



Communique

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March 18- June 24, 2010
Great Decisions
6:30pm- 8:00pm
Living Room Coffee
House

May 24, 2010
SDWAC Annual Meeting
11:00am- 12:00pm
Handlery Hotel

May 24, 2010
Pakistani Ambassador to the US, Hussain Haqqani
12:00pm-2:00pm
Handlery Hotel

June 17, 2010
I Cento Passi (film)
Time: 7:00 pm (film)
Museum of Photographic Arts, Balboa Park

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Ambassador Hussain Haqqani, May 24 " An Update on US-Pakistani Relations "

Hussain Haqqani was appointed as Ambassador to the United States by Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gillani in April 2008. Previously, he has held numerous high-ranking positions in and out of government, including as adviser to three former Pakistani prime ministers and as envoy to Sri Lanka, and has been a prominent journalist, scholar and educator. His appointment in 2008 marked a return to government service after being exiled in 1999 following criticisms against the government of then-President Pervez Musharraf.

Ambassador Haqqani was a visiting scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, D.C., and an associate professor of International Relations at Boston University. He is an accomplished author and journalist, writes a regular column which is syndicated throughout South Asia and the Middle East, and contributes regularly to international publications.

GREAT DECISIONS

The Young Professionals Forum will be hosting a series of discussions over three months based on the PBS television series Great Decisions 2010. All are welcome.

Price of admission for the whole series is \$60 for members and \$65 for non-members (this includes the Great Decisions 2010 briefing book). Individual sessions cost \$7.50 for members and \$10 for non-members. Topics and dates of sessions are as follows:

- **March 18:** "Special Envoys"
- **April 1:** "Kenya and R2P"
- **April 15:** "Global Crime"
- **April 29:** "U.S.-China Security Relations"
- **May 13:** "Global Financial Crisis"
- **May 27:** "Russia and its Neighbors"
- **June 10:** "The Persian Gulf"
- **June 24:** "Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution"

Message from the President



Dear Members,

Since our last communiqué in July 2009, events around the world continue to shape and reshape U.S. foreign policy in order to meet the new challenges. From Iraq "The Forgotten War", yet the war is not over, to "The Hot War" in Afghanistan, which is being fought all over again, to "Iran March" to the status of a nuclear power state, and to "The No End in Sight" Israeli-Palestinian peace conflict are only part of the many foreign Policy challenges facing the U.S. in the early part of the 21st Century. Consistent with our

mission of "Bringing the World to San Diego," we were fortunate to invite outstanding speakers addressing the above and other challenges facing the Obama administration.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Mr. Michael Corbin topic of "Iraq Policy: Where are we today" addressed the events in Iraq over the past two years leading to the March Parliamentary election with assessment and analysis. Dr. John Reilly covered "U.S. Foreign Policy in the Obama Era" While Dr. Gershon Shafir and Dr. Gary Fields addressed the Israeli-Palestinian conflict "Gaza and the Peace Process one Year Later". The Cuban Cultural Dinner featured Dr. Mary McKenzie, who discussed Cuba-U.S. Relations" past, current and future? Dr. McKenzie has traveled to Cuba several times meeting Cuban government officials.

Other SDWAC activities included the sponsoring of International movies and Plays that have relevant social and political messages. The North County chapter of the SDWAC continues to provide outstanding weekly lectures held every Thursday morning, from 10:00 am - at the Remington Club in Rancho Bernardo. For a full list of NCC lectures click on the SDWAC website, www.sdwac.org.

The SDWAC Board of Directors and Executive Committee is working hard to bring you programs and quality speakers to meet our Council's goals Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you the best,

Farouk Al-Nasser, Ph.D.

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Message from the Executive Director



Greetings to everyone!

Hope you all are having a wonderful spring.

Since the last Communiqué, the San Diego World Affairs Council has been working on three major initiatives, all of which will introduce the Council to different constituencies of the San Diego region as well as increasing our membership. When I first came on board as executive director in August 2008, I received several requests from council members to reestablish the Great Decisions Discussion program. I'm happy to report that the first Great Discussions series was offered in the fall of 2009 and it is once again being offered this spring. Please refer to the SDWAC website, www.sdwac.org, for more information on the series. Thanks to the leadership of Patrick Frost, Council Board Director, the series is gaining momentum from fellow council members and from participants from outside the Council. Patrick is the discussion leader and I am inviting as many of you to join the series.

