

**Major New
Funding for
Employment
and Housing
Studies**



Diana Furchtgott-Roth, who directs Hudson’s Center for Employment Policy, received a \$400,000 grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to assess if and how increased training and education leads to higher incomes for American workers, especially those at the lower end of the pay scale.

Furchtgott-Roth, the former Chief Economist at the U.S. Department of Labor, will work in close conjunction with **Louis Jacobson**, a senior analyst at the Center for Naval Analyses for the study.

The state of Florida will provide the research team access to both state *Continued on page 22*

**CHAIRMAN OF JOINT
CHIEFS VISITS HUDSON**

Admiral **Michael Mullen**, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the senior ranking member of the U.S. Armed Forces, made a rare think tank visit in December to Hudson Institute for a briefing by Senior Fellow **Nina Shea** and Hudson’s Center for Religious Freedom on the contest of ideas within the Muslim world. “The Pentagon’s Muslim outreach in the U.S. tends to be limited to the Gulf-supported Muslim groups with well-oiled publicity machines, who support an Islamist agenda while fostering a culture of grievance against the United States,” Shea commented. “Muslim leaders who embrace traditional American values—including equality and individual rights—as compatible with Islam need to be acknowledged and elevated as well.”

The briefing featured anti-Islamist Muslim leaders, including Zainab al-Suwaij, Executive Director of the American Islamic Council, Shayk Kabbani, Chairman of the Islamic Supreme Council of America, writer Fouad Ajami, and Zudhi Jasser, founder of the American Islamic Forum for Democracy, who were afforded a rare opportunity to present their views on the internal struggle against Islamic extremist ideology. The session was chaired by James Woolsey, the former Director of Central Intelligence (1993-1995) and Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Center for Religious Freedom.



Nina Shea, Admiral Michael Mullen, aide, and Zainab al-Suwaij

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Dear Friend of Hudson Institute,

I write to you at an exciting time for Hudson Institute. Demand for our research has never been higher. The last few months alone have seen the birth of significant new programs on issues such as the Sunni-Shiite quest for domination and Sino-Russian views of space warfare, as well as the first, major statewide study of the impact of education on worker earnings. As a result, Hudson has also grown institutionally. The number of scholars at the Institute has almost doubled in three years since its headquarters moved to Washington, DC.

To meet the increasing need for Hudson's unique, forward-looking research, we are embarking on a major capital campaign. The campaign will seek to raise significant resources for three main objectives:

- to strengthen and build upon our research programs, in particular in the defense, foreign, energy and healthcare fields, and to position Hudson at the cutting edge of 21st-century policy research and analysis*
- to leverage the Institute's research through stronger outreach to new sectors in the policy world, demonstrating the importance of Hudson's work nationally and globally*
- to ensure our institutional legacy by broadening our financial base*

All three objectives converge into the Institute's ongoing goal to acquire the best available talent in guiding policymakers, and opinion and business leaders in the U.S. and around the world to meet tomorrow's critical policy challenges.

Hudson Institute is a strong and growing institution. We are proud of our sound management principles, and have received public recognition as outperforming the majority of nonprofits and our peers in America with respect to fiscal efficiency and responsibility.

I am personally committed to this campaign and to making it possible for Hudson to continue providing its unique policy insights for generations to come. As the campaign gets underway, I will be reaching out to encourage each of you to join me in this rewarding endeavor.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allan R. Tessler". The signature is fluid and cursive.

ALLAN R. TESSLER
CHAIRMAN OF HUDSON INSTITUTE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HUDSON MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



■ Fox News

Betsy McCaughey on health care and the presidential campaign
February 25

■ CNBC

John Weicher on the bond insurance crisis
February 12



■ C-SPAN

Herbert London discusses sovereign wealth funds
February 8

■ BBC TV

Richard Weitz discusses U.S. military strategy
February 8

■ France 24

Diana Furchtgott-Roth on the Super Tuesday primary returns
February 5

■ Bloomberg Radio

Joseph Giglio interviewed on privatization of U.S. infrastructure
January 25



■ BBC TV

Carol Adelman interviewed on Bill Gates's call for "creative capitalism"
January 24

■ BBC TV

Irwin Stelzer on the U.S. economy
January 11

■ C-SPAN

Broadcast of Hudson's Center for Religious Freedom's event on Sudan
January 11



■ France 24

Kenneth Weinstein debated former French Prime Minister Laurent Fabius on French foreign policy
December 20

■ France 24 TV

Amy Kauffman on the presidential election
January 4



■ BBC TV

Andrei Piontkovsky interviewed on the Russian election
December 11

■ Radio Liberty

Meyrav Wurmser on the Annapolis Middle East peace conference
November 26

■ Fox News

Richard Miniter on al Qaeda
November 21

■ CTV (Canada)

Hillel Fradkin interviewed about U.S.-Iranian relations
November 15

■ C-SPAN

Zeyno Baran featured on Turkey and the Iraq war
November 8

SCHOLAR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

IRWIN M. STELZER

Irwin Stelzer is a Senior Fellow and Director of Hudson Institute's Center for Economic Policy Studies. He writes the U.S. economic and political column for the *Sunday Times* (London), is a contributing editor of the *Weekly Standard*, and is a member of the board of the Regulatory Policy Institute (Oxford). He appears frequently



on British television, where during the long period when our country failed to name an ambassador, he became the principal expositor of U.S. economic and foreign policy—seriously reducing the number of dinners to which he was invited, as he noted, by members of the chattering classes. His activities are so far-ranging intellectually and geographically that Hudson President Herbert London has described him as “not a scholar, but a committee.” He has written extensively on policy issues such as America's competitive position in the world economy, optimum regulatory policies, the consequences of European integration, and factors affecting and impeding economic growth. In April 2007, he wrote *Coping with Market Power in the Modern Era*, a Hudson Institute monograph which addresses whether the current body of competition policy—including antitrust legislation and private sector actions—is capable of dealing with the problems posed by giant corporations, especially in today's high-tech environment.

Prior to joining Hudson Institute in 1998, Stelzer was a Resident Scholar and Director of Regulatory Policy Studies at the American Enterprise Institute. He has also served as a Managing Director of the investment banking firm of Rothschild Inc., at which post he found he was not suited for an industry—the head of Rothschild's at that time being the exception—where getting a deal done was sometimes more important than just saying “no.” He became Director of the Energy and Environmental Policy Center at Harvard University, in part to accommodate his wife, Cita's, desire to study classical Greek. In 1961, Stelzer founded National Economic Research Associates, Inc. and served as its president until after its sale in 1983 to Marsh & McLennan, after which he was free to pursue his wide-ranging interests, take up journalism, and join the world of think tank scholarship.

A graduate of New York University, from which he received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees, Stelzer went on to receive a doctorate in economics from Cornell University.

Hudson Media Highlights continued

■ **News Hour with Jim Lehrer**
Husain Haqqani on Pakistani politics
November 7

■ **CNBC**
Dennis Avery on ethanol
October 30

■ **CTV (Canada)**
Christopher Sands on U.S.-
Canadian border security
October 24



■ **CNN**
Anne Bayefsky on Iran's
weapons program
November 6



■ **BBC TV**
David Satter on U.S.-Russian
relations
October 21

■ **ABC News**
Nina Shea on Saudi textbooks
October 5

EXCERPTS OF CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY BY HUDSON SCHOLARS



HUSAIN HAQQANI'S
testimony on Pakistan
before the House
Committee on
Armed Services
October 10

Since 9/11, the focus of U.S. policy toward Pakistan has been a replay of previous periods of engagement. Once again, large amounts of U.S. economic and military assistance and covert aid are flowing into Pakistan because the country's military ruler, General Pervez Musharraf, gave up support for the Taliban regime in Afghanistan and chose to become an American ally. The policy has had some benefits. Pakistani support was crucial in the U.S. effort to oust the Taliban from Kabul and most senior al Qaeda figures now in U.S. custody were also arrested and handed over by Pakistan's security services. But Pakistan plays a contradictory role in the struggle against global Islamist terrorism—it is considered both part of the solution and part of the problem.

