



# Communiqué

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**July 14, 2009**  
**French Cultural Dinner**  
**Cocktails 5:30 - 6:30 pm,**  
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**Wine Tasting/Tour/Buffer:**  
**6:30-8:30**  
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**Meera Shankar , Indian Ambassador to the U.S.  
 Indian-U.S. Relations in Perspective  
 Monday, July 13, 2009**

Ms Meera Shankar was born on 9 October 1950. She joined the Indian Foreign Service in July 1973.

She has held several assignments during her career: she served as Director in the Prime Minister’s Office from 1985 to 1991; and 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.

Breakfast 8:00-9:15 AM. \$25 for Members \$27 Non-members  
 Location: Doubletree Hotel, 7450 Hazard Center Dr, San Diego, CA 92108 *free parking*



**Bastille Day Celebration  
 Rupture or Continuity: The Presidency of Nicholas Sarkozy  
 Dr. David Fisk, University of California, San Diego,**

**Tuesday, July 14, 2009**

Join us for the first cultural dinner of the year by celebrating France's Day of Independence, Tuesday July 14th. Special guest speaker Dr. David Fisk, UCSD Professor of Political Science, will present "Rupture or Continuity: The Presidency of Nicholas Sarkozy and French-US Relations".

Starter: Lobster Bisque, Baby Mixed Green Salad, Soup Du Jour - Chive Oil  
 Entree: Prime Top Sirloin Au Poivre, Scottish Salmon, Jidori Chicken Fricassee, Eastern Corn Fed Beef Short Ribs

Dessert: Bittersweet Mousseline au Chocolat, Meyer Lemon Crème Brule

Please indicate your choices by email or call our office

Cocktails 5:30 - 6:30 Dinner 6:30 - 8:30. \$45 for Members \$50 Non-members.

Space limited to 30 people. First come first serve basis.

Location: 4996 W. Point Loma Blvd, Ocean Beach

**Private Wine Tasting, Tour and Buffet Event  
 Friday, August 21**



Join us for a tour overlooking 70 acres of lush vineyards and the rolling hills of the San Pasqual Valley that will give you the feeling of being at a Tuscan vineyard. We will enjoy tasting some of the Orfila award-winning wine. 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.

Wine Tasting, Buffett and Tour: 6:30-8:30. \$35 for Members \$40 Non-members.

Location: Orfila Vineyards and Winery, 13455 San Pasqual Rd., Escondido, CA 92025

*No cancellations or refunds 72 hours prior to any event*



## Message from the President of the San Diego World Affairs Council, Farouk Al-Nasser, Ph.D.

Dear members,

In the Council's February 2009 Communiqué I did say that the 21<sup>st</sup> century world is far more complex than the world in the last half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It is shaped by fast moving events that are unpredictable. It is increasingly influenced by forces far beyond the control of any one nation or region. Cooperation, consensus, and compromise are the way nations have to deal with conflict resolution. Skillful diplomacy, not military, is paramount in resolving conflicts.

Consistent with our charter of "Bringing the World to San Diego," we are very fortunate to have had some outstanding speakers who have tackled current events, and the impact they have had on U.S. policy, as well as the challenges that currently face the Obama administration. Whether it is North Korea, Mexico, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan or the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, it is our goal to create an awareness of the situations in these troubled regions by presenting both sides of the issues.

Dr. Stephen Haggard addressed the issue of "North Korea: Challenges for the Obama Administration;" Dr. Larry Diamond discussed the topic of "The Spirit of Democracy: Global Perspective for Freedom" and his experience in Iraq soon after the invasion in 2003; visiting scholar Aboubakr Jamaï on "Chasing Freedom of the Press in the Middle East: The Case of Morocco;" "Mexico at the Crossroads" by Dr. David Shirk and Dr. Emily Edmonds Poli's discussion, on the "economic crisis, drug violence and political uncertainty" prior to the 2009 Midterm Elections; Dr. Richard Falk's talk on "The Aftermath of the Gaza War and the Prospect for Middle East Peace;" and the most recent presentation made by Professor Reza Aslan which addressed "The Aftermath of the Iran Election" with extensive analysis of the opposition demonstrations on the structure of the Islamic Republic. The timing of these of the above presentations was incredible and astounding.

