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THE 2009 ANNUAL DINNER
Dear Friends,

The United States faces a host of complex economic, political, and military issues. Success is far from assured. Yet it remains clear that American leadership is crucial to the world’s prospects for peace and prosperity.

The Foreign Policy Research Institute’s program of research, education, and publication can make a difference in our country’s quest for effective policy. Solid scholarship supports our work, anchored in an understanding of history, geopolitics, and economics. As a result, the activities listed in these pages have attracted national and international attention, whether it be our recent report on “Reforming the Afghan National Police” presented to a significant Washington audience on September 17; the more than 35,000 scholars, analysts, and officials in 85 countries who receive (and often pass on) our E-Notes and Footnotes, and the numerous “hits” on our website for Orbis articles and reports.
Our work is not only for the short term. FPRI’s unique educational program, for example, “teaches the teachers” of the next generation. Leading scholars and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists have been attracted to our educational seminars and weekends precisely because they see a long-term benefit to the nation.

As you review this Annual Report, you will see our role as national asset and global resource. We look forward to your support as we continue to bring the best of scholarship to bear on U.S. foreign policy problems and international issues. Today, just as in 1955 when FPRI was founded, the motto of our founder Robert Strausz-Hupé remains vital: “We should think before we act.”

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THE 5TH ANNUAL

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

to

ROBERT D. KAPLAN

Address following the Presentation

Thursday, November 12, 2009

The Westin Hotel – Philadelphia
99 South 17th Street at Liberty Place

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THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

FPRI seeks to bring the best of scholarship to bear on foreign policy issues and emphasizes the importance of public service on behalf of the nation. These two elements are also symbolized by the career of Benjamin Franklin, who devoted himself from an early age to public service and to resolving problems through objective analysis, drawing upon the best knowledge available. Franklin’s international career culminated in his role as a diplomat whose work proved crucial in securing American independence.

In 2005, on the occasion of FPRI’s 50th anniversary and on the eve of Benjamin Franklin’s 300th birthday, we presented the first annual Benjamin Franklin Award for Public Service, to honor Americans whose public service exemplifies the ideals of Benjamin Franklin and the United States. Dr. Henry A. Kissinger was the first honoree, followed by Charles Krauthammer, Philip Zelikow, and John R. Bolton. FPRI’s trustees are now pleased to present this award to Robert D. Kaplan.

ROBERT D. KAPLAN

Robert D. Kaplan is a Senior Fellow at the Center for a New American Security. He continues to write on a range of foreign policy and national security issues for The Atlantic Monthly and is now writing a book on the future of the Indian Ocean region. His books, several of which were written under grants received through FPRI, include Hog Pilots, Blue Water Grunts: The American Military in the Air, at Sea, and on the Ground (2007); Imperial Grunts (2005), Eastward to Tartary: Travels in the Balkans, the Middle East, and the Caucasus (2000); and Balkan Ghosts: A Journey Through History (1993). Kaplan’s essays have appeared in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, and Los Angeles Times. He has been a consultant to the U.S. Army’s Special Forces Regiment, the U.S. Air Force, and the U.S. Marines, and has lectured at military war colleges, the FBI, the National Security Agency, the CIA, the Pentagon’s Joint Staff, major universities, and business forums. New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman calls Kaplan among the four “most widely read” authors defining the post-Cold War era (along with Francis Fukuyama, the late Samuel Huntington, and Yale Professor Paul Kennedy). He has received the U.S. State Department Distinguished Public Service Award, and in July 2009 Secretary of Defense Robert Gates appointed him to the Defense Policy Board.
PROGRAM

Musical Presentation Featuring
Members of the United States Army Band
“Pershing’s Own” from Washington, D.C.

Dinner
Presentation of the 5th Annual Benjamin Franklin
Public Service Award
to Robert D. Kaplan
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2009 FPRI HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of FPRI’s research, publications, events, and media coverage over the past year are presented below by major programmatic areas.

RESEARCH PROGRAM

A NEW AMERICAN STRATEGY

America needs a long-term national strategy to meet the challenges to its security. These include not only terrorism but also the changing foreign policies of countries such as Russia and China and the effects of globalization. Harvey Sicherman, president of FPRI and a former aide to three U.S. secretaries of state, has finished his book manuscript Cheap Hawks, Cheap Doves, and the Pursuit of American Strategy (forthcoming), which will address our national security imperatives from a geopolitical and historical perspective.