It is also my great pleasure to announce that the council will be setting aside one of its annual programs for educational outreach. This is the Council's second major initiative. On the evening of February 24th, Dr. John Rielly's presentation on the "Foreign Policy in the Obama Era" attracted over eighty participants (both faculty and students) to the free event co-hosted with UCSD's International Student Group. Those in attendance were students from UCSD, SDSU and Southwestern College. In addition, high school students from University High, Pacific Ridge High, Mira Mesa High, Bishops, La Jolla High, La Jolla County Day, Cathedral Catholic High School and Torrey Pines School attended the event. The evening's event was a resounding success. In the future, it is very likely that should you attend one of the Council's upcoming events you will notice that there will be students in attendance.

The third major initiative is to continue to have the Council work collaboratively with San Diego organizations on sponsoring joint events. The SDWAC jointly sponsored and/or participated in several programs with USD and UCSD dealing with world politics and economic affairs. Among them, with USD, was a presentation by Hungarian Ambassador Balazs Bokow on "20 Years after the fall of the Berlin Wall"; and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography/UCSD lecture and presentation of the Roger Revelle Prize to His Serene Highness, Prince Alberto II of Monaco, for his tireless work on behalf of the environment (please refer to pages 5-8 for a full review of past events.)

All the best,

Alma Aguilar, Professor of Political Science

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New Council Developments

Openings on Executive Committee:

There are openings for the President and Vice-President positions on the SDWAC's Executive Committee. These positions shall be elected by the Board of Directors for a term of one (1) year and shall hold the office until their successors are elected and have accepted office.

The President is responsible for being the Chief Executive Officer SDWAC, chair all Board of Directors meetings and work with the Executive Director in providing direction to the SDWAC.

The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in case of his or her absence.

If you are interested in either position, or would like to nominate a qualified individual, please have all cover letters and resumes sent to executivedirector@sdwac.org *

Are You Interested In Joining Our Board of Directors?

Serving on the SDWAC's Board of Directors is a honor that carries with it certain responsibilities. Board members are expected to:

- Govern and direct the affairs of the Council
- Attend annual quarterly meetings (including special meetings) and Council programs on a regular basis
- Pay annual dues of \$300 and be a current member of the SDWAC
- Serve for a term of two (2) years and shall be eligible for two (2) additional consecutive terms of two (2) years each.

If you are interested in becoming a Board member, or would like to nominate a qualified individual, please have all cover letters and resumes sent to executivedirector@sdwac.org. *

Are you interested in joining a Standing Committee?

There are many opportunities for members to get involved and serve a SDWAC's Standing Committee. Below is a list of each committee with a short description of its duties.

- The Development Committee is responsible for evaluating and pursuing funding opportunities including grants and corporate donations.
- The Membership Committee is responsible for increasing the Council's total membership and to maximize the revenue of the Council through the additional dues paid by new members.
- The Programs Committee is responsible for organizing and scheduling programs designed to carry out the mission of the Council.
- The Nominating Committee is responsible for preparing and circulating a slate of nominees for Board membership and other important positions.
- The Finance Committee is responsible for reviewing the Council's financial performance, developing budgets and analyzing the performance of any established Endowment funds.
- The Public Relations Committee is responsible for increasing the Council's visibility in the community through developing and maintaining working relations with the media
- Special Committees may include, but are not limited to, coverage of the following areas: bylaws, meeting arrangements, education, fundraising, travel, hospitality and public relations.

If you are interested in becoming a member of any of the Standing Committees, or would like to nominate a qualified individual, please have all cover letters and resumes sent to executivedirector@sdwac.org.*

*** All nominations will be reviewed by the Nominating Committee. Please be aware that your selection is not automatic.**



A Review of Past Events

Ambassador Meera Shankar, July 13, 2009 **"Indian-U.S. Relations in Perspective "**

Ms Meera Shankar was born on 9 October 1950. She joined the Indian Foreign Service in July 1973. She has held several important assignments during her career: she served as Director in the Prime Minister's Office from 1985 to 1991; was posted to Washington DC and served as Minister (Commerce) from 1991 to 1995. Thereafter, she headed the Indian Council of Cultural Relations in New Delhi overseeing India's cultural diplomacy. Subsequently, in the Ministry of External Affairs, she headed two important divisions dealing with the South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC) and relations with Nepal and Bhutan. After promotion to the rank of Additional Secretary in 2002, she held the responsibility for the United Nations and International Security. Her last assignment was as Ambassador of India to Germany from 1st December 2005 to 6th April 2009.