Part of the San Diego World Affairs Council strategy is to cooperate with other organizations to sponsor programs that are beneficial and of interest to our members. Organizations such as the United Nations Association, Citi-

zens Diplomacy Council, San Diego City Club, the San Diego Museum of Photographic Arts, the Mingei International Museum, and the San Diego Historical Society are among those who have expressed interest in joint sponsorship of Programs with World Affairs Council.

Our goal for the balance of the year is to continue with the high quality presentations by world renowned speakers on current events, panel discussions and cultural dinners.

With the help and advice of Board Members, the Executive Committee will develop marketing plans toward increasing the Council's visibility and membership. Also, we continue to seek the views of members on the full range of programs toward the goal of continues improvement.

I am extremely excited about the Council's launching of the Institute of World Affairs and Diplomacy under the leadership of Professor Alma Aguilar, Executive Director.

*Thank you and wishing you the best.*

*Farouk Al-Nasser, Ph.D.*

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# Member Spotlight

## **Lowell Blankfort**

Lowell's career began in New York City working for the Wall Street Journal, later working for Cowles Magazines as a Business & Labor Editor. In Europe, he worked for the London Daily Mail, Continental Edition, Paris, and authored a column on Paris personalities, and Stars & Stripes in Darmstadt, Germany. In 1954-59 he was owner, publisher, and editor of the Pacifica (Calif.) Tribune. From 1961-78 Lowell was co-owner, co-publisher and editor for the Chula Vista, (Calif.) Star-News. From 1977 to 2007 he was co-owner, consultant or columnist in California, Minnesota, Colorado, Illinois, Wisconsin and Arizona. Lowell has written articles on political hot spots like Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, China, Russia and Cuba to Benin, Outer Mongolia and Papua New Guinea. Lowell has also interviewed many heads of state and of governments, including Fidel Castro in Cuba, Kim Dae Jung in Korea, Li Peng and Li Xiannian in China, Benazir Bhutto in Pakistan, Paul Kagame in Rwanda. Lowell is a graduate of Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Arts in history and political science with a minor in economics.

## **Vivian Kozue Beebe**

Vivian is a graduate of the University of California, San Diego's Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies where she specialized in International Management and Japan. She has advanced organizational skills developed working for a Stanford University research center and coordinating cultural events in Japan. Vivian is bilingual in English and Japanese. She completed her Bachelor of Arts degree at Whitman College, WA. She also studied Japanese language, politics, literature and history at Doshisha University, Kyoto Japan. Vivian has worked as an intern for the SDWAC since June 2008. Additionally, she has worked as an administrative associate at the Walter H Shorenstein Asia Pacific Research Center, Stanford University. She also taught English in Japan at the Northwood English Communication Academy. Vivian also held the position of Coordinator of International Relations for the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET).

## **Tina L. Davis**

Tina is currently the Project Manager and Coordinator for Total Resource Management Inc. Tina has ten years of project and management experience working with diversely skilled multicultural teams in a virtual environment. She was chosen to represent the company on a client relationship management task in Japan. Tina holds an MA in Diplomacy and International Commerce Concentration from Norwich University and a BS in Business & Management from the University of Redlands. Her areas of focus are Global Business, Cross-Cultural Management, and Global Corporate Diplomacy. She worked as a Project Manager for Curtiss-Wright Controls Embedded Computing from 2003-2005. She held the position of Business Analyst and Project Manager for Garrison Technologies Inc from 1998-2003.

## **Patrick Frost**

Patrick Frost holds a Masters Degree in Political Science from New York University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Sonoma State University. He has published works for the Foreign Policy Association and Journal of Political Inquiry. Currently, Patrick teaches Political Science at San Diego Miramar College. He also works for the National Center for Children in Poverty as a Research Assistant. He is the lead blog writer for the Foreign Policy Association on the subject of Afghanistan and Central Asia. Patrick's employment history includes work for the New York Division of Libraries, the Center for Terrorism and Intelligence Studies, the United Nations, NYC Council Member Yvette Clarke, the Rohnert Park-Cotati Unified School District, and AmeriCorps Project Scholars.