Pakistan's problem with Islamist militancy is, in part, blowback from years of support for armed militias as a means of extending Pakistani influence in Afghanistan and the disputed territory of Jammu and Kashmir. In the case of Afghanistan, the United States supported and encouraged "Mujahideen" or Holy Warriors

fighting Soviet occupation during the 1980s. While the United States disengaged from the region in the aftermath of the Soviet withdrawal in 1989, the ideologically motivated Jihadists persisted with their activities.

NINA SHEA'S
briefing on Burma
to the Congressional
Religious Freedom
Task Force
January 29

Burma has long been a problem that has demanded action from the international community. Gross human rights violations, humanitarian disasters, drug trafficking, refugees, and religious oppression all make the Burmese government a threat to its own people and a threat to regional stability. Whether by jailing peaceful Buddhist monks advocating for dialogue or systematically abusing the religious freedom of ethnic Muslims and Christians, the Burmese generals view religious association, assembly, and action as threats to its stability. For this reason, the protection and promotion of religious freedom should be a critical component of U.S. diplomatic efforts.... There are many obstacles to promoting democracy and human sanctions. American leadership and diplomacy are needed to help move the U.N., the Association of

Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN, and other interested parties, including India, China, toward decisive and quick action.

U.S. bilateral diplomatic actions should work in concert with multi-lateral efforts. The U.S. government needs to intensify efforts to convince China, India, and others to strongly and unequivocally support U.N. efforts to press Burma's military regime to initiate a dialogue with its opponents.

ANDREI PIONTKOVSKY'S
testimony on Russia
before the House
Committee on
Foreign Affairs
October 30

Russia is both geopolitically and in terms of her civilization, a part of the West.... That is not how my country's leaders see it. They are persuaded that "behind the backs of Islamic terrorists stand more powerful and dangerous traditional enemies of Russia." The Kremlin propagandists go on 24 hours a day on our state-controlled television about the threat to Russia, whipping up anti-Western hysteria.

Given this state of affairs, it is naive and foolish of the West to continue pretending we are all members of the same club and trying to work out a joint strategy with Putin. Today Putin

Hudson Scholar Analyzes the Bhutto Assassination

In the aftermath of the assassination of former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, Hudson scholar **HUSAIN HAQQANI**, a former adviser to Bhutto and to two other Pakistani prime ministers, has been at the forefront of press coverage, providing analysis and commentary on Bhutto's life, her legacy, and the future of Pakistani politics to major media outlets, including CNN, the BBC, Fox News, MSNBC, and NPR.

In addition, Haqqani, Co-Chair of Hudson's Project on Islam and Democracy and former Pakistani ambassador to Sri Lanka, has written widely cited op-eds in leading newspapers. In a *Wall Street Journal* op-ed, "Bhutto's Legacy," that appeared December 28, one day after her death, Haqqani wrote, "Benazir Bhutto's tragic assassination highlights the fears about Pakistan that she voiced over the last several months. Years of dictatorship and sponsorship of Islamist extremism have made this nuclear-armed Muslim nation of 160 million people a safe haven for terrorists that threaten the world. Bhutto had the courage and vision to challenge both the terrorism and the authoritarian culture that nurtured it. Her assassination has already exacerbated Pakistan's instability and uncertainty."

In his op-ed "Beyond Benazir" for the January 16 *Los Angeles Times* Haqqani said, "The international community, including the United States, must side with Pakistan's politicians, whatever their real or perceived faults. An unaccountable secret service and a military leader with delusions of regional grandeur could keep Pakistan, and its neighbors, mired in endless violence."

On January 25 in his op-ed for the *Wall Street Journal*, "Pakistan Is Turning on Musharraf," Haqqani wrote, "Pakistanis are increasingly uniting in their disapproval of Mr. Musharraf, and of the civil-military oligarchy he represents."

To read Haqqani's past and continuing coverage of Pakistani politics, please visit www.hudson.org.



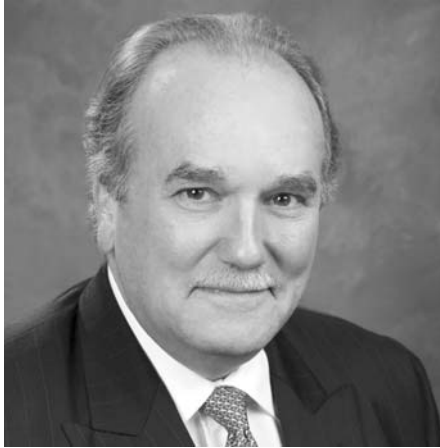
Husain Haqqani

is playing on the other side, and no longer makes any bones about it.

One of the most important tasks of the Western Politburo, then, will be to find a *modus vivendi* with an openly non-Western Putinist Russia. While harboring no illusions, the West should try not to allow relations to deteriorate further, to seek out the points of contact which do remain, and to patiently wait.

DAVID SATTER'S
testimony on Russia
before the House
Committee on Financial
Services
October 17

The Yukos affairs casts a long shadow over Russian economic and political life. In the post-Yukos system, no individual doing business in Russia is completely secure. Mikhail Khodorkovsky was not only Russia's richest citizen. He was also the head of its most enlightened company. It was a measure of Yukos's success that on the eve of Khodorkovsky's arrest, the company was on the brink of attracting as much as \$25 billion in foreign investment from ExxonMobil for a 40 percent stake in the company. Given the rise in oil prices, Yukos could not have gone bankrupt for purely economic reasons.The aftermath of the Yukos case also makes it highly unlikely that Putin and his cronies will ever willingly surrender power. Any transfer of power is risky for the present Russian leadership. Those who organized the illegal dismembering of Yukos could be subject to the same treatment that they imposed. This is an important reason why fair elections in Russia are unlikely to occur.



S. ENDERS WIMBUSH **Senior Vice President,** **International Programs** **and Policy**

Senior Fellow **S. Enders Wimbush**, Director of Hudson's Center for Future Security Strategies, has been promoted to Senior Vice President, International Programs and Policy. Wimbush's role will be to help continue the strong growth in Hudson's foreign policy programs that has occurred since the Institute's move to Washington in 2004. He will focus on expanding and strengthening the Institute's portfolio of research on foreign and security policy for government and the private sector.

Wimbush has long experience in both the public and corporate sectors, focusing primarily on future security studies and public diplomacy. For the last 30 years, he has assisted institutions in both the U.S. government and a number of foreign governments to develop analytic tools for understanding the possible shape and dynamics of future security environments. In the private sector at Booz Allen Hamilton and Science Appli-

cations International Corporation, Wimbush directed international risk and opportunity assessments for a number of large corporations. From 1987 to 1993, Wimbush served on the front lines of America's strategic communications efforts as Director of Radio Liberty in Munich, Germany. During his tenure, the Berlin Wall came down, the Soviet Union collapsed, and Wimbush had the honor of opening Radio Liberty's offices in Moscow, Kiev, and elsewhere in the former USSR. Prior to Radio Liberty, he founded and directed the Society for Central Asian Studies in Oxford, England, where he created the international journal *Central Asian Survey*.

Wimbush is the author of dozens of policy studies for both the public and private sectors and the author or editor of seven books and many articles in scholarly, professional, and popular media, including the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Weekly Standard*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Survival*, and the *National Interest*.

CHRISTOPHER SANDS **Senior Fellow**

Hudson welcomes Senior Fellow **Christopher Sands**, who specializes in Canada and U.S.-Canadian relations, as well as North American economic integration and border security. He is an Adjunct Professor in Government at the American University School of Public Affairs and a Senior Fellow in the American University Center for North American Studies. He serves as a member of the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section of the North

American Competitiveness Council.

From 2002 to 2007, Sands was the director of strategic planning and evaluation at the International Republican Institute (IRI). At IRI, he was involved in evaluations and assessments of programs in Iraq, Pakistan, Indonesia, and Slovakia and conducted training seminars for new policy research institutes and think tanks in emerging democracies. In 1993, Sands began a long association with the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) where he focused on U.S.-Canadian relations and North American integration issues, including a major study with Sidney Weintraub, *The North American Auto Industry under NAFTA* (CSIS Press, 1998).

In 1999-2000, Sands was a Fulbright Scholar and visiting fellow at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University in Ottawa. Sands holds a B.A. in political science from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Canadian studies and international economics from the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University.



