord Malloch-Brown received a first class honors degree in history from Magdalene College, Cambridge University; a master's degree in political science from the University of Michigan; and is the recipient of a number of honorary degrees and awards. At the end of 2006, he became a distinguished fellow at the Centre for the Study of Globalization at Yale University.



The Honorable Erika Mann, Member, European Parliament

Erika Mann has been a German member of the European Parliament since 1994. She currently chairs the delegation to the EU-Mexico Joint Parliamentary Committee and is a member of the Committee on International Trade. Ms. Mann concentrates on trade and World Trade Organization (WTO) policy, transatlantic economic relations, digital economy, telecommunications policy, and research policy. She is a leading member of the International Steering Committee for the Common Initiative of the European Parliament and the Inter-Parliamentary Union to create a parliamentary dimension of the WTO. She also chairs the EU steering committee of the Transatlantic Policy Network. Ms. Mann is the author of several articles and publications on the WTO, transatlantic relations, electronic commerce, and copyright in the information society.



Jonathan Marcus, Diplomatic Correspondent, BBC

Jonathan Marcus is diplomatic correspondent for the BBC. He previously was the defense correspondent and U.S. affairs analyst of the BBC World Service based in London. During the Kosovo campaign he reported extensively from Brussels, as well as from Kosovo itself in the war's aftermath.



The Honorable Mel Martinez, Member, U.S. Senate

Mel Martinez is a Republican senator of the state of Florida. He was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 2004. Born in Cuba, he arrived in the United States at age 15. He earned both a bachelor's degree in international affairs and a law degree from Florida State University. Following graduation, Senator Martinez went on to practice law for 25 years and is the former secretary of housing and urban development. Currently, he serves on the Armed Services Committee where he is ranking minority member of the Subcommittee on Seapower. Additionally, he is a member of the committees on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs and Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Senator Martinez serves as the ranking minority member on the Special Committee on Aging.

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The Honorable John McCain, Member, U.S. Senate

John McCain is a Republican senator of the state of Arizona. He was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1986. He attended college at the United States Naval Academy, and launched a 22-year career as a naval aviator upon his graduation. Senator McCain's last Navy duty assignment was to serve as the naval liaison to the U.S. Senate. He retired from the Navy in 1981. His naval honors include the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, Purple Heart, and the Distinguished Flying Cross. The following year he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Arizona serving until his election to the U.S. Senate. Senator McCain is currently the ranking minority member on the Armed Services Committee. He also serves on the committees for Energy and Natural Resources; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and Indian Affairs.



Patrick A. Messerlin, Director, Groupe d'Economie Mondiale

Patrick A. Messerlin is professor of economics at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, known as Sciences Po, the largest and most prestigious French academic institution specializing in public policy. He has been the director of the Groupe d'Economie Mondiale de Sciences Po (GEM) since its creation in 1997. His recent books include *Measuring the Costs of Protection in Europe: European Commercial Policy in the 2000s*, *Antidumping Industrial Policy: Legalized Protectionism in the WTO and What to Do about it*, and *La nouvelle organisation mondiale du commerce*. He has written a hundred articles for professional journals, including the *Economic Journal*, the *European Economic Review*, *Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv*, *World Economy*, *Economic Studies*, *European Economy*, and *Revue Economique*. Since July 2001, Professor Messerlin has been a special advisor to Mike Moore, WTO director general. He also serves as a member of the Preparatory Conference to the G7-G8 Summits (a group of independent persons gathered by the Institute for International Economics and the Tokyo Foundation), of the Advisory Committees on competition issues and on services, and of the Steering Committee of the European Trade Study Group. From 1986 to 1990, Professor Messerlin was a senior economist at the Research Department of the World Bank, and since then, a consultant to various international organizations, governments, and firms.



Tatiana Mitrova, Head of the Center for International Energy Markets Studies, Energy Research Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences

Tatiana Mitrova has worked as a consultant in the utilities sector and has headed the Energy Research Institute of the Russian Academy of Science (ERIRAS) since 2006, where she is responsible for analysis of global energy markets development and energy export and import policy of the Russian Federation. Ms. Mitrova has 14 years of experience dealing with Russian, Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), and European energy markets development, including production, transportation, demand, energy policy, pricing, taxation, and market restructuring. In 2006, she was an expert for the Energy Security Group (Steering Committee for G8 Presidency of the Russian Federation), and currently is a member of the World Energy Council's Regional Committee for Energy Reform and participates in taskforces dealing with Russian gas exports and international cooperation. Ms. Mitrova is a graduate of Moscow State University.



Sean Mulvaney, Director, Economic Policy Program, The German Marshall Fund of the United States

Sean Mulvaney currently serves as director of the Economic Policy Program at the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF), where he oversees the program's grantmaking, research, and convening activities in the areas of international trade, agriculture, biofuels, and development assistance. Mr. Mulvaney comes to GMF from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), where he served until November 2008 as assistant administrator for management, a Presidentially appointed and Senate-confirmed position. In this capacity, he was responsible for the management of over 300 employees and an administrative budget of nearly \$1 billion contributing to the implementation of \$12 billion in U.S. foreign assistance. Prior to working at USAID, he was assistant to the speaker for appropriations, budget, and U.S. trade policy in the U.S. House of Representatives. From 2001 until 2005, he served as a trade and foreign policy advisor to the chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations. He has over ten years of experience working in the U.S. House of Representatives focusing on foreign affairs, U.S. trade policy, and the federal budget process. In addition to his experience working in the Congress, Mr. Mulvaney also worked in brand management for a global consumer products and pharmaceutical firm.