CENTER ON TERRORISM AND COUNTERTERRORISM

Chairs: Stephen Gale and Michael Radu; directed by Gregory Montanaro

The Center’s mission is to study the goals, tactics, and strategies of terrorism and develop responses to it. Our objectives are to know our enemy, know our friends and know ourselves so that U.S. interests and those of our allies can be secured at home and abroad. The focus of the Center’s research is on terrorists, their strategies and tactics, and their objectives, resources, and capabilities for creating MUD (multilateral unconstrained disruption). The scholars and analysts project on future terrorist actions and develop improved systems for protecting our nation’s vital institutions and interests.

The Center’s current projects focus on: Risk Assessment and Management Standards, Identification of Critical Economic Functions and Substitutes, Intergovernmental Security Communications and Operations, Attack Indicators, Indicators of Domestic Radicalization, and Defense Strategies.
Europe’s Ghost: Tolerance, Jihadism and The Crisis in the West. This volume, by the Center’s late co-chair, will be published in December 2009 (Encounter Press).

What’s Wrong with our Intelligence, and How Can We Make It Right? Richard Immerman. A briefing by Marvin Wachman Director of the Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy, Temple University and Edward Turzanski, Senior Fellow, FPRI, held in July.

Al Qaeda’s Palestinian Dilemma, Barak Mendelsohn. A briefing by Assistant Professor of Political Science, Haverford College and Senior Fellow FPRI, held in July.

The work of the Center is conducted by a team of experts including Stephen Gale (co-chair), Gregory Montanaro (Executive Director), William Malampy, Edward Turzanski, and Lawrence Husick. Gale’s work for the Department of Energy and Exxon led to his development of “VAM” software for estimating the effectiveness and efficiency of investments in security, and its application to the Center’s projects. Malampy, a systems analyst, has testified on value-added approaches to risk management practices before the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee, the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration, the FAA, the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Governmental Information, and has spoken before the National Advanced Defense Preparedness Association, the National Computer Security Conference, the International Conference on Fuzzy Logic, and the International ASIS Conference.

Husick focuses on the role of technology in terrorism tactics and counterterrorism strategies. Turzanski appears regularly in national and local media, offering expert commentary on terrorism, national security, and intelligence. Montanaro, who serves on the Board of Directors of the Union League of Philadelphia, has testified in Harrisburg on homeland security issues.
Other Senior Fellows include Marc Sageman, who testified on October 7, 2009 before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on “Confronting Al Qaeda” and Barak Mendelsohn, author of the new book *Combating Jihadism: American Hegemony and Interstate Cooperation in the War on Terrorism* (University of Chicago Press).

Two monographs were commissioned by the Center in 2009. They are *The Sunni Divide: Understanding Politics and Terrorism in the Arab Middle East* by Samuel Helfont, FPRI Adjunct Scholar, as well as *The Palestinian Islamic Jihad’s U.S. Cell [1988-95]: The Ideological Foundations of its Propaganda Strategy* by Tally Helfont, FPRI Research Fellow.

**CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF AMERICA AND THE WEST**

*Chair: Walter McDougall*

The Center for the Study of America and the West conducts research to answer the question, what is “the West”? It also publishes original works, runs a study group, and sponsors a History Institute for Teachers that serves high school teachers from around the country.

In 2009, the following papers were commissioned for — and presented at — the Center’s inter-university study group, chaired by Michael Noonan:

**POWs in American Film**, Paul Springer, U.S. Military Academy, in January.

**Hostages and U.S. Foreign Policy**, Dominic Tierney, Professor of Political Science at Swarthmore College and Senior Fellow at FPRI, in April.

**The Soldier, the State, and the Clash of Civilizations: The Legacy of Samuel Huntington**, James Kurth, Swarthmore College and FPRI Senior Fellow, in September.

**PROGRAM ON NATIONAL SECURITY**

*Chair: The Hon. John F. Lehman, Jr.; Director: Michael Noonan*

The end of the Cold War ushered in neither a period of peace nor prolonged rest for the United States military and other elements of the national security community. The 1990s saw the U.S. engaged in Iraq, Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, and numerous other locations. The first decade of the 21st century likewise has witnessed the reemergence of a state of war with the attacks on 9/11 and military responses (in both combat and non-combat roles) globally. While the United States remains engaged against foes such as Al Qaeda and its affiliated movements, other threats, challengers, and opportunities looms on the horizon.

FPRI’s Program on National Security examines America’s military capabilities and missions on a strategic level, focusing on these topics:

- American grand strategy
- The contemporary and future global geostrategic environment that affect the U.S. and its interests
- The ends (strategies), ways (organization and methods of force employment), and means (force structures and capabilities) that impact the use of military force
• Counterterrorism and homeland security

• Development, diplomacy, and informational issues that contribute to the effective execution of strategy.