## **John Wiater**

John has over 30 years of field experience in results based management in international development, humanitarian affairs and institutional strengthening with the U.N. and I.N.G.O.s in Latin America, Africa, and the Balkans. He holds an MA in Latin American Studies from George Washington University and a BA in Political Science from the College of the Holy Cross. He is proficient in English, Spanish, and French. Currently John works as an Independent Consultant for Wiater Consulting, providing international organizations and NGOs involved in community development and humanitarian affairs with timely and tailored programming and management assistance. From 2005-2006 John was the Deputy Head of Office for the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Democratic Republic Congo. From 2004-2005 he was Chief of the Administrative Division for the Department of Justice United Nations Mission in Kosovo. From 1996-2002 he was the Liaison Officer for the Technical Assistance Unit, United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala. He was also a Country Representative for the Ethiopia Programme, Catholic Relief Services from 1989-1992. He received the Sanctae Crucis Award for Professional Achievement and Community Service from the College of the Holy Cross.

# Message from the Executive Director



Greetings to everyone! I hope you all are having a wonderful summer.

Since my last message, there has been a very important development. Some of you may have noticed on our website that we have added the Institute of World Affairs and Diplomacy. The Institute was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors at their April 20, 2009 meeting. The Institute's purpose is to foster understanding of world affairs and diplomacy through a series of educational outreach programs

that will involve SDWAC members, students from local elementary, middle, and high schools, and community college and university students. There are several programs within the Institute which provide opportunities for various age groups; the Great Decisions Summer Academy, the Great Decisions Seminar, the Student Research Symposium, the Student Diplomacy Leadership Summit(s), the Cultural Diplomacy Tour, and the Young Diplomats.

The Great Decisions Summer Academy is a week-long summer camp that covers 8 specifically designed topics for middle and high school students. The Great Decisions Seminars are open to adults covering the 8 topics in a more traditional format over the course of a year. The Student Research Symposium is open to undergraduate, master, and doctoral students of political science and international relations whose research will be posted online on our website. The Student Diplomacy Leadership Summits will give the opportunity for students to develop and demonstrate their leadership skills by creating and implementing a plan of action for their local communities. Summit I is open to middle school students of the San Diego area and Summit II is for high school students of San Diego and Tijuana, Mexico. The Cultural Diplomacy Tour is a week-long summer camp for 6th and 7th graders that encourages the appreciation of the contributions of different ethnic groups in the San Diego area. Finally, the Young Diplomats is a program for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders that fosters recognition and understanding of tradition, history, language, and the general way of life of foreign cultures that make up our global village. These students will visit the international cottages in Balboa Park and submit a journal entry documenting their experiences.

La Jolla Country Day and High-Tech International have expressed interest in providing some of the educational outreach programs on their campuses. Please contact me should you know of any other schools that might have interest in these outstanding programs.

*All the best,*

*Alma Aguilar, Professor of Political Science*

## 2009 Executive Officers

**President,** Farouk Al-Nasser, Ph.D.

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## Outgoing Board Members

A special word of thanks to our outgoing Board Members in recognition of their wonderful service to the San Diego World Affairs Council.

Chief Financial Officer, **Joseph Koszarek**

**M.C. "Madhu" Madhavan,** Ph.D.

**Joanne Snyder**

**Cal Watson**

## Global Update —Afghanistan

**“I’m not opposed to wars. I’m opposed to dumb wars.”**

*Barack Obama, 2003, in opposing U.S. invasion of Iraq*

**Lowell Blankfort**

San Diego World Affairs Council , Board of Directors

Centuries after Afghanistan proved too hot to handle for Alexander the Great, long before Al Qaeda and the Taliban even existed, well before Barack Obama was born, a young American journalist and his wife sat in a makeshift home on a dirt street in Kandahar, Afghanistan’s second largest city, and heard a handful of American aid workers tell a grisly tale of religious and gender terror from which they barely escaped with their lives.

The journalist was me. A week earlier, I was told, nearby Muslim mullahs had stirred up a mob of male true believer, armed with long knives and shotguns and determined to un-do government-decreed reforms.

First, they burned down a movie house showing one matinee a week for women (films from India deemed “porno” because actresses wore no veils). Then they descended upon a new government-decreed girls’ school, cutting the breasts off half a dozen students. Then, they headed for the foreigners’ street in Kandahar chanting “kill the Americans” whom they blamed for the reforms.