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His Excellency Hryhoriy Nemyria, Vice Prime Minister, Ukraine

Hryhoriy Nemyria is the vice prime minister of Ukraine for European and international integration. He previously served as Ukrainian Prime Minister Yuliya Tymoshenko's foreign policy advisor. A former member of Parliament, from 2006 to 2007, Dr. Nemyria was also the deputy head of the Permanent Parliamentary Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) and the Ukrainian delegation to the Committee on Parliamentary Cooperation between Ukraine and the European Union. In addition to parliamentary and political duties, he is a founder and director of the Center for European and International Studies (CEIS) at the Institute of International Relations at Kyiv National University and honorary chair of the Department for European Integration at the National Academy of Public Administration. Since 1999, he has been a visiting lecturer at the NATO Defense College in Rome, and in 2006 was co-director for the Euro Atlantic Partnership Council (EAPC) and coordinator for the NATO Forum on Energy Security. In 1994, Dr. Nemyria was a National Forum Foundation fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, DC. He is also a graduate of the Harvard Ukrainian National Security Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, and holds a master's degree from Donetsk University and a Ph.D. from Kyiv Taras Shevchenko National University.



The Honorable Cem Özdemir, Member, European Parliament

Cem Özdemir is national chairman of the German Green Party (Bündnis 90/Die Grünen) and a member of the European Parliament. Mr. Özdemir was elected to the European Parliament in 2004. He is a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and a substitute member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs. His areas of concentration include EU-Turkey relations, the Cyprus conflict, migration and integration, and Islam in Europe. He is the European Parliament's rapporteur on Central Asia and second vice chair of the Permanent Ad Hoc Delegation for Relations with Iraq. He also served as vice president of the "CIA Committee" (Temporary Committee on the alleged use of European countries by the CIA for the transport and illegal detention of prisoners). In November 2008, Mr. Özdemir was elected national co-chair of the German Green Party. He was the first person of Turkish descent ever elected to the German Bundestag, where he served for two terms (1994 to 2002). In 2003, he was a transatlantic fellow at the German Marshall Fund of the United States in Washington and Brussels. He is a charter member of the European Council on Foreign Relations and sits on the advisory board of the American Jewish Committee's Berlin office and the integration board of the state government of North Rhine-Westphalia.



Ana Palacio, Senior Executive Vice President for International Affairs, AREVA

Ana Palacio is a lawyer by profession, specializing in European community law. She served as a member of the European Parliament from 1994 to 2002. During her mandate, she chaired the Committee on Legal Affairs and Internal Markets, as well as the Committee on Justice and Home Affairs. Ms. Palacio was for two terms elected by her peers to the Conference of Committee Chairmen, the Parliament's most senior body for the coordination of its legislative work. In 2002, she became the first woman to take office as foreign affairs minister of Spain. From May 2004 to April 2006, she chaired the Spanish Parliament Joint Committee of the two Houses for European Affairs, and from May 2006 to May 2008, she was the general counsel of the World Bank Group and secretary general of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes. Since October 2008, Ms. Palacio has served as senior executive vice president for international affairs for AREVA.



Jean Pisani-Ferry, Director, Bruegel

Jean Pisani-Ferry was appointed director of Bruegel in 2005. A professor of economics at Université Paris-Dauphine, he previously served as economic adviser with the European Commission between 1989 and 1992. He also served as a member of the European Commission's Group of Economic Policy Analysis, as board member of Notre Europe, and on the French Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council (Conseil d'analyse économique), where he held the position of executive president in 2001 and 2001. In 1997, he served as the senior economic adviser for the Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industry in France. From 2002 to 2004, Mr. Pisani-Ferry was the senior adviser to the French director of the treasury. He also served as director of the Centre d'études prospectives et d'informations internationales (CEPII) from 1992 to 1997. Mr. Pisani-Ferry co-authored *Global Imbalances: Time for Action* and the *Last Exit to Lisbon*, and he was awarded the Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor in 2007.



Tomáš Pojar, Deputy Minister of Foreign, Czech Republic

Tomáš Pojar is the deputy minister of foreign affairs of the Czech Republic for security, the European Union, and bilateral relations with Europe. He served as vice president for bilateral relations, advisor to the vice president for bilateral relations, and director of the "People in Need" Fund. Minister Pojar is a graduate of Charles University in Prague.

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The Honorable Ruprecht Polenz, Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, German Bundestag

Ruprecht Polenz is chairman of the German Bundestag's Committee on Foreign Affairs, of which he has been a member since 1994. Additionally, he is a member of the German delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, a substitute member of the Bundestag's Committee on Cultural and Media Affairs, a chair of the Bundestag's Parliamentary Control Panel under Section 41 (5) of the Foreign Trade and Payments Act, and a substitute member of the Joint Committee of the Bundestag and Bundesrat under Article 53 a of the Basic Law. Previously, he was the secretary-general of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) in 2000. Today, he sits on the executive committee of the North-Rhine/Westphalia CDU and is a member of the CDU's Federal Committee on Foreign and Security Policy and its Federal Committee on Media Policy. A lawyer, Mr. Polenz worked with the Northern Westphalia Chamber of Industry and Commerce, becoming its director for media and public relations in 1984. He is currently taking a leave of absence from that position while he is a member of the German Bundestag.