This year the Program on National Security held two major conferences and a briefing in Washington, D.C. All of the texts and audio/video files are on our website.

**Defense Showstoppers: National Security Challenges for the Obama Administration.** A conference, in February, co-sponsored by the Reserve Officers Association, held in Washington, D.C.

**The Foreign Fighter Problem.** A conference, in July, National Press Club, Washington, D.C.

**Reforming the Afghan National Police.** A briefing, in September, jointly sponsored by the Royal United Services Institute, Reserve Officers Association, and FPRI, held in Washington, D.C. The briefing previewed the 194-page study released October 1, along with an E-Note summarizing the study. The archived webcast, monograph, and E-Note are all posted on our website.
NEW PROGRAM

The Hertog Program on Grand Strategy, jointly sponsored by Temple University’s Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy (www.temple.edu/cenfad) and FPRI, was inaugurated this year. It is the result of a 3-year grant to Temple University from the Hertog Foundation.

The program has three principal goals:

1. To create a consortium of grand strategy scholars and practitioners in Greater Philadelphia that will meet six times annually (modeled on FPRI’s Inter-University Study Groups). Scholars gather from University of Pennsylvania, Temple University, Swarthmore, Princeton, Haverford, U.S. Military Academy, LaSalle University, Lehigh University, and St. Joseph’s University.

2. To promote and disseminate scholarship on grand strategy through a public lecture series (at Temple) and through journal articles, as well as a new electronic bulletin series jointly produced by FPRI and Temple.

3. To expose Temple undergraduate and graduate students to classic works of strategic thinking through a new course at Temple on “Grand Strategy: History and Policy.”

By looking at grand strategy, we hope to encourage a way of thinking about power that can draw upon history, strategic studies, and classic works of theory to inform choices in times of global crisis. FPRI’s Michael Noonan and Alan Luxenberg are coordinating the project with Professors William Hitchcock and Richard Immerman at Temple University. Among the consortium meeting this fall:

What is Grand Strategy? John Lewis Gaddis, Yale University in September.

Can America Do Grand Strategy? Walter A. McDougall, University of Pennsylvania and FPRI Senior Fellow in October.

**ASIA PROGRAM - Director: Jacques deLisle**

FPRI’s Asia Program promotes debate and analysis of the many important developments in this vital region. Early on in the Obama Administration, FPRI commissioned a series of papers by leading experts offering policy recommendations for the U.S. role in Asia, all published at FPRI E-Notes. Similarly, we have commissioned a series of essays to assess the results of the US-China summit in November 2009. Among the programs it presented within the year were:

In January, FPRI hosted a delegation of Chinese Policy Leaders at the invitation of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. The delegation of 14 Chinese diplomats stationed at the Chinese embassy, consulate, and permanent mission to the UN discussed the role of think tanks in public policy.

**China: Rethinking Economic Reforms after Thirty Years**, Yasheng Huang, MIT, in April.

**Asian Geopolitics and American Power: An Australian Perspective**, A Study Group with Michael Evans, Australian Defence College, in May.

**What Happened to Democracy in China?** Panel discussion co-sponsored by University of Pennsylvania’s Law School and Penn’s Center for East Asian Studies, in May.

**China’s Toxic Exports**, a briefing with Jacques deLisle, in June.
PROJECT ON DEMOCRATIC TRANSITIONS  
*Director: Amb. Adrian Basora*

Since its formal launch in January 2005, the Project on Democratic Transitions, headed by Adrian Basora, former U.S. ambassador to the Czech Republic and a former director for European Affairs for the National Security Council, has sought to better understand the dramatic political and economic transitions of postcommunist Europe and Eurasia. In its initial phase, the Project developed valuable insights into the competing forces that have transformed formerly communist Europe/Eurasia since 1989.

**Conference on Countering Democratic Regression in a Newly Divided Europe and Eurasia.** Cosponsored and hosted by the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, (SAIS) Washington, D.C., and by the German Marshall Fund and George Washington University CERES. Organized by Ambassador Adrian Basora and Professor Mitchell A. Orenstein, SAIS.

A group of postcommunist countries remain perched precariously between two political and economic spheres—one democratic and Western-oriented, centered around membership in the European Union and NATO, and another increasingly authoritarian and dominated by Russia. Several key “in between” countries, like Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, Bosnia and Serbia have neither fully joined the Western club, nor integrated into the new Russian sphere. Inhabiting a grey zone of political instability and relative poverty, they face stalled democratization, and in some cases regression and potential to return to authoritarian rule.

