

## Speaker Biographies

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**Anders Åslund** is specializing on postcommunist economic transformation, especially the Russian and Ukrainian economies. In January 2006, he joined the Peterson Institute for International Economics in Washington, DC, as a senior fellow. From 1994 till 2005, he worked at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, as a senior associate and Director of the Russian and Eurasian Program. He also teaches at Georgetown University. Dr. Åslund has served as a senior economic advisor to the governments of Russia, Ukraine, and Kyrgyzstan. He has been a Professor at the Stockholm School of Economics and a Swedish diplomat, serving in Kuwait, Geneva and Moscow. He earned his doctorate from Oxford University.

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Mr. Chow spent 20 years with Chevron Corporation in U.S. and overseas assignments. He was head of international external affairs in headquarters in California. He played a leading role in negotiating the international commercial agreement to build a \$2.6 billion oil pipeline from Kazakhstan on the Caspian to the Russian Black Sea coast. While he was Chevron's principal international representative in Washington, he worked closely with the White House, Capitol Hill, federal departments and agencies, foreign governments, international financial institutions, and the foreign policy community on international economic policy affecting worldwide investments. Between 1989 and 1991, Mr. Chow was based in Beijing as Chevron's country manager for China.

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**Robert Ebel** is a senior adviser in the CSIS Energy Program, where he offers views on world oil and energy issues, with particular emphasis on the former Soviet Union and the Persian Gulf. Previously, he served with the CIA for 11 years and spent over 7 years with the Office of Oil and Gas in the U.S. Department of the Interior. He also worked with the Federal Energy Office in the international energy area. Earlier, he worked for ENSERCH Corporation, which he joined as vice president in March 1974, serving for some 14 years, advising the corporation and its subsidiaries on international issues relevant to day-to-day operations.

Ebel has traveled widely in the former Soviet Union and was a member of the first U.S. oil delegation to visit the country in 1960; in 1970, he was part of the first group of Americans to inspect the new oil fields of Western Siberia. In November 1997, he led an International Energy Agency team examining the oil and gas sector of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. In August 2002, Ebel participated in the Sudanese peace talks, held in Machakos, Kenya, and from December 2002 through April 2003, he worked with a group of former Iraqi oil officials, under the Department of State "Future of Iraq" project, to produce an assessment of the Iraqi oil sector.

Ebel is a past chairman of the Washington Export Council and past member of the board of American Near East Refugee Aid. He received the Department of State's Distinguished Public Service Award in April 2002. He holds an M.A. in international relations from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University and a B.S. in petroleum geology from Texas Tech. A graduate of the USAF Russian language program, he served in Air Force intelligence during the Korean War.

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Mikkal Herberg writes and speaks extensively on Asian energy issues to the energy industry, governments, and major research institutions in the Asia-Pacific region and Europe, including the U.S., China, and Japan. He is cited frequently in the media, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, National Public Radio, *South China Morning Post*, *Asahi Shimbun*, *Reuters*, *NIKKEI News*, and *Caijing*.

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Dr. Kalicki previously served as a U.S. Foreign Service Officer (1972–74), a member of the State Department's Policy Planning Staff under Secretaries Kissinger and Vance (1974–77), and Chief Foreign Policy Advisor to Senator Edward M. Kennedy (1977–84). Dr. Kalicki served as Vice President (1984–88) and then Senior Vice President (1988–93) at Lehman Brothers in New York, where he developed the firm's investment banking businesses in the former Soviet Union and the Middle East. He was appointed Public Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C., and has taught at LSE, Harvard, Georgetown, Princeton, as well as at Brown University, where he also served as Executive Director of the Center for Foreign Policy Development and as Assistant to the President (1985–88).

Dr. Kalicki has authored a book and numerous publications on China, Russia, international energy and U.S. foreign, national security and international economic policies. He is editor (with Eugene Lawson) of *Russian-Eurasian Renaissance*, published in 2003 by the Wilson Center Press and Stanford University Press, and is editor (with David Goldwyn) of *Energy and Security: Toward a New Foreign Policy Strategy*, published by the Wilson Center Press and Johns Hopkins University Press in 2005. He is a trustee of the World Affairs Council of Northern California and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Royal Institute of International Affairs, and the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

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