Joseph P. Quinlan, Transatlantic Fellow, The German Marshall Fund of the United States

Joseph Quinlan is a non-resident transatlantic fellow with the German Marshall Fund of the United States. He also serves as the managing director and chief market strategist for the Investment Strategies Group at Bank of America. With nearly 20 years of financial services experience he most recently served as a global economist and strategist for Morgan Stanley. Mr. Quinlan lectures on finance and global economics at New York University, where he has been a faculty member since 1992. In 1998, he was nominated as an Eisenhower Fellow and is presently a senior fellow at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at John Hopkins University and a fellow for U.S.-Asian affairs at the Pacific Council on International Policy. Mr. Quinlan has received numerous awards that include the 2006 Transatlantic Business Award by the American Chamber of Commerce and the 2007 European-American Business Council Leadership Award. He has served as a policy consultant to the U.S. State Department and presently serves as the U.S. representative to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation Development. He is the author, co-author, and contributor to 11 books and has published more than 125 articles on economics, trade, and finance that have appeared such notable publications as *Foreign Affairs*, the *Financial Times*, and *The Wall Street Journal*.



Gideon Rachman, Chief Foreign Policy Columnist, *Financial Times*

Gideon Rachman became the *Financial Times'* chief foreign affairs columnist in 2006. Prior to joining the *Financial Times*, he spent 15 years working at *The Economist* in various positions, including the publication's foreign correspondent in Brussels, Washington, and Bangkok. He also was *The Economist's* deputy American editor, Asia editor, Britain editor, and business section editor. Mr. Rachman began his journalistic career in 1984 with the BBC World Service. From 1987 to 1988, he was a Fulbright scholar at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public International Affairs and later became a reporter for *The Sunday Correspondent*. Mr. Rachman holds a first class honors degree in history from the Gonville and Caius College of Cambridge University.



Zalmi Rasool, National Security Advisor, Afghanistan

Zalmi Rasool is the national security advisor to Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai. Holding a doctorate in medicine from France, he began his medical career at the Research Institute of Cardiac Disease in Paris. He was also in charge of the *Haqiqat e*, an Afghan publication on the Afghanistan jihad that was published in Paris. Dr. Rasool worked at the military hospital in Saudi Arabia before moving to Rome where he was chief of staff of the H.M Father of the Nation Mohammad Zahir. Before being named Afghan national security advisor, he was minister of civil aviation and tourism. Dr. Rasool has published 30 medical books and booklets in both Europe and the United States and is a member of Nephrology USA.



The Honorable Olli Rehn, Commissioner for Enlargement, European Union

Olli Rehn has been the EU Commissioner for enlargement since late 2004. Earlier that year, he served as the commissioner for enterprise and information society. He began his political career in 1988 as a city councilor in Helsinki; that same year he became vice president of the Center Party, having been president of its youth chapter since 1987. He remained the party's vice president until 1995. In 1991, he was elected to Finland's Parliament and led the Finnish delegation to the Council of Europe. He also served as a special advisor to Finnish Prime Minister Esko Aho from 1992 to 1993. In 1995, he became a member of the European Parliament. He left European politics in 2002 to become the head of the Center for European Studies at the University of Helsinki. A year later, he acted as an advisor on economic policy to the Finnish Prime Minister. Commissioner Rehn holds a master's degree in political science from the University of Helsinki and a Ph.D. from the University of Oxford.

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The Honorable Jim Risch, Member, U.S. Senate

Jim Risch is a Republican senator of the state of Idaho. He was recently elected to the U.S. Senate in 2008. Senator Risch obtained both a degree in forestry and law from the University of Idaho and began his career in public service at the age of 27, serving as Ada County prosecuting attorney. He later served 11 elected terms in the Idaho State Senate, holding the positions of majority leader and Senate president pro tempore for 19 years. He also served as Idaho's lieutenant governor and governor and was senior partner in the Risch Goss Insinger Gustavel Law firm at the time of his election to the U.S. Senate. Senator Risch currently serves on the committees of Energy and Natural Resources and Foreign Relations. He also serves on the Select Committee on Intelligence, the Select Committee on Ethics, and the Joint Economic Committee.



His Excellency Herman van Rompuy, Prime Minister, Belgium

Herman van Rompuy became prime minister of Belgium in late 2008. He began his career as an internal affairs attaché with the National Bank of Belgium, a position he left in 1975 to become a cabinet advisor to the former Belgian Prime Minister L. Tindemans. He left this position to work as a cabinet advisor for then-Finance Minister G. Geens. His political career began when he joined the Belgian senate in 1998 and was appointed secretary of state for finance and small business that same year. Prime Minister van Rompuy also served as the national president of the Belgian Christian Democrats (CVP). He became vice prime minister and the minister of the budget in 1993. In 2004, he became minister of state and the speaker of the House of Representatives from July 2007 until he took over its prime ministerial duties in 2008.



Ahmed Rashid, Journalist and Author

Ahmed Rashid is a Pakistani journalist and writer. He is the author of four books including *Taliban* (2000) and *Jihad* (2002). His latest book is *Descent into Chaos: U.S. Policy and the failure of Nation Building* in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia' (2008). Mr. Rashid writes for the *Daily Telegraph*, the BBC, *The Washington Post*, *El Mundo*, *The International Herald Tribune*, the *New York Review of Books*, as well as other Pakistani newspapers. He has been covering the wars in Afghanistan since 1979. He is a member of the Advisory Board of Eurasia Net of the Soros Foundation, a scholar of the Davos World Economic Forum, and a consultant for Human Rights Watch. In 2004, he was appointed to the Board of Advisers to the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva. He is also a fellow at the Pacific Council on International Policy. At the invitation of the former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, Mr. Rashid became the first journalist to address the UN General Assembly in New York in September 2002 and the first journalist to address NATO ambassadors in Brussels in September 2003.