Scholars and analysts reviewed the diverse experiences of postcommunist transition and sought a common understanding of the policy challenges facing the countries perched along Europe’s new divide and their putative allies in the West. The conference assessed the domestic and international causes of democratic progress and regression in postcommunist Europe and Eurasia, in order to shed new light on how the U.S. and democratic Europe should react in policy terms. It also was designed to launch a renewed effort to develop both scholarly analysis and policy thinking regarding U.S. interests in, and operational responses towards, the region.
In Washington, it’s not for nothing that think tanks are called “governments in waiting.” Presidents seek them out because they are critical to the global ideas industry. Far more than simply churning out endless papers, think tank wonks generate and fine-tune solutions to some of the most complex and vexing issues of the day. Leaders around the world need them to provide independent analysis, help set policy agendas, and bridge the gap between knowledge and action.

Excerpt from James McGann’s article in Foreign Policy magazine, January 2009

Dr. McGann conducted a number of briefings in Europe during this year, including at Whitehall in London, the National Assembly and Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paris and the European Commission and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Belgium. In October, McGann was hosted by the U.S. Embassy in Germany, the German Council on Foreign Relations, and Ecologic as part of a speaking tour on Think Tanks and Domestic and Foreign Policy in the European Union.

FPRI’s Think Tank and Foreign Policy Program partners with the University of Pennsylvania’s International Relations majors in providing hands-on internships for students. This year marks ten years of collaboration with about 400 interns having participated to date.
To read more news, please visit:

2008 Global Go To Think Tank Report
http://www.sas.upenn.edu/irp/about/mcgann.html

Think Tank Index (Foreign Policy Magazine Article)

Think-tanks: A mind map The Economist, Jan 13th 2009
http://www.economist.com/daily/chartgallery/displayStory.cfm?story_id=12923343

BRICS and Think Tanks Partners In Economic Development
(CIPE, June 2009)
Democratization and Market Reform in Developing and Transitional Countries: Think Tanks as Catalysts:

Global Think Tanks (Forthcoming Routledge 2010)
Think Tanks and Policy Advice in the US: Academics, Advisors and Advocates:
FPRI IN THE MEDIA

Now more than ever, the influence of FPRI’s scholars spans the world with important insights, opinions and research. Among the many venues in print and on the web this year were:

The Wall Street Journal
The New York Times
The Atlantic Online
Bloomberg.com
BBC
NPR
WHYY’s Radio Times
Foreign Affairs
Forbes.com
Foreign Policy
Seattle Post Intelligencer
Christian Science Monitor
The National (Abu Dhabi)
Navy Times
The Hindu
Sri Lanka Guardian
El Paso Times
E-NOTES AND FOOTNOTES

Each week, FPRI emails E-Notes, succinct analyses of some critical international issue, to some 35,000 key people in 85 countries directly, and reaches thousands more indirectly by postings on the Internet at FPRI’s site (which now receives 50,000 visits a month) and in repostings. Like our Footnotes, drawn from History Institutes, these are frequently reprinted in or quoted by newspapers around the world. Highlights in 2009 included:

• Disrupting the Foreign Fighter Flow, Michael P. Noonan, 10/2009
• Teaching about the Long War and Jihadism, Mary Habeck, 10/2009
• The PRI Makes a Comeback in Mexico, George Grayson, 7/2009
• Putting Together the North Korea Puzzle, Kongdan Oh and Ralph Hassig, 6/2009
• From the Prisoners to the People: America’s Human Rights Policy toward China 20 Years after Tiananmen, Amy Gadsden, 6/2009
• Understanding the Surge and What’s Ahead, Thomas Ricks, 5/2009
• Ten Things Every American Student Should Know About Our Army in WWII, Rick Atkinson, 5/2009
• What to do About Piracy?, Mackubin Thomas Owens, 4/2009
• Ending the Pacific War: Harry Truman and the Decision To Drop the Bomb, Richard B. Frank, 4/2009
• Towards a Balanced and Sustainable Defense, Frank G. Hoffman, 3/2009
• How to Kill Civilians in the Name of “Human Rights”: Lessons from Sri Lanka, Michael Radu, 2/2009
• China Policy under Obama, Jacques deLisle, 2/2009
• New Policies and Old Realities in the Middle East, Harvey Sicherman, 1/2009
• Messages from Mumbai: Terrorism and Policy Implications, Stephen Gale, Lawrence A. Husick, and Laura Rabinow, 1/2009
Orbis, a Journal of World Affairs
Mackubin T. Owens, editor

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Robert D. Kaplan

Half a century since its founding, Orbis continues to offer serious discourse on the full range of topics relating to American foreign policy and national security, as well as in-depth analysis on important international developments. Orbis is available to institutional subscribers (universities, embassies, etc.) online at ScienceDirect.