Bastille Day Celebration, July 14, 2009 **"Rupture or Continuity: The Presidency of Nicholas Sarkozy "**

Special guest speaker Dr. David Fisk, UCSD Professor of Political Science, talked about Franco-U.S. relations.

David Fisk is a lecturer in the department of political science at the University of California, San Diego and an adjunct professor in the Accelerated College Program at Mesa College. He received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of California, San Diego in 2007 and has conducted field research in the United Kingdom, Ireland, Belgium, Germany, France, and the Netherlands. His current research investigates the role second (or upper) chambers perform in shaping policy outcomes in parliamentary systems. His research agenda focuses on European politics broadly, with a specific focus on comparative parliamentary studies and political parties. His teaching agenda includes courses in comparative politics, international relations, and foreign policy.



Wine Tasting, August 21, 2009 **Orfila Vineyard and Winery**

A beautiful tour overlooking 70 acres of lush vineyards and the rolling hills of the San Pasqual Valley was given that made you have the feeling of being at a Tuscan vineyard.

Ambassador Alejandro Orfila, owner of the vineyards, is a career diplomat from Argentina and retired Secretary General of the Organization of American States. He is also a former president of the San Diego World Affairs Council.





Edward Kulakowski, September 23, 2009

"Diplomacy 3.0 - Reflections on the new Obama-Clinton Foreign Policy"

Edward Kulakowski most recently was Counsellor for Press and Culture at the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw, Poland, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the U.S.-Polish Fulbright Commission. He previously served as Cultural Attache in Moscow, Russia; Public Affairs Officer in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan; American House Director in Yerevan, Armenia; and with the U.S. Information Agency's (USIA) Voice of America and Exhibits service in Washington D.C. Mr. Kulakowski has represented the U.S. government at numerous conferences and seminars and before student audiences, on topics as varied as American Culture and Missile Defense. He lectured at the University of Warsaw on U.S. Foreign Policy and Immigration in the U.S. and to young diplomats at the Polish Diplomatic Academy on the U.S. Foreign Service and Public Diplomacy.



UCSD Institute for International, Comparative and Area Studies, October 16, 2009

"Human Rights Symposium"

We were honored to co-host the first Human Rights Symposium with UCSD's Institute for International, Comparative and Area Studies. Presentations from distinguished UCSD professors and graduate students were given on various topics. The symposium was free to enter and all members of the community were welcomed.

His Serene Highness Prince Albert of Monaco, October 23, 2009

"Roger Revelle Prize "

The San Diego World Affairs Council was honored to announce our affiliation with the Scripps Institute of Oceanography, as they awarded the Roger Revelle Prize to His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco for his efforts to promote scientific research and protection of the environment on a global scale. The Roger Revelle Prize is named for the UC San Diego founder and former Scripps director who was a world-renowned scientist and is considered one of the true pioneers of climate change research.



Dr. Mary McKenzie, November 9 , 2009

"Cuban Cultural Dinner "



Dr. McKenzie is a native Nebraskan who completed her undergraduate work at Georgetown University in Washington D.C. Dr. McKenzie moved to California to pursue graduate work in political science at UC Santa Barbara, where she concentrated on German and European Politics. Since then, she has taught at CSU San Marcos, USD,

Grossmont College. She received her J.D. from the USD School of Law in December 2006.

Dr. McKenzie's research has focused on European security and international organizations, such as the United Nations. More recently, her interest has turned to U.S. relations with Cuba, US immigration policies, and the balance between civil liberties and security. She has traveled extensively to Cuba with this regard.

Rigoberta Menchu, November 16 , 2009

"Guatemala Today: Challenges to Lasting Peace "



Rigoberta Menchu, Nobel Laureate and leading advocate of Indian rights and ethno-cultural reconciliation, speaks about the issues Guatemala faces today in the peace-making and peace-keeping process. Menchu has dedicated her life to

publicizing the plight of Guatemala's indigenous peoples during and after the Guatemalan Civil War (1960-1996), and to promoting indigenous rights in the country. She was the recipient of the 1992 Nobel Peace Prize and Prince of Asturias Award in 1998.