Artur Runge-Metzger, Head of Unit, Climate Strategy, International Negotiation and Monitoring of EU Action, European Commission

Artur Runge-Metzger is a director general at the European Commission, head of climate strategy, international negotiation, and monitoring of EU action. He holds a doctorate in agricultural economics. He started his professional career at the University of Göttingen, Germany in 1985. His main scientific topics were natural resources economics and development economics, which included extensive field research in West Africa. Dr. Runge-Metzger joined the European Commission in 1993, starting his career in the EC Delegation in Zimbabwe where he was responsible for bilateral cooperation on agricultural policies, rural development, and the environment. At the end of 1997, he worked for four years in DG Development and DG Environment in Brussels on a wide range of environmental issues, particularly climate change. At the end of 2001, Dr. Runge-Metzger was appointed head of operations in the EC Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina. In September 2003, he became head of unit.



His Excellency Mikheil Saakashvili, President, Georgia

Mikheil Saakashvili became the president of Georgia in 2004 after he and his political allies led the bloodless Rose Revolution in 2003. He entered politics in 1995 and became a member of parliament in Shevardnadze's Union of Citizens of Georgia party, working on electoral and judiciary issues. In 2000, he became the vice president of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and later that year, served as Georgia's minister of justice. He resigned from his ministerial position in 2001 and founded his own political party, United National Movement. In 2003, due to controversy over rigged parliamentary elections, President Saakashvili led demonstrations in the capital city of Tbilisi that led to the revolution that ousted President Eduard Shevardnadze. Prior to politics, President Saakashvili worked as a lawyer in a New York law firm. He holds law degrees from Kiev State University School of International Law, Columbia Law School, and The George Washington University Law School.



Andrei Sannikov, Leader of “European Belarus” and Former Deputy Foreign Minister, Belarus

Andrei Sannikov is currently the coordinator of the civil campaign “European Belarus” based out of Minsk. He served as the deputy foreign minister of Belarus from 1995 to 1996, but resigned in protest against President Alexander Lukashenko’s policies. He has since been active in democratic and civil movements and was the cofounder and international coordinator of the Charter ’97 civil initiative. He received the Bruno Kreisky International Human Rights Award in 2005.



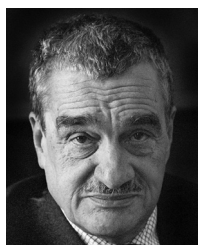
The Honorable Wolfgang Schäuble, Minister of the Interior, Germany

Wolfgang Schäuble is a member of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and currently serves as Germany’s minister of the interior. In 1971, he received a doctorate in law from the University of Hamburg and subsequently he began working as an adviser in the finance department of the Friburg Government. In 1972, Minister Schäuble was elected to the German Bundestag for the Christian Democrats. In 1984, he was appointed to the position of the head of the chancellery and minister for special assignments. In 1989, he moved to become the minister of the interior where he played a lead role in the negotiations for the reunification of Germany. Between 1991 and 2000, Minister Schäuble served as chairman for the CDU/Christian Social Union (CSU) Parliamentary Group in the German Bundestag. After a short hiatus, in 2002 he took the position of the deputy chairman of the CDU/CSU, a position he currently holds.



The Honorable Jaap de Hoop Scheffer Secretary General, NATO

Jakob Gijsbert (Jaap) de Hoop Scheffer became the 11th NATO secretary general in 2004. Prior to that, he was the foreign affairs minister for the Netherlands and chairman in office of the Organization for Co-operation and Security in Europe (OSCE) during the Netherlands’ OSCE presidency. In 1974, he graduated with a law degree from the University of Leiden and joined the air force, in which he served two years. Upon finishing his service, Secretary General de Hoop Scheffer began working for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and was at the Dutch Embassy in Ghana for two years, followed by a move to Brussels as part of the Dutch delegation to NATO. IN 1986, he was elected to the Dutch House of Representatives of the States General for the Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA), and he became the party’s spokesperson on foreign policy in the House. In that capacity, he served on the Committees on Justice, European Affairs and Defense, and chaired the Committee on Development Cooperation. During the Gulf crisis in 1990, he served as the Western European Union’s (WEU) rapporteur on Development Cooperation.



The Honorable Karel Schwarzenberg, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic

Karel Schwarzenberg was appointed minister of foreign affairs to the Czech Republic in January 2007 and for the term of the Czech presidency of the European Union he will serve as council president (responsible national minister) of the European Union. He is also a member of the Permanent Delegation of the Parliament to the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, the Permanent Delegation of the Parliament to the NATO Parliamentary Assemblé, and a member of the EU Affairs Committee of the Senate. Minister Schwarzenberg has been a senator of the Czech Parliament representing the 6th election district since December 2004. A regular attendee to the Trilateral Commission and the Bilderberg meetings, he has received a number of awards, including the Council of Europe Human Rights Prize (1989), the Order of Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk 3rd Class (2003), the Grand Decoration of Honour in Silver with Sash for Services to the Republic fo Austria (2005), and the Grand Cross of the Federal Cross of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany (2008). Minister Schwarzenberg is also a Knight of the Order of the Golden Fleece (1991).