Orbis contents this year included:

Winter 2009: GRAND STRATEGY & DEFENSE POLICY
David McDonough on Beyond Primacy in U.S. Grand Strategy
Ashton Carter on Future Defense Challenges
Ann Marie Murphy on Indonesia’s Return to the International Stage
Mackubin Owens on the Bush Doctrine in the Republic
Thomas McCabe on Information Confrontation with Radical Islam

Spring 2009: CHINA & THE WORLD
Jacques deLisle on China’s Evolving International Roles
Jacqueline Newmyer on the Chinese Military’s Indirect Strategy
Peter Gries on Misperception in U.S.-China Relations
Andrew Mertha on China’s Changing of Property Rights
Summer 2009: NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES

T.X. Hammes on How We Fight
F.G. Hoffman on a Balance and Sustainable Defense
Michael E. O’Hanlon on Who Will Fight for Us?
Janine Davidson on Making Government Work
Kori Schake on Choices for the Quadrennial Defense Review
Gian P. Gentile on a General Purpose Army that Can Fight

Fall 2009: U.S. GRAND STRATEGY AFTER WAR

Wilson D. Miscamble on Post-World War II
William Stueck in the Aftermath of the Korean War
Mark Moyar on Grand Strategy after the Vietnam War
Jeremi Suri on From the Cold War’s End to 9/11
Sarah Kreps on American Grand Strategy after Iraq
Theo Farrell and Stuart Gordon on the British Military in Afghanistan

Orbis editor and FPRI Senior Fellow Mackubin Owens appeared in the Wall Street Journal, Christian Science Monitor and National Review Online, among other publications this year.
The Wachman Center focuses on “teaching the teachers,” advancing teachers’ knowledge of world affairs and aiding them in incorporating this knowledge in the classroom. Its work is focused in four core areas:

- Military History
- Asia
- The Middle East and 9/11
- The History of Innovation

The Center reaches teachers and classrooms across the nation through Footnotes, its bulletin for educators, which are frequently reprinted in American Educator and other education journals and posted at other websites; through webcasts for high school classrooms; through the books it produces with Mason Crest, and through its History Institutes for Teachers.

Walter McDougall and David Eisenhower co-chair the Center’s History Institutes for Teachers. These history institutes have received generous funding from the Annenberg Foundation, the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, H.F. Lenfest, and the Stuart Family Foundation, and in-kind support from the Cantigny First Division Foundation, a division of the McCormick Foundation.

Each weekend-long program provides some 40 educators from around the country the opportunity to learn directly from the top scholars in their fields on subjects teachers are often underprepared to teach. Many more teachers access the videotapes, reports, classroom lessons, and other materials posted at our website.

Teaching the History of Innovation
In January 2009, the History Institute’s Innovation Program sponsored an essay contest for high school students on the top U.S. Innovations, 1945-present.
Chelsea Wolner and Jaime Zyvoloski
11th Grade
Centennial High School
Circle Pines, MN 55014

HI-TECH TAKEOVER

An innovation is defined by Webster’s Dictionary as “a new idea, method, or device” (Webster 624). In the modern world, new ideas are a valuable source of inspiration; as time goes on, many technological inventions must be improved or enhanced to match our contemporary lifestyles. The top five innovations must be helpful to humans and other mechanical advances. The following five innovations are cornerstones for current and future generations of the United States of America. The lives of future Americans are not only impacted, but altered for the rest of American history. Out of all the innovations in America, the computer, transistor, laser, LED, and optical fibers are the most important and useful ideas that not only benefit the average American, but work together to keep technology at its best.

[Read winners’ full essays at www.fpri.org/education/innovation/content]

Drawing on our October 2008 History Institute on “Teaching the History of Innovation,” Lawrence Husick and Paul Dickler have made presentations about teaching innovation to groups of teachers around the country in programs hosted by the Florida Council for the Social Studies; the Goethe Institute and Heinrich Boell Foundation in Washington, DC; the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; the Korea Society in New York City; and the Five College Center for East Asian Studies at Clark University in Worcester, MA. In addition, Husick addressed students at the Pennsylvania School for Global Entrepreneurship at Lehigh University.

