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Headliners



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HEADLINERS OF THE SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON WORLD AFFAIRS

The Sixty-first Annual Conference on World Affairs will be held April 6-10, 2009 on the University of Colorado's Boulder campus. All 200 panels, plenaries and performances are free and open to the public.

CWA highlights include a visit from **Bill Reinert**, the "Man Behind the Prius". Reinert is National Manager of Advanced Technologies at Toyota and will give a Plenary Address entitled "Finding Greener Pastures for the Auto Industry" on **Monday, April 6 at 3:00 p.m.** in Macky Auditorium.

Senator Timothy Wirth, returns to Boulder to deliver his Plenary Address, "Yes, the UN Can!" on Tuesday, **April 7, at 12:30 p.m.** in the UMC Center Ballroom. Wirth, after representing Colorado for two decades in both the U.S. Congress and U.S. Senate, is now President of the United Nations Foundation in Washington, D.C.

Later Tuesday afternoon at **2:00 p.m.** in the UMC Center Ballroom will be **Sanho Tree's** address "Mexican Drug War: Year of the Dead." Tree is director of the Drug Policy Project at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D.C. Over the years, the project has focused on the attendant collateral damage caused by the United States exporting its failed drug war to Colombia, Bolivia, and Afghanistan, and most recently, Mexico.

Wednesday, April 8, will feature a plenary address by **John Prendergast**, the cofounder of the Enough Project, an initiative to end genocide and crimes against humanity. He was director of African Affairs at the National Security Council, special advisor at the Department of State during the Clinton administration, and part of a series of episodes of *60 Minutes* which earned an Emmy Award for best continuing news coverage. His Address "Can You Hear Congo Now: Cell Phones, Conflict Minerals and Mass Rape" will be at **2:00 p.m.** in Macky Auditorium.

Thursday, April 9, has a full schedule of plenary events at Macky Auditorium. Exiled Egyptian activist **Saad Ibharim** will speak on the “Democratization of the Arab World” at **11:00 a.m.**, oncologist and best-selling author **Dr. Susan Love** will discuss her current research and the prospects for finding a cure for “Breast Cancer” at **12:00 p.m.**, the director of the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies, **Jim Hansen**, will address the “Climate Threat to the Planet: Implications for Intergenerational and Environmental Justice” at **1:00 p.m.** and economist **Deirdre McCloskey** will present “Bourgeois Virtues: Is Capitalism Ethical” at **2:00 p.m.**

Closing the week will be **David Bender** at **2:30 p.m.** on **Friday, April 10**, in Macky Auditorium with the Molly Ivins Freedom Fightin’ Memorial Plenary “1968-2008: How Barack Obama Completed the Unfinished Journey of Robert Kennedy”. Bender is the host of Air America Radio’s *Politically Direct*. Previously he was “political guru” on *The Rachel Maddow Show* and co-host of *Ring of Fire* with Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and Mike Papantonio.

The Conference on World Affairs was founded in 1948, originally as a forum on international affairs. It quickly gained fame in its early years with such notable participants as Eleanor Roosevelt, Arthur Miller and Henry Kissinger. The CWA now encompasses music, literature, environment, science, journalism, visual arts, diplomacy, technology, spirituality, film, politics, business, medicine, human rights and recently has brought such names as Joe Biden, Charles Krauthammer, Paul Krugman and Rachel Maddow to Boulder.

Rachel Maddow recalls the Conference as “the antidote to the airless, etherized, surreality of what 'conferences' have become. Arrive cynical and above-it-all —leave with new, real friends and a smarter, humbler, more human take on your work and the world you're changing.”

All Conference on World Affairs sessions are free and open to the public, making the CWA the largest, most accessible event of its kind in the country.

A biographical listing of all Conference on World Affairs participants and a complete schedule of events is online at www.colorado.edu/cwa.

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