Tim Searchinger, Transatlantic Fellow, The German Marshall Fund of the United States

Tim Searchinger is a transatlantic fellow of the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) with an expertise in trade and development, agricultural policy, and the environment. Before joining GMF, he was co-director of the Centre for Conservation Incentives at Environmental Defense. He also was a law clerk to Judge Edward R. Becker of the U.S. Court of Appeals, and as deputy general counsel to Pennsylvania’s Governor Robert P. Casey. He is the author of several articles on wetland protection, agriculture, and flood policy, and has worked closely with state officials on developing programs for the protection of critical rivers and estuaries in five U.S. states. Mr. Searchinger is a graduate of Amherst College and holds a law degree from Yale University, where he was senior editor of the *Yale Law Journal*.

DISCUSSANT BIOGRAPHIES



The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen, Member, U.S. Senate

Jeanne Shaheen is a Democratic senator of the state of New Hampshire. She was recently elected to the U.S. Senate in 2008. Senator Shaheen earned a bachelor's degree from Shippensburg University and a master's degree from the University of Mississippi. She became the first woman elected governor of New Hampshire, serving three terms from 1997 to 2003. During her governorship, she led trade missions to Europe and later spent time in Nigeria, Armenia, and the Middle East as an election monitor for the National Democratic Institute. In 2005, she became the director of Harvard University's Institute of Politics at the Kennedy School of Government. Senator Shaheen currently serves on the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe and is chair of the European Affairs Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. She also serves on the committees for Energy and Natural Resources and Small Business and Entrepreneurship.



The Honorable Kamallesh Sharma, Secretary General of the Commonwealth

Kamallesh Sharma became the secretary general for the Commonwealth on April 1, 2008. Previously, he served as India's high commissioner to the United Kingdom. Since 2004, he also served on the boards of the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Commonwealth Foundation. In 1988, he was appointed India's ambassador and permanent representative to the United Nations, also acting as the spokesperson for developing countries in the UN Conference on Trade and Development and chaired the Working Group on Financing for Development that led to the Monterrey Consensus (1997-2002). He was also closely engaged in the process that developed the UN Millennium Development Goals and organized the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC) Summit in 1995. Mr. Sharma currently is a Harvard University fellow and serves as a governor of the Ditchley Foundation. He was awarded a medal for services to internationalism by the Foreign Policy Association of the United States.



The Honorable Radosław Sikorski, Foreign Affairs Minister, Poland

Radosław "Radek" Sikorski is a politician, journalist, and former Solidarity activist who was stranded in Britain in 1981 after Poland declared martial law, eventually becoming a British citizen in 1984 after seeking asylum. He served as Poland's deputy defense minister in 1992, and as deputy foreign minister in late 2007. As a journalist, Minister Sikorski worked as a war correspondent in Angola and Afghanistan, and won the 1988 World Press Photo prize for one of his photographs taken in Afghanistan. He was a resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and was executive director of the New Atlantic Initiative, an international nonpartisan organization dedicated to revitalizing and expanding the Atlantic community of democracies. Minister Sikorski studied philosophy, politics, and economics at the University of Oxford's Pembroke College.



Anne-Marie Slaughter, Director of Policy Planning, U.S. State Department

Anne-Marie Slaughter was recently appointed the director of policy planning at the U.S. State Department. Previously, she was the dean of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and the Bert G. Kerstetter '66 Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton. Prior to this position, Ms. Slaughter was the J. Sinclair Armstrong professor of international, foreign, and comparative law and the director of graduate and international legal studies at Harvard Law School. She is also the former president of the American Society of International Law. Ms. Slaughter is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and serves on the board of the Council on Foreign Relations. Drawing from this rich interdisciplinary expertise, she has authored numerous books including *The Idea that Is America: Keeping Faith with Our Values in a Dangerous World* (Basic Books) and *A New World Order*. She is also a frequent commentator on foreign affairs in newspapers, radio, and television as well as a contributor to the America Abroad blog on TPMCafe.com. At Princeton, Ms. Slaughter served as the convener and academic co-chair of the Princeton Project on National Security, a multi-year research project aimed at developing a new, bipartisan national security strategy for the United States. She is a member of the National War Powers Commission.



The Honorable Javier Solana, High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy of the European Union, Council of the European Union

Javier Solana is the high representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the secretary general of both the Council for the European Union and the Western European Union. In July 2004, he was appointed for a second five-year mandate. A professor of solid-state physics, Dr. Solana holds a doctorate in physics and is a Fulbright scholar. He has authored over 30 publications in the field. Prior to his positions in the European Union, he was a member of the Spanish Parliament between 1977 and 1995, holding cabinet postings as the minister for culture, minister for education and science, and minister of foreign affairs between 1982 and 1995. In December 1995, Dr. Solana was appointed secretary general of NATO, a position he held until October of 1999 when he took over his current position with the European Union.

DISCUSSANT BIOGRAPHIES



Thomas Spiller, Senior Director, International Programs, SAS Institute

Thomas Spiller is the senior director for International Programs at SAS. A lawyer from the Sorbonne University Paris, he also holds degrees in political science, defense, and international relations. Prior to this, Mr. Spiller spent eight years working as a government affairs manager for AREVA, after a short-term working in the communication and information department in the office of then French Prime Minister Eduoard Balladur. Building on his expertise in the energy sector, he worked for five years for General Electric European headquarters as counsel for European affairs where he represented GE Energy, GE Oil and Gas, as well as GE Aviation to the European Union. Mr. Spiller is an active member of the American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union and is a frequent speaker in international business and policy circles with experience at the European Commission, European Parliament, World Economic Forum, International Maritime Organization, NATO, Transatlantic Policy Network, and Center for European Policy Studies.