Of related interest is the March seminar presented by FPRI Senior Fellow Rocco Martino on Innovation and Economic Growth: Lessons from the Story of ENIAC. This was somewhat of a personal story as Dr. Martino had participated in the building of ENIAC, the world’s first computer, constructed at the University of Pennsylvania.
TEACHING THE NUCLEAR AGE
Co-sponsored by the American Academy for Diplomacy; hosted by Atomic Testing Museum, Las Vegas, NV in March.

WHAT STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT AMERICA’S WARS, PART II –1920
Hosted by the Cantigny First Division Foundation, Wheaton, IL in May.
In February, the Center also presented two webcasts for students on “What Students Need to Know About War, and Why,” by FPRI Senior Fellow Jeremy Black.

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY AND THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST
Co-sponsored by the American Institute for History Education in June.

THE INVENTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF ROTORCRAFT:
A Case Study in the History of Innovation
Cosponsored and Hosted by the American Helicopter Museum and Education Center, West Chester, PA in September.

Supported by The Piasecki Foundation and Boeing Company.

“Igor Sikorsky and Fred Piasecki— it was not only an honor to be with you both again, but you truly connected with the audience by sharing personal insights into the characters of the men who pioneered the helicopter industry in the U.S. — your fathers.”

Robert M. Beggs,
Chairman of the Board
American Helicopter Museum & Education Center
In publishing, the Wachman Center continues a partnership begun in 2002 with Mason Crest Publishers. This partnership has so far produced four book series for middle school and high school students: Making of the Middle East, Modern Middle East Nations, The Growth and Influence of Islam in Asia, and The World of Islam.

As part of The World of Islam series, 2009 saw the publication of Alan Luxenberg's *Radical Islam*. Other books in the series include *The History of Islam* by Barry Rubin, *Islam in Europe*, by Michael Radu; and *Divisions within Islam*, by John Calvert.

Currently under discussion is a joint FPRI-Mason Crest series on U.S. military history.

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**PARTNERSHIP EVENTS:**

Throughout the year, FPRI holds special events exclusively for partners at designated levels:

**Jeremy Black**, U.S. and Europe in 2009, Dinner for Bronze Partners in February

**Niall Ferguson**, The Ascent of Money: A Financial History of the World, Dinner for Silver Partners in March

**Thomas Ricks**, Understanding the Surge in Iraq and What’s Ahead, Annual Champagne Brunch for Bronze Partners in April

**Andrew Krepinevich**, 7 Deadly Scenarios: War in the 21st Century, Dinner for Platinum Partners in September

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**OTHER 2008 FPRI EVENTS**
NAMED LECTURES AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS:

In 2009, we featured prominent speakers for our series of named lectures: Mary Anastasia O’Grady of the Wall Street Journal delivered the First Annual Michael Radu Memorial Lecture in October, keynoting a half-day conference on Latin America that also featured remarks by George Grayson, the nation’s preeminent scholar on Mexico, Susan Kaufman Purcell, a well-known Latin Americanist, and David Danelo, a new FPRI Senior Fellow working on a book called “Border Nation,” focusing on the state level at the border between the United States and Mexico.

Richard Madsen, University of California at San Diego, delivered the Templeton Lecture on Religion and World Affairs, focusing on religion in China, and Robert Litan delivered the 2nd Annual Rocco Martino Lecture on Innovation, addressing Innovation and the World Economy.

OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS INCLUDED:

A Conference on Global Challenges 2009, co-sponsored with the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies (Bar Ilan University, Israel), and the Fundacion para el Analisis y los Estudios Sociales (Madrid, Spain), hosted by Bar-Ilan University in Israel in December 2008.

Dialogue for Egyptian and Saudi Scholars on the U.S. and the Muslim World, hosted in cooperation with the University of Delaware in January.

Lessons for Negotiators from the Middle East Experience: First-hand Perspectives co-sponsored with the University of Pennsylvania Law School and the Consulate of Israel in Philadelphia in March.


Briefing on “A Muslim Interfaith Initiative Goes Global,” featuring FPRI Senior Fellow Abdallah Schleifer, Distinguished Professor, American University in Cairo in October.
SELECTED NEW BOOKS BY OUR SCHOLARS

GEORGE W. GRAYSON
MEXICO
Narco-Violence and a Failed State?