Hudson EVENTS

This is a selection of recent events held at Hudson Institute. For transcripts, summaries, photographs, and audio of all events, please visit www.hudson.org



Amb. Mark P. Lagon, Norma Hotaling, Michael Shively, and Richard Weitz

FEBRUARY

THE ONGOING CREDIT CRUNCH: WHAT'S NEXT FOR STRUCTURED FINANCE, CREDIT RATING AGENCIES, AND BOND INSURERS?

This panel discussed future roles of structured finance, credit rating agencies, and bond insurers in the mortgage markets and the financial system. Discussants included **James Chanos**, a Managing Partner of Kynikos Associates, L.P., **William Ackman**, Managing Member of Pershing Square Capital Management, L.P., **Sean Egan**, Founding Principal of Egan-Jones Ratings Co., **Ed Grebeck**, CEO of Tempus Advisors, and **Joseph Mason**, Professor of Finance at Drexel University. **John Weicher**, Director of Hudson's Center for Housing and Financial Markets, moderated. This event was broadcast live on CNBC and received wide coverage from Bloomberg TV, *Business Week*, CNN Money, the *Wall Street Journal*, Voice of America, and others.

FIGHTING DEMAND FOR SEX TRAFFICKING

Any effort to successfully combat human trafficking, specifically sex trafficking, must confront the demand that perpetuates abuse of females and minors. Hudson Institute hosted a discussion with a distinguished group of panelists, each offering unique perspectives on curbing the demand sustaining human trafficking. Panelists included Amb. **Mark P. Lagon**, Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons at the Department of State, **Michael Shively**, Project Director of Abt Associates, and **Norma**



Hotaling, founder of Stand Against Global Exploitation. Hudson Senior Fellow **Richard Weitz** moderated.

RUSSIA'S PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION: WILL WE SEE A MEDVEDEV THAW?

Kremlin watchers both inside Russia and abroad are speculating whether we can look forward to an era of liberalization when Dmitry Medvedev becomes president. Will there be a kind of “de-Putinization,” a thaw under which the state authorities will allow greater media freedoms and tone down Putin’s recent anti-Western propaganda? Discussants included **Daniel Kimmage**, Senior Analyst, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, **Andrei Piontkovsky**, Hudson Institute Visiting Fellow, and **Richard Weitz**, Hudson Institute Senior Fellow.

JANUARY

BROKEN PENDULUM: BANGLADESH’S SWING TO RADICALISM

January 11th marked the one-year anniversary of the declaration of a state of emergency in Bangladesh. The Bangladesh Army’s takeover of the political system came at a heavy price: a native democratic system that had lasted more than 15 years was forcibly ended. More ominously, the takeover inadvertently legitimized and strengthened Islamist radicalism in Bangladesh. On this anniversary, Hudson Senior Fellow **Maneeza Hossain** presented her new book, *Broken Pendulum: Bangladesh’s Swing to Radicalism* (Hudson Institute Press), that explores the back-

ground and factors contributing to a process of radicalization. **Husain Haqqani**, Co-Chair of Hudson’s Islam and Democracy Project, and **Hillel Fradkin**, Director of Hudson’s Center for Islam, Democracy, and the Future of the Muslim World, gave commentary.

CAN CREATIVE CAPITALISM SOLVE THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD’S POOR?

Noting in his recent address to the World Economic Forum that “we have to find a way to make the aspects of capitalism that serve wealthier serve poorer people as well,” Microsoft’s Bill Gates called for a new system of “creative capitalism.” Can Gates’s “creative capitalism” make significant inroads against world poverty? This question was discussed at a panel assembled by Hudson’s Bradley Center for Philanthropy and Civic Renewal and Hudson’s Center for Global Prosperity. Panelists included **William Easterly**, a Visiting Fellow at the Brookings Institution, **Eugene Steuerle**, an Urban Institute Senior Fellow, and **Allen Hammond**, Vice President for Innovation at the World Resources Institute. Bradley Center Director **William Schambra** moderated.

POST-CPA SUDAN: ONGOING VIOLENCE AND VIOLATIONS AND THE EFFECT ON CIVIL SOCIETY

Hudson’s Center for Religious Freedom and the Institute on Religion and Democracy hosted a second discussion on the continuation of violence in Sudan and the violations of the now two-year-old Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA)



by the National Congress Party. The panel of knowledgeable experts included **Nina Shea**, Director of the Center for Religious Freedom, the Rt. Reverend **Alapayo Manyang Kuctiel**, Bishop of Rumbek of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, **Jimmy Mulla**, President of the Southern Sudanese Voice for Freedom, **Roger Winter**, former Special Representative of the Deputy Secretary of State for Sudan, **Faith McDonnell**, Institute on Religion and Democracy, and **Amin Ismail Zakaria**, Secretary General of the Nuba Mountains Association.

LEBANON ON THE BRINK? SYRIA AND THE UNCERTAIN FUTURE OF LEBANON'S DEMOCRACY

Lebanon has been embroiled in a political crisis amid ongoing political assassinations since 2005. Is the country teetering on the brink of sectarian violence? How can we understand Syria's role in Lebanon's recent political climate? How should U.S. and European allies proceed? To answer these questions, Hudson Institute hosted panelists **David Schenker**, a Senior Fellow in Arab Politics at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, **Adib Farha**, a Senior Policy Adviser at the American Lebanese Coalition, and **Tony Badran**, a Research Fellow at the Foundation for the Defense of Democracy. Hudson Institute's Director of the Center for Middle East Policy, **Meyrav Wurmser**, served as moderator for this event, which was covered live by C-SPAN.

DECEMBER

THE IMPORTANCE OF U.S.-TURKISH-AZERBAIJANI TRILATERAL COOPERATION IN EURASIAN DEVELOPMENT

Zeyno Baran, Director of Hudson's Center for Eurasian Policy, in partnership with the Azerbaijan-Turkey Business Association and the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute of Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, organized this international conference, providing an opportunity to identify ways to further enhance U.S.-Turkish-Azerbaijani relations. Turkish President **Abdullah Gul** addressed the conference via video. Speeches were given by **Hikmet Cetin**, former Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs; **Daniel Fried**, Assistant Secretary of State for Europe and Eurasia; **Hafiz Pashayev**, Azeri Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs; **Valekh Aleskerov**, Azeri Deputy Chairman of Parliament; **Matthew Bryza**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; and **Nabi Sensoy**, Turkey's Ambassador to the U.S.

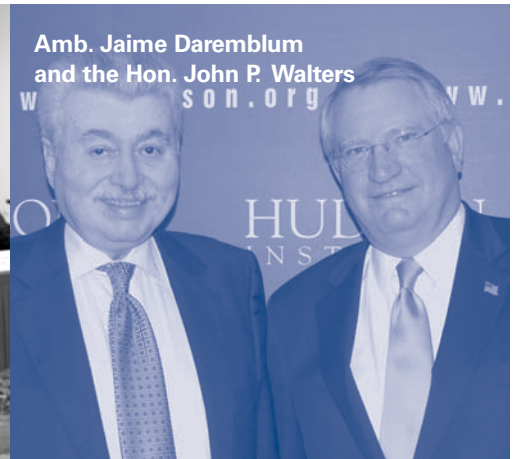
NOVEMBER

THE FUTURE OF RUSSIAN DEMOCRACY: IS PUTIN PRESIDENT FOR LIFE?

Russian President Vladimir Putin's controversial visit to Iran and his announcement that he is ready to become Russia's prime minister after the 2008 elections raised the specter of an authoritarian, anti-western Russian state. To assess the significance of Putin's decision and the future of democracy in Russia, Hudson Institute's Pew Briefing Series hosted a conference featuring **Zeyno Baran**, Director of the Hudson Center for Eurasian Studies, **Andrei Piontkovsky**, Visiting Fellow at Hudson and the author of *Putin's Soul* (Hudson



Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart, Amb. Jaime Daremblum, Octavio A. Hinojosa, Amb. Carolina Barco, Amb. F. Tomás Dueñas, Rep. Henry Cuellar



Amb. Jaime Daremblum and the Hon. John P. Walters

Institute Press), and **David Satter**, Hudson Senior Fellow. **Amy Kauffman**, Director of Hudson’s Pew Briefing Series, introduced the discussants. The discussion coincided with the release of Hudson Institute’s report on U.S.-Russian relations, *U.S.-Russian Relations: Is Conflict Inevitable?*

RADICAL POPULISM IN LATIN AMERICA

The Center for Latin American Studies, directed by Hudson Senior Fellow, Ambassador **Jaime Daremblum**, in partnership with the Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis, sponsored this conference on radical populism in Latin America. The keynote address was given by **Francis Fukuyama**, and presentations were given by **Julio Cirino**, a historian, journalist, and Director of International Relations with the Fundacion Pensar in Buenos Aires, **Jorge Gestoso**, an award-winning journalist and president of Gestoso Television News, and **Anibal Romero**, a professor of political theory at Simón Bolívar University in Caracas.