Philip Stephens, Associate Editor and Senior Commentator, *Financial Times*

Philip Stephens began working for the *Financial Times* in 1982 and served as the newspaper's economics editor, political editor, and editor of the U.K. edition, before his current position as associate editor and senior commentator. Prior to working for the *Financial Times*, Mr. Stephens worked as a correspondent for Reuters in London and Brussels. He has also written two books, one a biography of British Prime Minister Tony Blair, and the other entitled, *Politics and the Pound*, a study of the British government's exchange rate. He attended Wimbledon College and Oxford University, was a Fulbright fellow, and won the 2002 David Watt Prize for outstanding political journalism.



Bruce Stokes, Columnist, *National Journal*

Bruce Stokes is the international economics columnist for *National Journal* and a transatlantic fellow at the German Marshall Fund. He is coauthor of the 2006 book *America Against the World: How We Are Different and Why We Are Disliked* (Times Books). A former senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, in 1987 and again in 1989, Mr. Stokes was a Japan Society Fellow, living in and reporting from Japan. In 2006, Mr. Stokes was honored by the Coalition of Service Industries for his reporting on services issues. In 2004, he was chosen by *International Economy* magazine as one of the most influential China watchers in the American press. In 1995, he was picked by *Washingtonian Magazine* as one of the "Best on Business" reporters in Washington. In 1989, Stokes won the coveted John Hancock award for excellence in business and economics reporting for his series on the impact of the rising yen on the Japanese economy. Stokes graduated from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and has a master's degree from the School for Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University.



Tomohiko Taniguchi, Senior Advisor, Board of Central Japan Railway, JR Tokai

Tomohiko Taniguchi has been an adjunct professor at Keio University Graduate School of System Design and Management and an advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) since April 2008. He also serves as a senior advisor to the board of Central Japan Railway (JR Tokai) and advisor to WEDGE Corporation. From August 2005 to July 2008, Mr. Taniguchi served as deputy press secretary and deputy director general on public diplomacy at the MOFA. Prior to that, he was chief senior writer for Nikkei Business, Nikkei BP, Inc. He has been a visiting fellow at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University, the Shanghai Institute of International Studies, and at the Brookings Institution. Mr. Taniguchi served the Foreign Press Association in London as president (first ever to be elected from east of Suez). He has published three books in Japanese on foreign exchange regimes and international affairs and numerous articles both in Japanese and English. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Tokyo. Mr. Taniguchi also holds a master's degree in economics from Saitama University.



The Honorable Ellen Tauscher, Member, U.S. House of Representatives

Ellen Tauscher is a Democratic representative of the state of California. She was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1996. She holds a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Seton Hall University and prior to elected office, worked in the private sector for 20 years, 14 of which were on Wall Street. At age 25, she became one of the first women to hold a seat on the New York Stock Exchange and later served as an officer of the American Stock Exchange. Congresswoman Tauscher was recently appointed by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to serve as the vice chair for the Future Security and Defense Capabilities Subcommittee of the Defense and Security Committee of NATO's Parliamentary Assembly. She also currently serves on the Armed Services Committee, where she is chair for the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, and she is a member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

DISCUSSANT BIOGRAPHIES



His Excellency Mirek Topolánek, Prime Minister, Czech Republic

Mirek Topolánek is the prime minister of the Czech Republic, currently holding the presidency of the Council of the European Union. A member of the Civic Democratic Party, he has been its chairman since November 2002 when he was elected to the Czech Parliament, holding the position of chairman of the ODS Senate Caucus between 1998 and 2002 and becoming the vice chair of the Senate in 2002. In June 2006, he became a member of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic and in September of that year he took on his duties as prime minister. From 1991 to 1996, Prime Minister Topolánek has held the position of executive and general manager of VAE Ltd and in 1996 took over as their board president.



The Honorable Michael Turner, Member, U.S. House of Representatives

Michael Turner is a Republican representative of the state of Ohio. He was elected to the U.S. Congress in 2002. He holds a bachelor's degree from Ohio Northern University, a master's degree in business administration from the University of Dayton, and a law degree from Case Western University. Congressman Turner was in private practice and corporate law for 13 years before entering public office. He also served two terms as mayor of Dayton, Ohio. He has pursued trade opportunities with Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia as a result of the 1995 Dayton Peace Accords and developed Sister City partnerships with Holon, Israel; Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina; and Zagreb, Croatia. Congressman Turner now serves on the committees of Oversight and Government Reform and Armed Services, where he is ranking minority member of the Strategic Forces Subcommittee.



Daniel Twining, Senior Fellow for Asia, The German Marshall Fund of the United States

Daniel Twining is senior fellow for Asia at the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF). During the Bush administration, he served on Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's policy planning staff, where he was responsible for South Asia and regional issues in East Asia. Previously, Dr. Twining worked for U.S. Senator John McCain for more than a decade, including as foreign policy advisor. He has been a Fulbright/Oxford scholar at Oxford University, a transatlantic fellow and director of foreign policy at GMF, and a staff member with the United States Trade Representative. Dr. Twining's work on South and East Asia and U.S. foreign policy has been published in several newspapers, magazines, and peer-reviewed academic journals in the United States, Europe, and Asia.



The Honorable Vygaudas Ušakas, Foreign Affairs Minister, Lithuania

A law graduate from Vilnius University, Vygauda Ušakas began his career as a desk officer in charge of the European Communities and NATO at Lithuania's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Later, he became a counselor with the Mission to the European Communities and NATO. He returned to Lithuania to serve as the political director at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and briefly as the deputy minister of foreign affairs before taking on the role of chief negotiator for Lithuania's accession to the European Union and ambassador-at-large. In 2001, Minister Ušakas was appointed ambassador of Lithuania to the United States and Mexico. In 2006, he became ambassador to the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland until he was appointed minister of foreign affairs in 2008. Minister Ušakas has received numerous awards that include the Order of Merit to Lithuania, the Cross of Commander, several state awards from the countries of Greece, Norway, France, and Ukraine, and the award of merit to the city of Utena.



