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"Perspective 360°"

Opening Procession



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OPENING PROCESSION OF THE SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON WORLD AFFAIRS

The Sixty-first Annual Conference on World Affairs at the University of Colorado at Boulder will begin with an opening procession and keynote address **Monday, April 6, 2009**. Reporters and photographers are welcome.

The participant march will begin at **11:00 a.m. in Norlin Quad**. The procession will cross from south to north along a walkway lined with international flags, into Macky Auditorium for the 11:30 a.m. keynote address. The keynote address "**Twenty-first Century International Relations**" will be delivered by former U.S. Sen. Chuck Hagel, Chairman of the Atlantic Council of the United States. (***)See Hagel's biography below.)

The CWA opening keynote procession and address is a colorful, time-honored Colorado tradition. Keynote speaker Sen. Chuck Hagel, CU president Bruce Benson, College of Arts and Sciences Dean Todd Gleeson, CWA director Jim Palmer, and CWA co-chairs Jane Butcher and Juli Steinhauer will lead the procession along a sidewalk lined by a brilliant display of over 80 international flags. Conference participants, students and CWA volunteers will join the march into Macky Auditorium.

At 11:30 a.m., Bruce Benson will make welcoming remarks and introduce Hagel. The keynote address is free and open to the public, as are all CWA events. This year the CWA's 190 panels, plenaries and performances will address the overriding theme of *Perspective 360°*.

A perennial highlight of Conference week is the **Tuesday evening jazz concert**. This year's date is **April 7 at 8 p.m.** in Macky Auditorium. *Cinema Interruptus*, another beloved CWA tradition with film critic Roger Ebert, will again highlight the schedule **Monday through Thursday at 4 p.m.** in Macky Auditorium. The selection for analysis this year is *Chop Shop* (2007), an independent film by Iranian-American director, Ramin Bahrani.

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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*** Chuck Hagel is a distinguished professor at Georgetown University and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He also serves on the advisory board of Corsair Capital and is a director of Wolfensohn and Company. Hagel is senior advisor to McCarthy Capital Corporation, a member of Pfizer's Emerging Markets advisory board, and chairman of the Atlantic Council.

From 1997 to 2009, Hagel served two terms in the U. S. Senate, representing the state of Nebraska. Hagel was a senior member of three Senate committees: Foreign Relations; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; and Intelligence. He is a former chairman of the Foreign Relations International Economic Policy, Export, and Trade Promotion Subcommittee, the Banking Committees International Trade and Finance, and Securities Subcommittees. Hagel also served as the chairman of the Congressional-Executive Commission on China and the Senate Climate Change Observer Group. Hagel currently serves on the advisory boards of many institutions, is a trustee of Bellevue University and Hastings College, and is cochairman of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Corporate Council.

Prior to his election to the U.S. Senate, Hagel was president of McCarthy & Company, an investment banking firm in Omaha, Nebraska. In the 1980s, Hagel cofounded VANGUARD Cellular Systems, Inc., a publicly traded corporation. He is a Vietnam combat veteran and former deputy administrator of the Veterans Administration.

Hagel is the author of *America: Our Next Chapter*, a straightforward examination of the current state of our nation that provides substantial proposals for the challenges of the 21st century. A graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Hagel resides in McLean, Virginia, with his wife, Lilibet, and their son and daughter.