BARAK MENDELSOHN
COMBATING JIHADISM
American Hegemony and International Cooperation in the War on Terrorism

VLADISLAV ZUBOK
Zhivago’s Children

JEREMY BLACK
THE WAR OF 1812 IN THE AGE OF NAPOLEON

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INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ADVOCACY
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Yusuf Al-Qaradawi: Islam and Modernity


IN MEMORIAM

MICHAEL RADU
by Harvey Sicherman

Michael Radu died suddenly on March 25, 2009, a month short of his 62nd birthday. He had a book about to be published, another in manuscript, and a third in proposal. His February 2009 E-Note on Sri Lanka had been highly acclaimed for its incisive conclusions about terrorism, human rights, and morality. He went out on a high note, albeit a tragic one. Had Michael a choice, I am sure he would have preferred this theme.

I got to know him well after assuming the presidency of FPRI in 1993. What struck me, and surely others, was indeed Michael’s unusual combination of high intellect and lingering sense of tragedy. Some mistook this for pessimism. It was not. It was something that others have noticed to be rare in Americans, namely, the knowledge that things could go very wrong. He knew all about things going wrong.

Michael was born in Romania but his mother had been born in Rockford, Illinois. His grandparents were Romanian emigrants but his parents saw no future in the United States and returned to their home country. Michael’s privilege, as he remarked sardonically, was to grow up in a place—Transylvania—that Americans associated with the vampire Dracula. Then he would add: Romania did have a vampire but his name was Ceausescu. Being an American citizen by birth, Michael managed, as he wrote, “to emigrate from Ceausescu’s Romania, leaving behind a thick Securitate (secret police) file.” This should not have surprised anyone. He had majored in history and philosophy, had a side interest in medieval thinkers and gothic art, and mastered several languages. All of this knowledge,
incidentally, he wore very lightly: That is, unless you ventured an erroneous opinion on one of those subjects. This background, no doubt, gave him his keen nose for the ideas and intellectual traps that, in his view, led straight to a totalitarian ideology. Living as he did in the twilight of Eastern European communism, he knew too how the vaporings of intellectuals often covered personal and political corruption.

You can imagine, of course, the new immigrant making his way in Columbia University, of all places, among the votaries of the New Left. Michael found that many professors saw anti-communism as the enemy. This did not stop his condemnation of communism or his interest in the political pathologies particularly of the Third World. In May 1981, he was hired part-time at FPRI because the then director, Nils Wessell, was looking for a man of his background. He soon became full-time. By Michael’s own account, he never really left the field of his youth, namely, Marxist-Leninist studies. He focused, however, not on the theories which he derided as simplistic but rather the practice. And the essence of the practice was political violence.

Michael was not an armchair intellectual. He loved to travel and he traveled with a purpose. Over his years at FPRI, he managed to visit over forty countries including a stint as an election monitor in Cambodia for, of all organizations, the UN! This last excursion offered a wonderful store of anecdotes, each with the triple themes of incompetence, corruption, and inefficiency.

I could describe Michael’s intellectual curiosity this way: if he saw a suspicious rock, then he hastened to see what lies beneath it. This made him a walking encyclopedia of the politically violent, beginning with Latin America but in recent years covering Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. He looked less at political science and more at sociology and history for his understanding of people and events. Michael established a far-flung network of experts in the field and he was the indispensable co-chairman of our Center on Terrorism, Counter-Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
Empirical evidence told him that, like the Leninist vanguard, middle- and upper-class types made the violence and the revolutions even in less developed countries. It did not surprise him to find that the Osama bin Ladens of this world were of similar backgrounds, their Islamism notwithstanding. It did not surprise him either that most Western analysts busied themselves with “structural violence” and “root causes.” The American Left, he observed, knows the reality of the third world but refuses to understand it while the American conservatives, confused desire—as in, all people want democracy—with the facts on the ground.

That brings us to a well-known facet of Michael’s personality. He enjoyed arguments! He liked to dispute, sometimes inch by inch, not just line by line. His writings—at least in draft—were full of what I call “drive by shootings” as his prose moved gradually toward the main engagement. And many of those he shot richly deserved it. We had a little riff together, Michael and I, on his tendency to argue. I would greet him: “Michael, good morning! The sun is shining outside.” He would reply with a little, skeptical smile: “Are you sure?”