Ivan Vejvoda, Executive Director, Balkan Trust for Democracy, The German Marshall Fund of the United States

Ivan Vejvoda is executive director of the Balkan Trust for Democracy, a project of the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) dedicated to strengthening democratic institutions in Southeastern Europe. Mr. Vejvoda came to GMF in 2003 from distinguished service in the Serbian government as senior advisor on foreign policy and European integration to Prime Ministers Zoran Djindjic and Zoran Zivkovic. Prior to that, he served as executive director of the Belgrade-based Fund for an Open Society from 1998 to 2002. During the mid 1990s, he held various academic posts in the United States and the United Kingdom, including one-year appointments as associate professor at Smith College in Massachusetts and Macalester College in Minnesota, and a three-year research fellowship at the University of Sussex in England. Mr. Vejvoda was a key figure in the democratic opposition movement in Yugoslavia through the 1990s, and is widely published on the subjects of democratic transition, totalitarianism, and postwar reconstruction in the Balkans. He is a member of the Serbian Pen Club and is a board member of American social science journals *Constellations* and *Philosophy and Social Criticism*.



Günter Verheugen, Vice President and Commissioner for Enterprises and Industry, European Commission

Günter Verheugen is the European commissioner for Enterprise and Industry and is a vice president of the European Commission. Previously, Mr. Verheugen was commissioner for enlargement, where he presided over the accession of ten new EU member states in 2004. From 1978 to 1982, he was secretary general of the Free Democratic Party (FDP). He left the FDP with many left-liberal party members in 1982 when the FDP left the government of Federal Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. That same year, Mr. Verheugen joined the Social Democratic Party (SPD). In 1983, he became a member of the German Bundestag and was a member of the Committee on Foreign Relations from 1983 to 1998. From 1994 to 1997, he was deputy chairman of the SPD Parliamentary Group. Mr. Verheugen served as minister of state in the Federal Foreign Office from 1998 to 1999, when he left parliament and became enlargement commissioner for the European Union.



The Honorable George Voinovich, Member, U.S. Senate

George Voinovich is a Republican senator of the state of Ohio. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1998. He holds a degree in government from the University of Ohio along with a law degree from Ohio State University. His public service career began in 1967 as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives. Senator Voinovich has served as mayor of Cleveland, lieutenant governor of Ohio, and governor of Ohio for two terms before his election to the U.S. Senate. He currently serves on the committees for Appropriations and Environment and Public Works. He also serves as the ranking minority member on the Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia for the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.



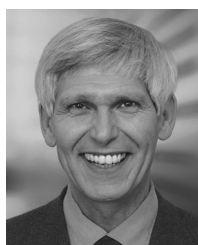
His Excellency Alexandr Vondra, Vice Prime Minister for European Affairs, Czech Republic

Prior to becoming the Czech Republic's vice prime minister for European Affairs in 2007, Alexandr Vondra served as the country's foreign minister. He participated in former Czechoslovakia's democratic opposition in the 1980s and became the spokesperson for Charter 77 in 1991, as well as former Czech President Vaclav Havel's foreign policy advisor. Later, he served as the Czech Republic's first deputy foreign affairs minister. He went on to manage the Czech teams responsible for the implementation of the Czech Republic's Partnership for Peace Program and the country's pre-accession talks with NATO, until serving as Czech ambassador to the United States from 1997 to 2001. In 2003, Ambassador Vondra was a transatlantic fellow with the German Marshall Fund of the United States and wrote a book on the recent history of Central and Eastern Europe. He graduated from Charles University in Prague, earning a Ph.D. in natural sciences.



Axel Weber, President, Deutsche Bundesbank

A German economist, Axel Weber is the president of the Deutsche Bundesbank and member of the Governing Council of the European Central Bank responsible for the Communication Department and the Economics and Research Centre of the Deutschebank. He studied economics and public administration at the University of Konstanz from 1976 to 1982, graduating with a teaching diploma. From 1982 to 1988, Dr. Weber worked as research assistant in the field of monetary economics at the University of Siegen and was awarded his doctorate in 1987. In 1994, having passed his habilitation qualification, he went on to teach at the University of Bonn. In 1998, Dr. Weber taught at the JW Goethe University in Frankfurt am Main where he remains a member of the Advisors' Board. From 1998 to 2002, he was the director of the Centre for Financial Studies in Frankfurt am Main where he later moved on to teach at the University of Cologne, concurrently serving as a board member of the German Council of Economic Experts. In October 2002, Dr. Weber was a member of the expert advisory panel to the Deutsche Bundesbank and was later appointed to his current position in 2004.