That was in April of 1960, almost a half century ago. Today, as Barack Obama unveiled a new American plan to pacify a growing terrorist challenge in one of the world’s most primitive countries, Afghanistan hasn’t changed much.

In rural areas, where most Afghans live, beheadings and other executions of dissidents are mounting, hundreds of girls’ schools have been destroyed, public floggings are not uncommon and residents are wondering if the U.S. and its NATO allies can be counted on to provide protections.

“We are not winning in Afghanistan,” says Obama. Obama’s answer is three-fold. Militarily, he will beef up American troop strength adding 21,000 soldiers this year to increase the U.S. American military presence within NATO to 68,000 by year end.

In particular, Obama plans to enlarge the Afghan army, now only 20,000 troops,

to 70,000 within two years and an eventual goal of 400,000 soldiers and police.

Secondly, Obama is redefining “winning” –“narrowing U.S. goals” was how he put it. His goal is to make certain that Afghanistan no longer will be a safe harbor for terrorists from anywhere in the world to threaten the United States or its allies.

I vividly remember the head of Afghanistan’s armed forces then, General Bismillah Khan, who had been instrumental in helping the U.S. oust the Taliban, practically begging me in Kabul four years ago to pass the word to Americans that the cheapest and best way to defeat insurgents was to give the Afghan army the resources to do the job.

The third weapon in Obama’s arsenal for Afghan peace is diplomacy- including embracing two nations [Russian and Iran] with a long-term history of antagonism toward Uncle Sam. Obama has been making let’s-be-friends noises to both countries. Russia and Iran are victims of Afghanistan drug production. Ninety percent of the world’s opium and heroin production originate in the poppy fields of southern Afghanistan. Were these two huge neighbors to join NATO in an international coalition against Afghanistan’s insurgents, it would put more pressure on the militias.

The Iranians began talking with the Bush administration about problems with Afghanistan in the early 2000’s, but these ended when Washington cut off all contact because it objected to Iran’s nuclear policies. But Obama has indicated his willingness to negotiate with the Iranians without precondition, although talks will probably be delayed because of Iran’s recent electoral turmoil.

The obstacle to the success of a Pax Americana – or peace through a global coalition -- are numerous:

1. Historically, Afghanistan is “the graveyard of empires.” Two hundred years ago, Lord Byron wrote that the Afghans are about the only West Asian people that have no inferiority complex; they simply don’t give up.

Famed conquerors like Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan’s Mongol hordes, the Czar’s Russian Empire, the British Empire and the Soviet Union have all run afoul of its treacherous terrain and of its ferocious and tenacious fighters.

2. The Taliban (“The Scholars”) are extra tough practitioners of harsh ancient male-dominated Islam practiced in Saudi Arabia. They emerged in the 1990s out of the chaos of a destructive civil war among half a dozen Afghan factions. Their reign lasted only four years but the Taliban simply regrouped and kept fighting and regaining lost ground.

3. Karzai is a weak president, heading an administration shot through with corruption, even in the judiciary. He was the Bush administration’s choice because he comes from a family of past leader of the Pashtuns tribe, whose 13 million people constitute Afghanistan’s largest tribe with about 40 percent of Afghanistan’s 32 million people. Now most of Karzai’s family lives in the United States.

4. About an equal number of Pashtuns live just across the border in Pakistan. With ties of language and even relatives in Afghanistan, some of these dissatisfied Pashtuns have become fodder for Taliban propagandists.

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Pakistan is probably Afghanistan’s most threatening single problem. Nominally, a U.S. ally and a receipt of billions of dollars in American aid, Pakistan has permitted its border area with Afghanistan to serve as a safe harbor of Al Qaeda, Taliban terrorists, and anti-American foreigners to slip into Afghanistan and attack and/or seize Afghan villages.

But Obama is hardly giving up on Afghanistan. With more modest goals and a more robust military and diplomatic strategy, he may not make Afghanistan safe for democracy, but he is determined to make the rest of the world safe from Afghanistan.

Can he do it? From where I sit, I think yes, he can.

## New Developments in the Council

### **Institute of World Affairs & Diplomacy**

The Institute's purpose is to foster understanding of world affairs and diplomacy through a series of educational outreach programs that involve SDWAC member and students from local schools, community colleges, and universities.