Fourteen books bear his name, the most recent *Europe’s Ghost: Islamism and Jihad in West Europe* (Encounter). His articles take up four pages in the extended biography in our files. All of it is indispensable reading for an understanding of our times. And all of it testifies to his love of America and defense of free societies. Michael leaves us now. He was agnostic about religion so you might say he has embarked on the ultimate research project, the results of which each of us will have to discover for ourselves. But there was nothing uncertain about Michael the man, the devoted son of Anna, and loving husband of Patricia, our colleague and our friend. In our mind’s eye, there will always be Michael with his smile, and the question we must always ask of our scholarship: Are you sure?
Barbara “Bobbie” Gohn Day, esteemed FPRI Board Member, died July 31, 2009. A Pennsylvania native, Bobbie worked tirelessly on many other boards, as well, including the Free Library of Philadelphia Foundation, the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Curtis School of Music, the Rock School of Ballet, Penn State, the World Affairs Council, and the Women’s Investment Network. She had been president of the International Alliance for Women, a global organization for the support of professional women. Her broad civic engagement represented her strong interests in international affairs, women’s issues, and the arts. Bobbie brought this broad background in public service, her cheerful personality and her stimulating curiosity to all of FPRI’s work. She worked energetically on our behalf. We will miss her.

In her professional career, Bobbie had worked in banking and investment advisory services for more than 20 years. She retired from Bank of America in Philadelphia as a senior vice president. In the city, she also worked for Ashbridge Investment Management, Scudder Private Investment Counsel, Wilmington Trust Co., Mellon Bank and Provident National Bank.

She grew up in York, Pa., and earned a bachelor’s degree from Pennsylvania State University.

Mrs. Day is survived by her husband, George S.; her son, Eric E.H. Godshalk; her daughter Elisabeth Richard, her mother, Eleanor A. Gohn; her sister, and two grandchildren.
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Leigh Ann Hinton, soprano, has performed as soloist around the country from Washington DC to California, most recently at venues including Avery Fisher Hall in New York City’s Lincoln Center, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC, the Music Center at Strathmore in Bethesda, Maryland, Bass Performance Hall in Fort Worth, Texas, and DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, DC. She earned her Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees in Vocal Performance from Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York.

Stephen Paul Cramer has entertained audiences all over, both in the U.S. and Canada. Mr. Cramer made his Broadway debut in 2000 in the New York production of Les Miserables performing the role of Jean Valjean. Before coming to Broadway, Stephen spent 3 years in the U.S. and Canadian national tours of Les Miserables. During a six month stay in Toronto, he had the opportunity to work with Colm Wilkinson. In 2007, Stephen sang the role of Tony in the 50th Anniversary salute to West Side Story produced by Signature Theatre, performed at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

Laura Knutson, violinist, is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and N.Illinois University, where she studied with Charles Castleman and Shmuel Ashkenasi. She joined The U.S. Army Strings in 1990 and has served as Concertmaster of the U.S. Army Chamber Orchestra since 2004. She also served as concertmaster of the Arlington Symphony 1997-2005 and held positions as assistant concertmaster with both the Fairfax Symphony from 1992-7 and the Annapolis Symphony from 1989-90. She has participated in summer music festivals in Spoleto, Italy, Charleston, SC, and Heidelberg, Germany.

Regan Brough began playing electric bass at age 11 as part of his family steel band called Pan Jam. Brough’s father, a university percussion professor, had a profound influence on his musical development by exposing him and expecting him to be able to play a wide variety of world and ethnic music in his early years. Throughout his teenage years, Brough received various outstanding soloist awards culminating at the 2005 International Society of Bassists Convention where he was awarded second place in the Jazz Solo Division. Soon thereafter he graduated magna cum laude from Brigham Young University with a bachelor’s degree in bass performance.

Tony Nalker has served since 1989 as the pianist of the U.S. Army Blues, the premiere jazz ensemble of the U.S. Army, and is currently the group’s enlisted leader. As pianist for the Army Blues, he plays for the highest levels of the government and military and has performed on several USO tours to Iraq and Afghanistan. Over the past twenty years, Nalker has performed with many musical talents including Doc Severinsen, Kathy Mattea, Kenny Loggins, James Moody, Slide Hampton, Kurt Elling, Stanley Turrentine, Clark Terry, and Louis Bellson. He has performed on more than 90 recordings in a variety of styles including three Grammy finalists (and one winner) in the children’s music category. Tony also enjoys composition, having co-written a musical theater adaptation of Nathaniel Hawthorne’s The Scarlet Letter.
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As is evident from the many corporations, organizations, and individuals noted throughout this report, there are numerous ways to partner with FPRI on lectures, events, publications, and general support. We are always interested in exploring these opportunities. Please contact Alan Luxenberg, al@fpri.org, 215-732-3774 x105 if you would like more information or to discuss your ideas.

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