The Honorable Gert Weisskirchen, Member, German Bundestag; Foreign Policy Spokesperson, SPD Parliamentary Group

Gert Weisskirchen was elected to the German Bundestag in 1976. From 1987 to 1990, he served as the head of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) parliamentary working group on arms conversion. He also served as a member of the inquiry into the history of SED Dictatorship in the former East. Since 1990, Parliamentarian Weisskirchen has been a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and deputy member of the Committee on European Relations. He also served a spokesman for the SPD Parliamentary Group on the United Nations from 1993 to 1998. In 1994, he joined the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Parliamentary Assembly. In the OSCE, he has served as the president of the Commission for Human Rights, Democracy, and Humanitarian Questions and later as the vice president of the OSCE PA. Until 2008, he served as the personal representative of the OSCE chairman-in-office on combating anti-Semitism. In the German Bundestag, Parliamentarian Weisskirchen has served as SPD board member (until 2007) and foreign affairs spokesman of the SPD Parliamentary Group (since 1999). A graduate of political science from Heidelberg University, he is also an honorary professor of applied cultural sciences at the Potsdam School of Higher Education. Parliamentarian Weisskirchen also serves on the boards of several organizations, including the Presidency of the Helsinki Citizen's Assembly, the head of the Baden-Württemberg association, the Goethe Institute, and as the head of both the Advisory Board of the German-Czech Discussion Forum and the Friends of the Open University of Israel.

DISCUSSANT BIOGRAPHIES



Ambassador Lodewijk Willems, Director of External and Governmental Affairs, Fortis Bank

Ambassador Lodewijk Willems began his diplomatic career at the International Atomic Energy Agency in 1977. A Yale graduate, he was the advisor to the deputy prime minister and minister for economic affairs in Belgium from 1977 to 1981 and the deputy secretary general at the Benelux Economic Union from 1981 to 1985. In 1985, Mr. Willems joined the Embassy of Belgium in Kinshasa as political counselor, and was the deputy permanent representative of Belgium to the European Commission and the chief of cabinet to the Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1991 to 1994 and the permanent representative of Belgium to the UN in Geneva from 1994 to 1997. Mr. Willems also served as Belgium's ambassador in London from 1997 to 2002 and in Berlin until 2006. In September 2006, he was appointed the director of external and governmental affairs at Fortis Bank.



The Honorable Arseniy Yatsenyuk, Member, Ukrainian Parliament

A law graduate from Chernivsti University, Arseniy Yatsenyuk became minister of economy of Crimea in 2001. In November 2003, he became the first vice president of the National Bank of Ukraine and later took over as president when the previous president retired. In 2005, Parliamentarian Yatsenyuk served as vice governor of Obessa Oblast and left to serve as Ukraine's minister of economy in September 2005. In this post, he led talks surrounding Ukraine's membership in the World Trade Organization. He also served as head of the Ukraine-European Union Commission. In September 2006, he served as the first vice-president of the Head of Government of the President of Ukraine, and the representative of the president in the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine. In March of 2007, Parliamentarian Yatsenyuk was chosen to be the minister of foreign affairs for the post by the Verkhovna Rada. Later in 2007, he was elected chairman of the Parliament, and in November 2008, he resigned from this post and declared his intentions to create a new national political party.



Amberin Zaman, Turkey Correspondent, *The Economist*

Amberin Zaman has been the Turkey correspondent for *The Economist* since 1999. She has also been a regular contributor to *The Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and the *Daily Telegraph* of London. Ms. Zaman is currently a regular contributor to the German Marshall Fund of the United States' *On Turkey* series. Most recent *On Turkey* analysis pieces include "Turkey after Davos: Risks, Opportunities, and an Unpredictable Prime Minister;" "After Gaza: Rising anti-Semitism in Turkey?;" "Winning Kurdish Hearts and Minds: The Battle Shifts to the Airwaves;" and "Turkey and the United States under Barack Obama: Yes They Can."



His Excellency Valdis Zatlers, President, Republic of Latvia

Valdis Zatlers was elected president of Latvia in 2007. Graduating from the Riga Institute of Medicine as a physician in 1979, he received professional orthopedic training at Yale and Syracuse universities in 1991. He first worked as a traumatologist-orthopedist (1979 to 1985), later becoming head of the Traumatology Department (1985 to 1994) at Riga Hospital No. 2. From 1994 to 2007, he served as the director and later chaired the Board of the State Hospital of Traumatology and Orthopaedics. In 1993, Dr. Zalters received the prize from International Arthroscopy Association for the largest contribution to the development of arthroscopy in emerging countries. From 1995 to 1999, he was the Latvian coordinator for a Swiss assistance project. As a medical service officer, Dr. Zalters worked at Chernobyl following the nuclear reactor accident in 1986. With the National Awakening in the late 1980s, he became an activist for the renewal of the Latvian Physicians' Association and the establishment of the Popular Front, serving on both of their boards. Dr. Zalters has been awarded the Commander of the Order of Three Stars; the Order of Viesturs, First Class; and the Cross of Recognition, First Class.



The Honorable Robert B. Zoellick, President, World Bank

Robert B. Zoellick, currently serving as the 11th president of the World Bank Group since 2007, has an extensive background in finance and politics. Prior to joining the World Bank, he worked as a managing director and chairman of the International Advisors Department of the Goldman Sachs Group. Before becoming deputy secretary of the U.S. State Department in 2005, he served as the 13th U.S. trade representative. He also worked with ministers from nearly 150 economies to launch the Doha Development Agenda in the World Trade Organization (WTO) and to complete the framework accord for opening markets. From 1993 to 1997, Mr. Zoellick served as the executive vice president of Fannie Mae, a large housing finance corporation. In 1985, and for the next seven years, he began working for the U.S. Treasury Department and U.S. State Department in a variety of capacities, briefly becoming deputy chief of staff at the White House and assistant to the U.S. President. Mr. Zoellick holds a master's degree from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and a law degree from Harvard Law School.

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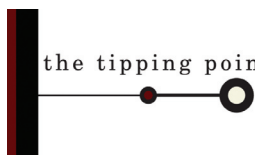
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