Ambassador Balazs Bokor, November 17 , 2009

"Hungary at the end of the Cold War "



Ambassador Bokor spoke about the very important presence Hungary had up to 1989 as a leader in the political, economic, and social change that changed the shape of Europe and eventually the world. Hungary is proud to have taken the first step towards the reunification of Germany and the creation of a united Europe after the fall of the Berlin Wall. In 2007, his excellency was appointed consul general, having served previously as chief of state protocol in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2005-07); nonresident ambassador for Beirut and Amman and ambassador to Damascus (2000-05); non-resident ambassador to Nicosia, Cyprus (1993-95); and ambassador to Beirut (1992-95). Bokor had also served in diplomatic service as director general (1999-2000) and deputy director general (1996-1998) for the Department of Middle East and Africa and as advisor for the Department of Policy Planning.

UCSD Institute of the Americas , November 20, 2009

"Critical Issues In Latin America"



President Hu Jintao's 2008 trip to Latin America signaled a new resolve by the Chinese government to increase its economic influence in the Western Hemisphere. Since President Hu's meeting with Latin American leaders at the APEC summit, his populous nation has strengthened trade, investment, technology, security and cultural ties with countries in the region. Neopopulism, the role of Chavez, the responsible left, the erosion of freedoms, institutional weakness, the role of the press and civil society, and the coup in Honduras will be the focus of this session. Has the war on drugs failed? Are alternative policies available? What is the impact of gang violence on societies with weak institutions? What does the future hold for Plan Colombia and the Merida Initiative?



Enrique Morones, November 20, 2009

"Border angels, border realities, and immigration today"

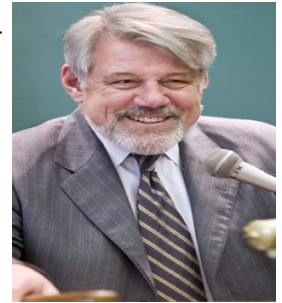
Long time internationally acclaimed Human Rights activist, Enrique was born in San Diego to Mexican parents Luis Morones of Mexico City and Laura Careaga of

Culiacan Sinaloa. They instilled in him a deep love for Mexico and a passion for social justice and a deep spiritual faith. He is the current President and founder of Border Angels, an all volunteer group he established in 1986 that places water in the desert and blankets and food in the winter on the border areas to help save migrant lives; First Director and founder of Mexico's Border Commission and advisory group to Mexican President Vicente Fox and part of Mexico's Institute of Mexican Abroad.

Anthanasios Moulakis, December 8, 2009

"What Hope for Afghanistan"

Professor Athanasios Moulakis is a distinguished scholar who has taught at several universities in Europe and the United States and is now Acting President of the American University of Afghanistan.



The University he is helping to build aims to help Afghans help themselves by gaining the tools of science, humanistic learning, and public administration. In that capacity, he has had a unique opportunity not only to experience life in this war-torn society but also to gain an insight into the varied perceptions on the country's problems and prospects held by various Afghan factions, their neighbors in Iraq and Pakistan, and Americans and other Westerners.



Anthanasios Moulakis, January 19, 2010

"Stories of Indian Women: Resistance, Resilience, and Transcendence"

Beloved Daughters united two projects by photographer and activist Fazal Sheikh. The exhibition focuses on women from two specific communities in India. The two projects combined in this powerful exhibition provided intimate and revealing portraits of the faces and words of the old and young -- widows of great age, mothers and their children -- that paint an eloquent picture of women's prospects in modern India, a nation of 1.1 billion people. Sheikh pairs intense camera portraits with testimony from his subjects, offering a voice to those who would otherwise remain anonymous, conveying stories that are both eye-opening and thought-provoking.



Gershon Shafir and Gary Fields, January 20, 2010

**"Gaza And The Peace Process One Year Later"
A Panel Discussion**

Gershon Shafir (left) is Professor of Sociology, founding Director of the Human Rights Minor program, and Director of the Institute for International, Comparative, and Area Studies (IICAS) at UCSD.



He received his B.A. from Tel Aviv University, his M.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles, and his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. He is the author or editor of several books, among them *Land, Labor, and the Origins of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, 1882-1914* (1989), *The Citizenship Debates* (1998), *People Out of Place: Globalization, Human Rights, and the Citizenship Gap* (2004), *National Insecurity and Human Rights: Democracies Debate Counterterrorism* (2007), and *Being Israeli: The Dynamics of Multiple Citizenship* which won the Middle Eastern Studies Association's Albert Hourani Award for Best Book in 2002. He is currently co-editing a volume of life histories titled *Struggle and Survival in Israel and Palestine* that will be published by the University of California Press in 2010.