PROACTIVE POLICY FOR ENCOURAGING ENTREPRENEURS: THE LAW AND INNOVATIVE BUSINESS

Viktor Mayer-Schoenberger, Associate Professor of Public Policy at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government, discussed the value of proactive economic policies in fostering innovation. **Benjamin Hallen**, Assistant Professor of Strategy at University of Maryland’s Smith School of Business, gave commentary and **Diana Furchtgott-Roth**, Director of Hudson Institute’s Center for Employment Policy, moderated. This event, part of the Center for

Employment Policy Entrepreneurship Seminar Series, was supported by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

THE DEMONIZATION OF ISRAEL BY THE UNITED NATIONS

A first-ever conference on U.N. discrimination against Israel was held across the street from U.N. Headquarters to coincide with the General Assembly’s annual adoption of more than 20 resolutions condemning Israel and not one critical of Sudan and its ongoing campaign of genocide in Darfur. Highlights included addresses from **John Bolton**, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations; Congressman **Thaddeus McCotter** (R-MI); Ambassador **Max Kampelman**, Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient; **Senator Norm Coleman** (R-MN); and **Anne Bayefsky**, Editor of *EYEontheUN.org* and Hudson Senior Fellow.

NEW YORK BRIEFING SERIES DINNER WITH CARL ICAHN

Discussion held with financier **Carl Icahn**. Introduction given by Hudson Institute President **Herbert London**.

COCAINE CROSSROADS: PROGRESS FROM COLOMBIA, CHALLENGE FROM VENEZUELA

The announcement by the Drug Czar, the Hon. **John P. Walters** of a cocaine shortage in most major U.S. cities, combined with an overall decrease of 23 percent in teenage drug use in America since 2001, are clearly major victories in the war on drugs. Yet ongoing border challenges and anti-American policies in some Latin American countries continue to



Zeyno Baran, Polish Foreign Minister Radoslaw Sikorski, and Ken Weinstein

pose challenges. Walters, who recently returned from a trip to Latin America, briefed a Hudson Institute audience on his findings. Ambassador **Jaime Daremblum**, Director of Hudson’s Center for Latin American Studies, gave the introduction.

member of Parliament in Denmark, and **Ian Johnson**, from the *Wall Street Journal*. **Hillel Fradkin**, Director of Hudson’s Center for Islam, Democracy, and the Future of the Muslim World, **Zeyno Baran**, Director of Hudson’s Center for Eurasian Studies, and Hudson Research Associate **Eric Brown** also spoke.

OCTOBER

VILNIUS ENERGY SECURITY CONFERENCE: RESPONSIBLE ENERGY FOR RESPONSIBLE PARTNERS

Hudson’s Center for Eurasian Policy, directed by **Zeyno Baran**, in partnership with the government of Lithuania and the Center for Strategic Studies, organized this international energy conference. Participants included eight presidents, several state and EU ministers and deputy ministers, and dozens of experts from both public and private sectors. The conference addressed the issues related to global energy security challenges as well as the future guidelines for the EU external energy policy.

HOW ENTREPRENEURS HELP PHILANTHROPISTS, AND HOW PHILANTHROPY INSPIRES ENTREPRENEURS

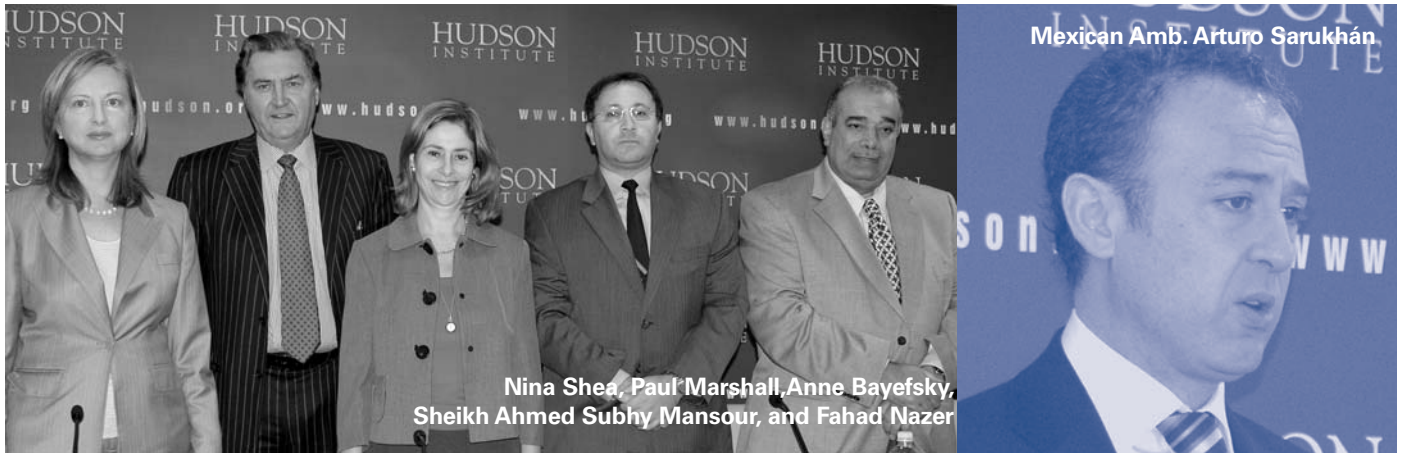
Hudson Institute’s Center for Employment Policy and Bradley Center for Philanthropy and Civic Renewal presented **Zoltan Acs**, of George Mason University, to discuss his new study, “The Entrepreneurship/Philanthropy Nexus.” As Acs claims, what differentiates American capitalism from all other forms of industrial capitalism is a focus on both the creation of wealth and the distribution of wealth through philanthropy. **Carol Adelman**, Director of Hudson’s Center for Global Prosperity, commented, and **William Schambra**, Director of Hudson’s Bradley Center for Philanthropy and Civic Renewal, moderated.

THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD

Hudson Institute’s Center for Islam, Democracy, and the Future of the Muslim World hosted a conference on the Muslim brotherhood. Speakers included **Gilles Kepel**, from the Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques-Paris, **Husain Haqqani**, a Hudson Fellow and Boston University Professor, **Rod Dreher**, from the *Dallas Morning News*, **Hassan Mnemneh**, from the Iraq Memory Foundation, **Israel Elad-Altman**, from the Interdisciplinary Center at Herzliya, **Naser Khader**, a

THE U.N.’S RACISM CONFERENCE, ‘ISLAMOPHOBIA,’ AND THE CAMPAIGN TO CRUSH DEBATE AND DISSENT WITHIN ISLAM

Preparations are underway for the 2009 U.N. World Conference on Racism and, as a result of intense lobbying by the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC), the issue of “Islamophobia” will be a prominent focus. The World Conference could ensure that a prohibition against



“Islamophobia” will be endorsed by the world community as the newest international human right with bans that will curtail freedoms of expression, press, and religion by some of the OIC’s most repressive member states. Panelists included Hudson Senior Fellows **Anne Bayefsky**, **Nina Shea**, and **Paul Marshall**, **Sheikh Ahmed Subhy Mansour**, an Egyptian scholar of Islam, and **Fahad Nazer**, a Resident Fellow at the Institute for Gulf Affairs.

DISCUSSION WITH LEONARD LAUDER

The New York Briefing Council hosted Estee Lauder Chairman **Leonard Lauder**. Hudson President **Herbert London** introduced.