### **Book Review Corner**

Share your reviews of books with other San Diego World Affairs Council members. Recommend a book with an international theme whether fiction or non-fiction.

### **Young Professionals Forum**

The Young Professionals Forum offers a variety of year round opportunities for professional networking and socializing with fellow members who are interested in world affairs. The Young Professionals Forum will be hosting the following:

- \* Programs with Distinguished Speakers
- \* Great Decisions Discussion Group
- \* Casual Dinners with an International Theme (meets quarterly)
- \* Foreign Language Group (meets monthly)
- \* International Cinema Group (meets monthly)
- \* Career Networking, Seminars & Job Shadowing Opportunities
- \* Career Mentoring with Established Professionals

### **New Young Professionals Blog**

Membership to the Young Professionals Forum is for those individuals between the ages of 21 - 35 years of age. To access the calendar of upcoming events and the required password for the blog membership is required.

### **Affiliations with:**

#### **Educational Outreach/Academy:**

The San Diego World Affairs Council (SDWAC) is sponsoring the Institute of World Affairs and Diplomacy program and academy throughout the year in an effort to foster and enhance international affairs awareness for both the adults and youth of San Diego. "The institute's purpose is to foster understanding of world affairs and diplomacy through a series of educational outreach programs that involve our San Diego World Affairs Council members, students from local schools, community colleges, and universities."

SDWAC's Great Decision Discussion Group Academy particularly aims to enhance and develop youthful San Diego awareness of international affairs. The academy will host numerous sessions throughout the summer of 2009, with topics ranging from U.S. and Middle Eastern relations regarding Pakistan, Afghanistan and Egypt to global energy, environmental and economic concerns. Each participant will be awarded a certificate of completion at the conclusion of their respective session. For further information regarding the schedule of each session, the respective topics and cost please visit the SDWAC website.

#### **National Geographic Spelling Bee:**

The SDWAC is also promoting the participation of San Diego youth in the National Geographic Spelling Bee competition. The San Diego Unified School District and The San Diego World Affairs Council are partnering to promote The National Geographic Bee, an educational program of the National Geographic Society, to San Diego students. The National Geographic Bee is a nationwide geography competition for U.S. schools with any grades four through eight, designed to encourage the teaching and study of geography.

In addition to participating in the Bee, The San Diego World Affairs Council would like to recognize the teachers and students participating in the National Geographic Bee at our annual meeting in the spring in mid-April. All are invited to celebrate their participation and efforts.

# A Review of Past Events

**Reza Aslan** June 23, 2009

## "How to Win a Cosmic War: God, Globalization and the End of the War on Terror"

Reza Aslan is a Senior Fellow at the Orfalae Center for Global and International Studies at U.C. Santa Barbara and assistant professor of creative writing at the University of California, Riverside. He is a frequent commentator on CNN, CBS, and NPR, as well as cofounder and creative director of BoomGen Studios, a hub for creative content from and about the Middle East. He has degrees in Religions from Santa Clara University, Harvard University, and the University of California, Santa Barbara, as well as a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Iowa, where he was named the Truman Capote Fellow in Fiction. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Los Angeles Institute for the Humanities, and the Pacific Council on International Policy. His articles and interviews have appeared in the Boston Globe, New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Sojourners, Sun Magazine, the Guardian, and many other papers around the world. Born in Iran, he now lives in Los Angeles. His first book, *No God but God: The Origins, Evolution, and Future of Islam* was an international bestseller and has been translated into thirteen languages.



**Prof. Richard Falk** June 5, 2009

**San Diego Coalition for Justice in Palestine**  
invites you to a special lecture on:

## The Aftermath of the Gaza War and Prospects for Middle East Peace

**Prof. Richard Falk**



Richard Falk is Albert G. Milbank Professor Emeritus of International Law at Princeton University and Visiting Distinguished Professor in Global and International Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He is chair of the board of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. His most recent books are *The Costs of War: International Law, the UN, and World Order after Iraq* (2008) and *Achieving Human Rights* (2009). He is currently serving as Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territories for the UN Human Rights Council.