Gary Fields (right) is an Associate Professor in the Department of Communication at the University of California, San Diego where he teaches courses on Geographies of Exclusion and Conflict, Dissent and Social Movements, and Representations of the Israeli / Palestinian Conflict. His research focuses on geographical landscapes as representations of power and conflict, with emphasis on the Palestinian landscape. During the past four years he has been interviewing Israelis and Palestinians for a new book tentatively entitled, *Enclosure: Landscape in Palestine in a Not-Too-Distant Mirror*. This project compares patterns of power, conflict, and dispossession on the landscapes of the English Enclosure movement, the Anglo-American colonial frontier, and modern Palestine. His scholarly articles have appeared in journals such as the *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, *The Journal of Historical Sociology*, *The Journal of Historical Geography*, *The International Review of Sociology*, and *Economic Geography*, while his opinion pieces focusing on the Israeli / Palestinian conflict have appeared in both local and national media. Gary Fields has a B.A. in history and art history from Concordia University in Montreal, and a Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning from the University of California, Berkeley.



Ambassador Michael Oren, February 10, 2010

"U.S. Israel Relations from a Historical and Personal Perspective"

Michael B. Oren is the State of Israel's Ambassador to the United States. Michael moved to Israel in the 1970s and served as an officer in the Israel Defense Forces. His two most recent books, *Six Days of War: June 1967 and the Making of the Modern Middle East* and *Power, Faith, and Fantasy: America in the Middle East, 1776 to the Present*, were New York Times bestsellers.



Judge Jean-Louis Bruguiere, February 12, 2010

"Trans-Atlantic Cooperation in the Fight Against Terrorism"

Jean-Louis Bruguière is the High Representative of the European Union in the United States for the fight against financing of terrorism as part of the "Terrorism Finance Tracking Programme / SWIFT." Until 2007, Judge Bruguière was responsible for the supervision and coordination of the anti-terrorist section in Paris. In addition to his responsibilities as an international judge, he is an expert with the Council of Europe, the European Union and the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). He also has provided counsel to several governments with respect to the fight against terrorism and has participated in numerous colloquia in France and abroad.

Michael Corbin, February 24

"Iraq Policy: Where are we today"



Michael Corbin, a career Senior Foreign Service Officer is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs for Iraq issues. He assumed this position on July 27, 2009. Prior to this assignment, Mr. Corbin served as Minister-Counselor for Political-Military Affairs at Embassy Baghdad, from September 2008. Mr. Corbin also served in the State Department in Washington as a staff assistant in the Bureau of Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs and in the office of United Nations Political Affairs in the Bureau of International Organization Affairs. After graduating with a B.A. from Swarthmore College, Mr. Corbin served from 1982 to 1984 as a Peace Corps volunteer in Mauritania, where he worked as an agricultural extension officer and served as a trainer for new Peace Corps volunteers. Mr. Corbin has received several Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards from the State Department.



John Rielly, February 24

"Foreign Policy In the Obama Era "

Dr. John E. Rielly graduated from St. John's University of the London School of Economics, as a Fulbright Scholar, and later with a Ph.D from Harvard University. Dr. Rielly is a visiting professor in the School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, and an Adjunct Professor of Political Science at Northwestern University. From 1962 to 1969 Rielly served as Foreign Policy Assistant to Senator and Vice President Hubert Humphrey, and from 1971 to 2001 he served as President of the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations. At the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, Rielly edited six editions (1974-1999) of a nationwide study entitled "American Public Opinion and US Foreign Policy."

John Waiter, To Be Rescheduled

"Haiti: Lessons Learned From an Eyewitness Account"

John Waiter has over 30 years of field-tested experience in results based management in international development, humanitarian affairs and institutional strengthening, with the U.N. and international N.G.O.s in Latin America, Africa and the Balkans. Currently John works as an Independent Consultant for Waiter Consulting, providing international organizations and NGOs involved in community development and humanitarian affairs with timely and tailored programming and management assistance. He holds an MA in Latin American Studies from George Washington University, Washington DC. He completed his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester MA.



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