CONSUMERS AT RISK: EXPLORING THE IMPACT ON CONSUMERS OF REDUCED UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND (USF) PAYMENTS TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS

The Coalition to Keep America Connected sponsored this Hudson conference for the release of a study exploring potential consumer impact of reduced USF support payments. There were featured keynote addresses by Rep. **Lee Terry** (R-NE) and FCC Commissioner **Deborah Tate**. Panelists included the authors of the study, **Robert Westcott** and **Robert Cohen**; **Harold Furchtgott-Roth**, former commissioner for the FCC and Hudson Senior Fellow; **Roger Nishi**, V.P. of Industry Relations at Waitfield and Champlain Valley Telecom; **Art Brodsky**, communications director for Public Knowledge; and **Gregory Rohde**, former

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information and Administrator of NTIA.

STRENGTHENING U.S.-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS THROUGH FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

The Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute (CHLI) and Hudson’s Center for Latin American Studies hosted this special forum.

Speakers included Center Director and former Costa Rican Ambassador to the U.S. **Jaime Darembaum**, CHLI Executive Director **Octavio Hinojosa**, Rep. **Mario Diaz-Balart** (R-FL), Rep. **Henry Cuellar** (D-TX), Amb. **F. Tomas Dueñas** of Costa Rica, and Amb. **Carolina Barco** of Colombia.

SEPTEMBER

THE LEGALITY OF INFORMATION GATHERING IN THE WAR ON TERROR

Hudson Institute’s Center for Telecommunications and the Information and National Security Policy hosted a seminar featuring Judge **Robert Bork**, Hudson Institute Distinguished Fellow, and **Gregory Maggs**, Professor of Law at George Washington University. Maggs examined the controversy surrounding information gathering in the war on terror, discussing the legality of the National Security Agency’s wiretapping program, the use of military aircraft to look for the D.C. snipers, the interrogation of terrorist suspects, and other recent counterterrorism measures. Judge Bork introduced the event and moderated.



Hudson President Herbert London with Senator John McCain at McCain's speech to NY Briefing Council in September 2007

NEW YORK BRIEFING COUNCIL WITH SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN

The Hudson Institute New York Briefing Council hosted **Sen. John McCain** (R-AZ) for a speech on American Foreign Policy. Hudson Institute President **Herbert London** introduced.

THE GREAT UPHEAVAL: AMERICA AND THE BIRTH OF THE MODERN WORLD, 1788-1800

Noted author and historian **Jay Winik** discussed his acclaimed new book, *The Great Upheaval*. This book examines a fascinating 12-year period when the survival of the American republic seemed in doubt, Russia towered as an imperial power, and France was plunged into violent revolution. Winik shows how the fates of three great nations combined in one extraordinary moment to change the course of civilization. **Michael Barone**, author and columnist for *U.S. News & World Report*, gave the introduction.

THE FUTURE POLITICS OF IMMIGRATION

Focusing on the future politics of immigration, this conference included **Robert Rector**, Heritage Senior Research Fellow; **Mickey Kaus**, writer for *Slate.com*; **Mark Krikorian**, *National Review Online* contributor; **Kate O'Beirne**, Washington editor for *National Review*; **David Coleman**, Oxford University; **Nick Eberstadt**, American Enterprise Institute; **Peter Skerry**, Boston College; and **Peter Brimelow**, journalist and author. Hudson Institute Senior Fellows **John Fonte**, **Diana Furchtgott-Roth**, **Michael Horowitz**, and **John O'Sullivan** also participated.

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The spring 2008 edition of Hudson Institute's New York Briefing Council will commence soon. Upcoming speakers include:

MARK STEYN : *March 26*

MINXIN PEI : *April 30*

JOHN BOLTON : *May 8*

IRSHAD MANJI : *June 5*

Other confirmed speakers include **CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS**, **WILLIAM KRISTOL**, and **PAUL WOLFOWITZ**.

In fall 2007, Hudson's New York Briefing Series hosted the following speakers:

BILL O'REILLY : *September 25*

JOHN MCCAIN : *September 27*

LEONARD LAUDER : *October 24*

SHOAIB CHOUDHURY : *October 30*

CARL BERNSTEIN : *October 31*

MICHAEL LEDEEN : *November 7*

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MORT ZUCKERMAN : *November 12*

CARL ICAHN : *November 20*

SHARON HOM : *December 4*

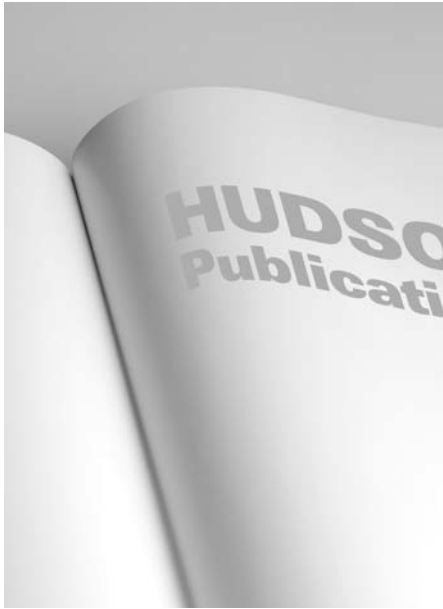
ZUHDI JASSER : *December 11*

PAUL WOLFOWITZ : *December 13*

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**Bangladesh,
Islamism,
Philanthropy,
Religious
Freedom,
and more**

■ **Broken Pendulum:
Bangladesh's Swing to
Radicalism**

(Hudson Institute)

By Maneeza Hossain

Senior Fellow Maneeza Hossain's new book, conceived long before the takeover of the political system by the Bangladeshi Armed Forces on January 11, 2007, addresses the long-term challenges to the culture and practice of democracy in Bangladesh. While the post-takeover reality introduces a multitude of new factors, some of which intensify and some of which work against previous trends, the fact is that the new challenges to Bangladeshi democracy remain essentially the same.

■ **Current Trends:
Volume VI**

(Hudson Institute)

Edited by Hillel Fradkin, Eric Brown, and Husain Haqqani

Published twice a year by Hudson's Center on Islam, Democracy, and the Future of the Muslim World, *Current Trends* draws on an international consortium of scholars and writers to provide in-depth analysis of the ideas, activities, and strategies that shape Islamist movements in Asia, the Middle

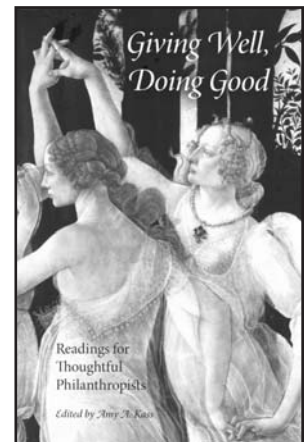
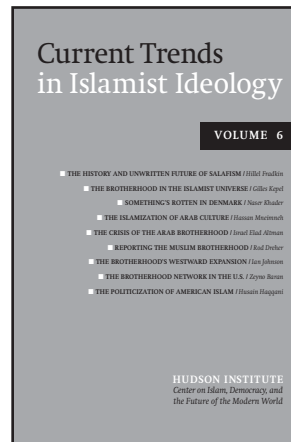
East, and the West. The sixth volume of *Current Trends*, newly redesigned, is a special issue devoted to the Muslim Brotherhood movement, its history and prospects in the U.S., Europe, and the Middle East. It includes essays about the history and unwritten future of Salafism, the Brotherhood's U.S., Middle Eastern, and European networks; an essay by a reporter who has been covering the Holy Land Foundation trial in Texas; and an essay by a Danish Member of Parliament who started a new party of Democratic Muslims in Denmark. Details available at www.CurrentTrends.org.

■ **Giving Well, Doing Good:
Readings for Thoughtful
Philanthropists**

(Indiana University Press)

By Amy Kass

In *Giving Well, Doing Good* the philanthropic community receives a thought-provoking new resource, an anthology by Hudson Institute Senior Fellow and University of Chicago Senior Lecturer Amy Kass. Excerpts from Dostoevsky, Shakespeare, and James; poems by Shelley, Wordsworth, and Lessing; and speeches by Lincoln, King, and Frederick Gates appear alongside essays by Andrew Carnegie and Julius



Rosenwald. Organized thematically, the texts seek to illuminate fundamental questions about the idea and practice of philanthropy, to promote more thoughtful discussion about practical issues facing the philanthropic sector, and to point a way toward a philanthropic practice that is more responsible, more effective, and more civic-spirited. The volume concludes with an essay by Senior Fellow William Schambra.