**Friday June 5 2009, 7:30 pm**

Four Points Sheraton  
8110 Aero Drive, San Diego, CA 92123

Free event; donations requested.  
For more information: 858-459-4650 or 619-840-1945

Partial list of co-sponsors: National Lawyers Guild, American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee San Diego, Middle East Cultural and Information Center (MECIC), United Nations Association of San Diego, World Affairs Council, Activist San Diego

**Dr. David Shirk and Emily Edmonds Poli**

May 20, 2009

**Annual Meeting.**

## "Mexico at the Crossroads: Economic Crisis, Drug Violence, and Political Uncertainty in the Lead Up to Mexico's 2009 Midterm Elections"

Dr. Shirk is an Assistant Professor in the Political Science Department and received his Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Shirk conducts research and publishes on topics related to Mexican politics, U.S.-Mexican relations, and law enforcement and security issues along the U.S. Mexican border. Dr. Shirk is the Principal Investigator for TBI's Justice in Mexico Project, a bi-national research initiative focused on criminal justice and the rule of law in Mexico that is sponsored by the Williams and Flora Hewlett Foundation. His newest book, co-authored by Dr. Emily Edmonds, is called *Contemporary Mexican Politics*. Dr. Emily Edmonds-Poli is associate professor of political science and international relations at the University of San Diego. She received her B.A. from Middlebury College, and an M.A. in Latin American Studies from the University of Texas at Austin. She earned a Ph.D. in political science from the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Edmonds joined USD's political science department in 2001 and teaches courses such as Politics in Mexico, Politics in Latin America, Comparative Politics, and Introduction to International Relations. Her article, "Decentralization under the Fox Administration: Progress or Stagnation?" appeared in the journal *Mexican Studies* (22:2). Her most recent book, *Contemporary Mexican Politics* (co-authored with David Shirk) provides a comprehensive text on Mexican politics. It was published in 2008 by Rowman and Littlefield Publishers.

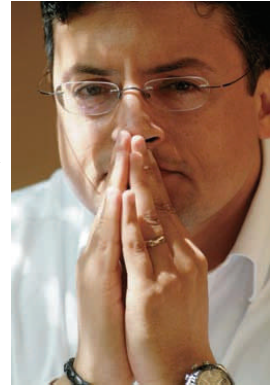


## M. Aboubakr Jamaï May 6, 2009

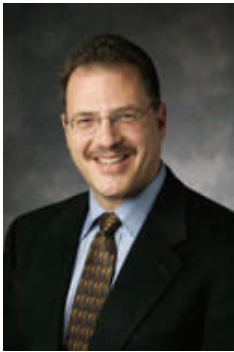
### "Chasing Freedom of the Press in the Middle East: The Case of Morocco"

Aboubakr Jamaï is a visiting Scholar at the University of San Diego where he teaches courses on Political Islam and Politics in The Middle East. He was publisher of Morocco's leading weekly newspaper, *Le Journal Hebdomadaire*. His paper has tackled tough topics such as government corruption, corporate impropriety, and other taboo political subjects in Morocco. Jamaï began his career in finance, co-founding Morocco's first independent investment bank in 1993. After two years advising international emerging market funds with holdings in North Africa, the company, Upline Securities, became the first Moroccan-based bank ever selected to manage a privatization project in Morocco. In 1996, M. Jamaï joined the Executive Secretariat of the Middle East and North Africa Economic Summit as a financial and economic adviser. This organization was set up by the sponsors of the Middle East peace process

to foster economic cooperation in the region. He co-founded *Le Journal* and *Assahifa* in 1997 and 1998. His articles were published in *The New York Times*, *Time Magazine*, *El Pais*, *Le Monde*, *Le Monde Diplomatique*. Aboubakr Jamaï won the Committee To Protect Journalists' International Press Freedom Award in 2003. In January 2008, he won the first Newhouse School of communication at Syracuse University's "Tully Center Free Speech Award". M. Jamaï has been selected by the World Economic Forum as a Young Global Leader for 2005. He was a Yale World Fellow in 2004 at Yale University. He was a Nieman Fellow in 2007 at the Nieman Foundation for Journalism and a Mason Fellow in 2008 at Harvard University. M. Jamaï holds a Master of Business Administration from Oxford University's Saïd Business School and a Master of Public Administration from Harvard Kennedy School.