■ **Religious Freedom in the World**

(Rowman & Littlefield)
 Edited by Paul Marshall

Religious persecution affects all faiths, but reliable, comparative information about religious freedom remains scarce. This makes *Religious Freedom in the World* an invaluable resource. Paralleling the surveys produced by Freedom House, such as *Freedom in the World*, Hudson Senior Fellow Paul Marshall compiled ratings for more than 101 countries and territories, with a special emphasis on those nations where religious freedom is most violated. Each profile describes the constitutional, legal, and societal conditions of religious freedom and scores government and societal restrictions of religious freedom. The countries ranked in

this index represent every major religion and geographic region in the world.

■ **Radical Islam and International Security: Challenges and Responses**

(Routledge Press)
 Edited by Hillel Frisch and Efraim Inbar (with chapters by Laurent Murawiec, Max Singer, and Jonathan Paris)

This book, with chapters by Hudson Fellows Laurent Murawiec, Max Singer, and Jonathan Paris, serves as a welcome addition to the intellectual and policy debate on the nature of the radical Islam phenomenon and how to respond to it. The collection seeks to understand the Islamist challenge in broad comparative and historical terms, and deals with specific regional case studies.

■ **Understanding the Mission of U.S. International Broadcasting**

(McCormick Tribune Foundation)
 By S. Enders Wimbush et al.

During the Cold War, international broadcasting was an important strate-

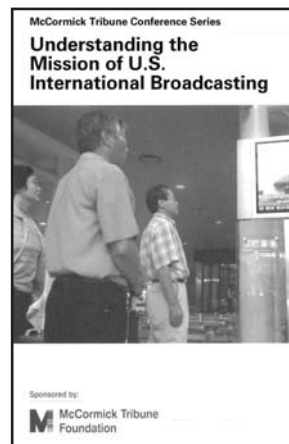
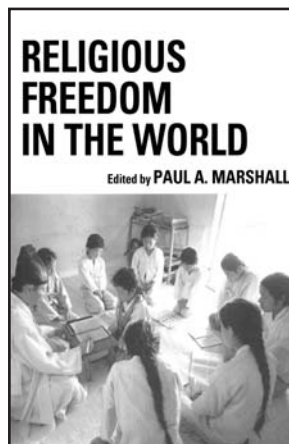
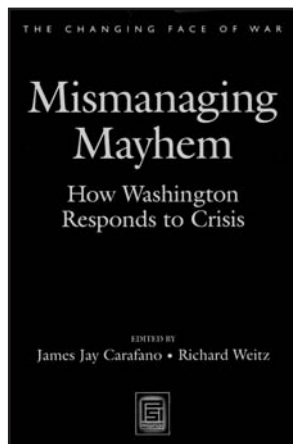
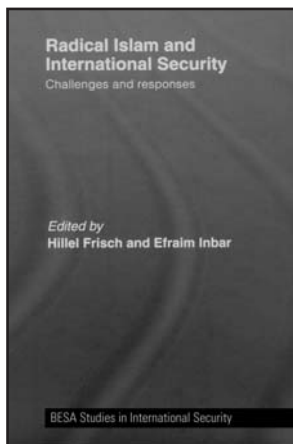
gic tool of U.S. foreign policy. This publication, with contributions by Hudson Senior Vice President for International Programs and Policy S. Enders Wimbush, is a summary of a conference sponsored by the McCormick Tribune Foundation and Hudson Institute. The goal of the conference was to examine the current condition of U.S. international broadcasting and recommend policies for moving forward.

■ **The Long War Ahead and the Short War Upon Us: Imperfect Civilization, Perfect Barbarism, and WMD Terror**

By John Wohlstetter

Today's rhetoric surrounding the War on Terror has focused exclusively on a "long war" against radical Islamists. In his new book, Hudson Trustee and Discovery Institute Senior Fellow John Wohlstetter argues that there are two separate wars that we are fighting, each with its own unique, and critical, challenges.

The Long War against radical Islamist ideology will last generations, but there's also a Short War focused on the prevention of a weapons-of-mass-destruction (WMD) catastrophe. Wohlstetter presents the idea that we



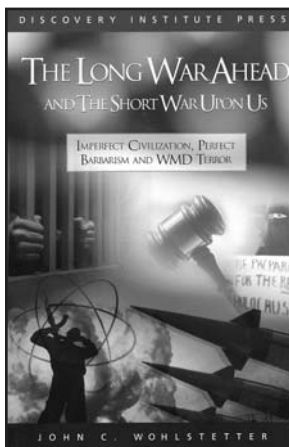
have failed to invest enough human and material resources to give ourselves the best chance to prevail.

The only thing we cannot afford in a war of survival is to lose, and “even a single large-scale WMD event will make any foregone security investment seem cheap by comparison,” Wohlstetter writes.

■ ***Mismanaging Mayhem: How Washington Responds to Crisis***
(Praeger Security International)
By Richard Weitz (co-editor with James Carafano)

This book, with contributions by Hudson Senior Fellow Richard Weitz, includes independently authored case studies that review the history of efforts to get U.S. government agencies to cooperate. To meet the challenges of the 21st century, interagency operations are becoming more important than ever, but Americans must understand the troubling history of Washington’s failures while addressing the pressing needs for reform.

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The Continuing Relevance of Hudson Institute Founder Herman Kahn (1922-1983)



■ ***Prophecies of Doom and Scenarios of Progress: Herman Kahn, Julian Simon, and the Prospective Imagination***
(Continuum International)
By Paul Dragos Aligica

In his new book, Hudson Adjunct Fellow Paul Dragos Aligica examines the pioneering work of Hudson founder Herman Kahn in challenging the “limits to growth” hypothesis prevalent in the 1970s—the conventional wisdom’s view that mankind’s future was bleak due to impending pollution, over-population, and natural resource shortages. Aligica shows how Kahn and noted futurist Julian Simon refuted this fatalism about mankind’s future by highlighting mankind’s ability to adapt to crisis through ever-expanding productive capacities.

■ ***On Thermonuclear War***
(Transaction Publishers)
By Herman Kahn

Forty-seven years after its original publication, Herman Kahn’s still-relevant *On Thermonuclear War* has been re-released. This groundbreaking book burst on the public scene in 1960 when there was broad public consensus on a widening “missile gap” between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. Kahn rejected the view that nuclear war would be

cataclysmic. Instead, he sought to educate leading policymakers about how to deal with the potential of nuclear war, influencing allied defense planning and defense contingency efforts until the end of the Cold War.

Kahn’s frank analysis of thermonuclear war, using systems theory and game theory, shattered the taboos of the time. First, he argued, nuclear war between the Soviet Union and the U.S. was possible; and second, nuclear war, like any war, was theoretically winnable. Kahn argued that U.S. planners needed “to come to grips with the concept of thermonuclear war as a disaster that may be experienced and recovered from.”

Kahn argued that deterrence would succeed when the Soviets believed that the United States had a second-strike capability, so the Soviets “would calculate that an attack on the United States would lead to near-certainty of large-scale destruction of Soviet civil society and military forces.” This Kahn belief helped shape the doctrine of mutual assured destruction.

Kahn’s book was read closely by leading policymakers and intellectuals of the day. One such reader, future Vice President Hubert Humphrey, declared of the book, “New thoughts, particularly those which contradict current assumptions, are always painful for the human mind to contemplate.”



Commentary

Hudson scholars publish op-eds and opinion pieces in top publications. For full-length copies of each of the following excerpts, as well as archives of each scholar's body of work, please visit individual scholars' homepages at www.hudson.org.

February 11, *New York Post*

**JOHN O'SULLIVAN
"THE ARCHBISHOP'S FOLLY"**

Nothing can have prepared Geoffrey Rowan Williams, the archbishop of Canterbury, for the row that has broken out in Britain over his comments last week that the British adoption of some aspects of sharia law is "unavoidable" and that there is a case for "plural jurisdiction." ... The archbishop's use of the word "unavoidable" was significant: It reflects not just his mindset but that of British ministers and the country's wider multicultural establishment—who would like to protect rights such as gender equality in law but positively shrink from any conflict with ethno-cultural groups that oppose and threaten them. If that mindset prevails, then sharia—women's second-class status and all—will indeed be unavoidable. Rowan Williams's trumpet may have given an uncertain sound—but it seems to have prepared the people for battle

February 8, *Wall Street Journal Europe*

**ZEYNO BARAN
AND ROBERT SMITH
"IN GAZPROM'S GRIP"**

Unless the EU starts treating energy as a foreign and security policy issue, one that may even have to be dealt with at NATO level, it will continue to be outmaneuvered by countries that do view it that way. In recent weeks, Russian President Vladimir Putin has orchestrated three major energy deals that will increase Europe's already substantial dependence on Russian natural gas, which Moscow exploits for political and economic gains.

February 4, *National Post (Canada)*

**CHRISTOPHER SANDS
"LESSONS FROM BAGHDAD"**

The United States needs to launch a major effort to train allies, particularly those with troops in the field alongside its own, in its new counter-insurgency approach. Veteran U.S. troops rotating off tours in Iraq with fresh, personal experiences with counter-insurgency would be the ideal instructors since they can offer more than the manual's basic guidance, getting at the heart of the strategy: forging close bonds with local allies whose knowledge of the people and terrain is critical to win-

ning local hearts and minds. The U.S. can offer the training, but it would be wise to do so through NATO.

February 2, *Conservative Voice*

**DENNIS AVERY
"TURNING TAR SANDS INTO
CLEAN NATURAL GAS"**

Scientists said recently in the journal *Nature* they can radically speed up the underground bacterial fermentation that turns Canada's tar-like Athabasca sands into natural gas at far less cost and with far less environmental pollution. This is huge global news because the world has about six trillion barrels of such heavy oil, more than 20 times the proven oil reserves in Saudi Arabia. They're focused in Canada's Athabasca, in Venezuela's Orinoco tar belt, and in the oil shale of the U.S. Rocky Mountains. All may be economically recoverable with bacterial refining.

January 30, *Jerusalem Post*

**HILLEL FRADKIN
"ONE ON ONE: OUT OF EGYPT"
(INTERVIEW)**

An American Muslim told me that he and his friends hate their local mosque and won't take their children to it because of Brotherhood or Wahhabi indoctrination. So, I said to him, "You know, in the synagogue, when we can't stand the rabbi, we throw him out." And he said, "Well, we can't do that."

This is because many, perhaps most, of the mosques in the U.S. are governed by boards appointed by the North American Islamic Trust, which

is funded from the Gulf and holds the mortgages on the mosques. So, while you'd think mosques would be the quintessential vehicle for Muslims within American life, they are actually funded from outside.

January 27, *Sunday Times* (London)

IRWIN M. STELZER
"HAVOC LETS LOOSE THE DOGS OF REGULATION"

One thing is certain in this uncertain world: when the roiled financial waters have calmed, the world of finance will not be as it was before the storm broke.

John Maynard Keynes's famous statement, "In the long run we are all dead," was followed by the less famous, "Economists set themselves too easy, too useless a task if in tempestuous seasons they can only tell us that when the storm is long past the ocean is flat again." Keynes was right. Fortunately, we economists *can* tell everyone more than that—we can reveal that in addition to a flat ocean, there will be new rules governing the use of the seas. The first drafts of new regulations are already on the drawing boards of legislators in America.... For better or worse, it will be a long time before the presumption in favor of deregulation reasserts itself.

January 22, *USA Today*

HERBERT LONDON
"FUNDS THREATEN U.S. SECURITY"

Sovereign wealth funds can be used to compromise national security. While

fund managers are obviously interested in the best return on investments, they are often sensitive to another agenda: acquiring technical secrets and influencing American opinion....

Though this might be a back-burner issue for economists, it is time to realize that there is more at stake than dollars and cents. The very security of the nation can be held hostage by foreign governments that use their economic leverage for malevolent purposes. The repatriation of dollars might be fine on one level because it adds to the nation's wealth, but when it comes to security, it is better to be less wealthy and more secure.

January 11, *Weekly Standard online*

MANEEZA HOSSAIN
"DHAKA DILEMMA"

The unelected, paraconstitutional government of Bangladesh can claim credit for two appalling developments: the politicization of the army, which has blurred the lines between the army and civilian administration and has introduced into the army the same corruption rampant in Bangladeshi politics; and the creeping delegitimization of democracy, which has occurred as various undemocratic actions—arrests of perceived enemies, the exclusion of duly elected leaders from political life, the ban on "indoor politics," which forbids private political discussions—are normalized under the army's rule.

Despair is setting in among many Bangladeshis. But in the West, and even among some in Bangladesh, there is denial rather than despair. Some reject the idea that a military coup took place.

January 12, *WashingtonPost.com*

PAUL MARSHALL
"POLITICS AND RELIGION DO MIX"

The problem with our contemporary talk of faith and politics is not that it exists but that it is so often so very shallow. We live in an increasingly religious world in which faith and belief affect every dimension of our existence, so our politicians had better talk about it. One does not have to be a believer to accept this. The Chinese regime, still officially atheist, represses its believers in part because it believes that Christianity, and especially the Catholic Church, and particularly John Paul II, were major factors in undercutting the Soviet Union.

December 24, *National Review Online*

NINA SHEA
"A CRECHE WITHOUT CHRISTIANS"

From Morocco to the Persian Gulf, we are seeing the rapid erosion of Christian populations, thought to now number no more than 15 million. These are the communities that have disproportionately been the region's modernizers, the mediators bridging east and west, its educators and academics, as the Lebanese Catholic scholar Habib Malik observes....

The loss of Middle Eastern Christianity has profound meaning for the Church. But it should not be a matter of concern to Christians only. These Christian communities, along with a handful of other non-Muslim minority groups, such as Bahais, Mandeans, Yizidis, and Jews, together with the anti-Islamist

Muslims, are the front line in the terrible worldwide struggle taking place today between Islamist totalitarianism and individual rights and freedoms.

December 18, *Wall Street Journal*

RONALD DWORKIN
**“THE NEXT SEXUAL
REVOLUTION”**

Marxists divide life into real events and pseudo-events. Real events, such as wars and revolutions, have sociological significance. Pseudo-events have no such significance, no matter how exciting they are, or how much of a spectacle they are on television. The Super Bowl is a pseudo-event. So is the World Series. So are most medical discoveries. The last “real” event in medicine (perhaps the greatest “real” medical event of the 20th century) was the creation of the birth-control pill, which helped fuel a sexual revolution that changed people’s entire reproductive patterns. The political consequences reverberate to this day. Today another “real” event looms: a practical method of storing unfertilized human eggs. Until now, only fertilized eggs (embryos) and sperm have been amenable to cryopreservation.

December 14, *New York Sun*

MEYRAV WURMSER
**“THE NEW FOCAL POINT OF
ISRAEL’S SCHISMS”**

Since the Gaza disengagement and the subsequent violent clashes between the police and the settlers during the evacuation of the West Bank settlement of Amona, the settlers now realize that if necessary, Israeli governments will use

their full power to remove them from their homes. This prompted many religious nationalists, whose sometimes illegal settlement activity was often ignored by the state, to re-evaluate their close relationship with the government. The perceived broken trust between them and the state has led them to adopt the slogan of “we shall not forgive and not forget,” to convey that the trauma of the Gaza evacuation is still alive in their minds even if it has not been given full expression yet.

December 12, *National Review Online*

JAIME DAREMBLUM
**“CHAVEZ’S CRUMBLING
COALITION”**

Even members of [Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez’s] most inner circle have begun to turn against him. Mexico-based political scientist Heinz Dieterich, author of *Socialism in the 21st Century*, and Chavez’s chief guru in recent years, maintained this week that Chavez cannot impose his socialist revolution on his followers. In a series of pointed articles, he warned that the president must embrace a more inclusive, and less unilateral, approach to governing; otherwise, he runs the risk of devouring his own revolution.

December 5, *National Review Online*

ANNE BAYEFISKY
“FORSAKING ISRAEL”

The representative of “civil society” invited by the U.N. Committee to address the audience was Rev. Chris Ferguson of the World Council of Churches. He could only bring himself to refer

to terrorism in quotation marks—“‘terrorizing’ Qassam rocket attacks.” He was given a U.N. platform—webcast around the world—to call upon the international community to “strengthen the global campaign for boycotts, divestment and sanctions ... against Israeli...apartheid and oppression,” and to laud the latest NGO “campaign identifying and opposing Israeli policies as violations of the International Covenant Against the Crime of Apartheid.”