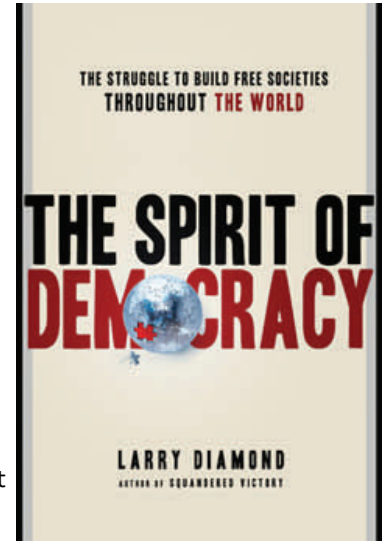
## Dr. Larry Diamond April 14, 2009



### "The Spirit of Democracy: Global Perspectives for Freedom"

Dr. Diamond is a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution and at Stanford University's Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies. He is also founding coeditor of the *Journal of Democracy* and co-director of the International Forum for Democratic Studies of the National Endowment for Democracy. His research and policy work has dealt with the development and functioning of democracy around the world and international policies to promote democracy and support human development. He has advised the U.S. Agency for International Development, the World Bank, the United Nations, the State Department, and other organizations.

Dr. Diamond has authored and published numerous articles and books. His book published in 2008, *The Spirit of Democracy: The struggle to Build Free Societies Throughout the World*, explores the sources of global democratic progress and stress and the future prospects of democracy.



## Alephonsion Deng February 12, 2009

### "They Poured Fire on Us From the Sky: The True Story of Three lost Boys from Sudan"

On Thursday, February 12 Alephonsion Deng spoke about his experiences and those of brother Benson and cousin Benjamin along their harrowing journey to safety from war-torn Sudan, to America. The story illustrated a vivid vision of Sudan and a powerful portrait of war as seen through the eyes of children. It was an inspiring and unforgettable tribute to the tenacity of the young human spirit. The Lost Boys of Sudan are more than 27,000 boys who were displaced and/or orphaned during the Second Sudanese Civil War (1983-2005, about 2 million killed). Many of the boys came from the predominantly Christian southern section of Sudan (as was the case for Alephonsion Deng) who were fleeing persecution by Muslims that dominated northern Sudan. The name was given by aid organizations, including the international Rescue Committee program which resettled some of these refugees from Sudan to the United States. The program was co-sponsored with Alliant University.



**Dr. Stephan Haggard** February 4, 2009**"North Korea: Challenges for the Obama Administration"**

Professor Haggard is the Director of the Korea-Pacific Program at the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies at UCSD. Prior to joining IRPS in 1992, he was an associate professor in the department of government at Harvard University. Professor Haggard is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. His most recent publication is *Revising Social Contracts: Welfare Reform in Latin America, East Asia and Eastern Europe*. Mr. Haggard spoke on Wednesday, February 4th about the many challenges that face North Korea. He highlighted areas, such as the international threat of nuclear power, as well as the affect their closed trade and commerce market approach has had on the region. He facilitated discussion on the challenges facing the new Obama administration in regard to working with North Korea and reestablishing a line of communication and, ultimately, trust between the two.

**Admiral Bud Edney (Ret.) USN**  
**Vice Admiral Paul McCarthy (Ret.) USN**

January 14, 2009

**"Soft Power vs. Hard Power: The Future of U.S. Defense Policy"**

Admiral Edney, was the Vice Chief of Naval Operations and NATO's Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic and Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command. In addition, he has a Masters of Science in Public Administration from Harvard University.

Vice Admiral McCarthy, was the Commander of the Naval U.S. Seventh Fleet and developed many advanced technological products noticeably strengthening fleet capabilities. He has a Master of Science in Financial Management from the Naval Postgraduate School.



## Summer Interns

**Lauren Altick, UC Irvine****Catherine Doe, Cabrini College****Christopher Hayes, SDSU****Larry Lom, UCSD****Terezka Peterka, USD****Jin Zhou, UCSD****Vivian Beebe, UCSD****Daniel Gold, SDSU****Jennifer Klimowicz, UCSD****Jeehyun Park, UCSD****Ladan Sariolghalam, UCSD**



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