December 10, *Chronicle of Philanthropy*

WILLIAM SCHAMBRA
**“THE LONG-TERM PERILS OF
AGGRESSIVE ADVOCACY”**

The decline of one of America’s largest and most successful nonprofit organizations provides a cautionary tale. The National Congress of Parents and Teachers (the PTA) boasted 12 million members during the 1960s. Today, its membership may be half that. Although some scholars attribute this fall to the general decline in civic engagement, critics note that it has been aggravated by the PTA’s growing focus on national advocacy across a wider variety of educational and social programs. Over time, they argue, national advocacy has displaced the more immediate and local concerns of everyday parents within specific schools.

November 29, *Wall Street Journal*

BETSY MCCAUGHEY
**“OUR UNSANITARY
HOSPITALS”**

Why aren’t hospitals held to the same rigorous standard? The consequences

of inadequate hygiene are far deadlier in hospitals than in restaurants. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that 2,500 people die each year after picking up a food-borne illness in a restaurant or prepared food store. Forty times that number—100,000 people—die each year, according to the CDC, from infections contracted in health-care facilities.

These infections are caused largely by unclean hands, inadequately cleaned equipment, and contaminated clothing that allow bacteria to spread from patient to patient. In a study released in April, Boston University researchers examining 49 operating rooms at four New England hospitals found that more than half the objects that should have been disinfected were overlooked by cleaners.

November 17, *Jerusalem Post*

MAX SINGER
“WHY LINCOLN BEAT
MCCLELLAN”

While many people have assumed that in the election next year the Republicans would be helped by the strong economy and the Democrats by the Iraq war, if recent indications of a potentially faltering economy are correct, the opposite may turn out to be true.

While things in Iraq could turn around again, it now looks as if the change in U.S. strategy and the injection of additional forces in 2007 is on the way to producing a military victory over al Qaeda and domestic Iraqi terrorists. Equally important has been the decision by a number of Sunni tribes to turn against the foreign terrorists. The

result has been the restoration of security to Fallujah and a large part of the country and a sharp reduction in casualties. Next November it is likely to be clear that defeat was avoided and that troops are coming home.

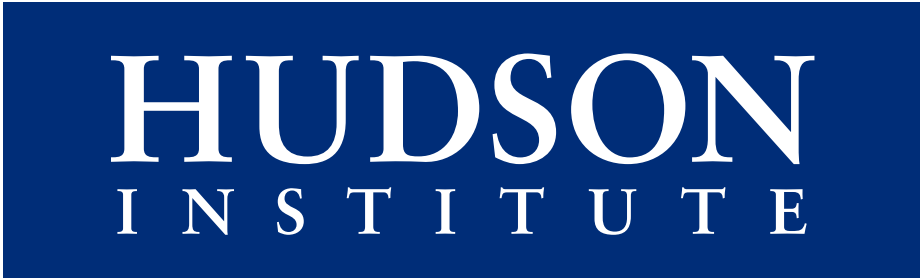
November 16, *American Online*

DIANA FURCHTGOTT-ROTH
“AN OILY DILEMMA”

OPEC countries can’t do anything about the gradual depreciation of the American dollar, which has its roots in decisions made by the Federal Reserve,

Congress, and the executive branch about the fundamentals of the U.S. economy. Until the dollar stops falling—and some economists believe it will soon bottom out—the upward pressure on oil prices will continue, even with increased production.

For that matter, boosting production is not as easy as it sounds. Many people think that OPEC can simply open the spigots and churn out more oil. Much as the organization would love to do that, it cannot produce more than an extra half million barrels per day. OPEC is handicapped not by geology (there’s plenty of oil in the ground), but by unfortunate political realities.



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JOHN FONTE
"LOST AT SEA"

The Bush administration and the leaders of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee are pushing ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS or LOST). The U.N. convention established a transnational institution, the International Seabed Authority, to regulate maritime activities....

Supporters contend that it is in America's interests to join. The core argument is that we need "a seat at the table" to influence the rules. Thus, Sen. Richard Lugar (R-IN) declares, "we are allowing decisions that will affect our Navy, our ship operators, our off-shore industries ... to be made without U.S. representation."

CAROL ADELMAN
"FOREIGN AID: EFFECTIVELY ADVANCING SECURITY INTERESTS"

While U.S. government assistance will continue to provide disaster relief, humanitarian aid, and security assistance, it needs to transform the way in which this aid is delivered so that it can truly help people prosper. Assistance should fund projects that are "demand-driven," or developed by local institutions with people who are contributing their own time, money, and expertise to a given project. Too often, aid monies go to expensive contractors who are more interested in creating long-term business agreements than long-term development in poor countries.

unemployment insurance records—which detail salary levels, labor mobility, and other critical information pertinent to the study—as well as state education records.

Using this multimillion-person data set, Furchtgott-Roth and Jacobson will seek to assess precisely what secondary education and community college courses lead to higher-paying jobs and greater social mobility, especially in the case of college drop-outs. In addition to the Gates Foundation support, the project has received a generous grant of \$75,000 from the Searle Freedom Trust to evaluate determinants of inequality.

This initial, ground-breaking quantitative study correlating unemployment insurance data and education levels will provide significant grounds for major follow-up studies, as well as concrete policy recommendations. Furchtgott-Roth is discussing with the Department of Health and Human Services the possibility of adding welfare recipients to the database, to show which training programs taken by recipients of temporary assistance for needy families result in a higher earnings path and job mobility.

Senior Fellow **JOHN WEICHER**, who directs Hudson's Center for Housing and Financial Markets, received a \$600,000 grant from the John and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to investigate the affordable private rental housing market

in the U.S. over the last two decades.

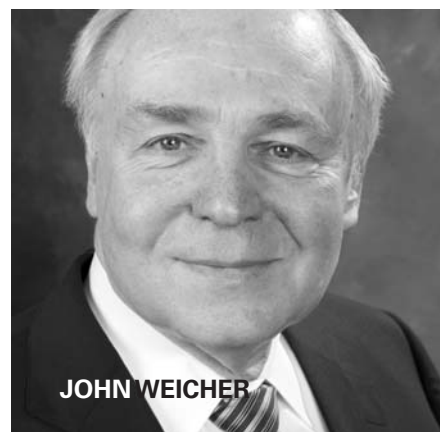
Weicher's study will draw on the biennial American Housing Survey, produced by the U.S. Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to analyze the dynamic process by which housing units move in and out of the affordable rental stock. Most low-income renters live in privately-owned, unsubsidized housing, and most of that housing was not originally built for low-income occupancy. The study will identify the sources of today's affordable rental housing stock, and will also trace what has happened to the affordable rental stock of 1985, which is as far back as the data go. The study will report on factors such as changes in rents, the quality of the rental housing stock, and the characteristics of residents. It will also analyze the affordable rental stock for five of the largest metropolitan areas: New York, Philadelphia, Detroit, Chicago, and Los Angeles.

Like the education and training study, the housing study will provide important new data and statistical correlations that can be bases for further study and policy recommendations.

The Gates, MacArthur, and Searle foundations are part of the growing number of foundations, government agencies, individuals, and corporations turning to Hudson Institute because of thorough, analytic research work that translates into concrete policy results.



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Hudson Institute is pleased to announce that Amanda Sokolski has joined as Director of Development. She will be responsible for the development of the Institute’s comprehensive unrestricted fundraising and related functions. “Amanda’s boundless enthusiasm and strong writing skills, along with her international affairs background, make her the ideal person to run our growing development office,” says Hudson CEO Kenneth Weinstein.

Originally from Melbourne and trained as a lawyer, Sokolski served more than ten years with the Australian Foreign Service as adviser to former Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer, and in diplomatic postings to New York and London. Sokolski has also worked in Washington foreign policy organizations, at the Nonproliferation Policy Education Center (NPEC) and as Senior Program Manager for the American Committees on Foreign Relations (ACFR).

“Coming from the policy ‘user’ end of the spectrum, I really appreciate the important role of research institutes like Hudson which strive to produce reliable, forward-looking, and innovative analysis,” Sokolski says.

Please contact Amanda for any questions on supporting Hudson Institute: 202-974-2431 or asokolski@hudson.org.

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