

MEETINGS PROGRAM

- Provides members in New York with the opportunity to exchange ideas with each other and with other influential world leaders.
 - Brings members together to interact with international and domestic policymakers and opinion shapers, new faces on the international scene, respected experts, and provocative debaters on international affairs and American foreign policy.
 - Convenes well over 100 programs, including debates, panel discussions, film screenings, author interviews, and single-speaker events.
 - Spearheads the Council's Campaign 2000 initiative, including a website (www.foreignpolicy2000.org) and a series of debates and meetings intended to draw critical foreign policy issues into the presidential campaigns.
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The Council's Meetings Program is the quickest, most efficient means of keeping members abreast of events all over the world. Members can get a feel for what leaders of other countries are thinking, for the problems policymakers are tackling, for events "on the ground" in areas of conflict, and for the most interesting new scholarship on recent history.

The presidential election year provided a good opportunity to launch a serious public discussion of foreign policy among our country's presidential candidates and political leaders. The country has gone almost a decade—through and past the Cold War's end—without such a debate. So for this new series, Campaign 2000, the Council formed a distinguished bipartisan advisory committee, designed a website for online debate and discussion, and held issue-related meetings in the form of debates and panels. Highlights of these Campaign 2000 meetings have included a national missile defense debate between Senators Thad Cochran (R-Miss.) and Carl Levin (D-Mich.), a debate between the foreign policy

spokespersons for Senator Bill Bradley and Vice President Al Gore, a debate on humanitarian intervention, a debate on the defense of Taiwan, and a panel of campaign advisers discussing the role of foreign policy in the national election campaign.

This year also marked the launch of two additional new series. First, in Reflections on the Twentieth Century, the Council paved the way for some very interesting looks back over the last 100 years. British historian Niall Ferguson talked with Yale's Paul Kennedy about his provocative new book, *The Pity of War*, on the origins of World War I, and veteran Vietnam War reporters R.W. Apple Jr., Morley Safer, Stanley Karnow, and Frances FitzGerald reflected on America's first television war. The second series, Science and New Technologies, began with Sun Microsystems's Chief Scientist and Corporate Executive Officer Bill Joy warning of the dangers of the emerging technologies: robotics, genetic modification, and nanotechnology; and a panel with Rockefeller Foundation President Gordon Conway looking at the challenges and opportunities presented by the growth of biotechnology.

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The health of the world economy is an increasingly important issue—one inextricably bound to security relationships around the world. The Council hosted this year's Nobel laureate in economics, Robert Mundell, World Bank Chief Economist Joseph E. Stiglitz, outgoing International Monetary Fund Managing Director Michel Camdessus, and U.S. Treasury Secretary Lawrence H. Summers. U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky set out the U.S. trade agenda, and a panel including *New York Times* economics correspondent David Sanger looked back at the Seattle debacle, the World Trade Organization, and the geopolitics of trade.

To address questions of future U.S. security, the Council hosted National Security Adviser Samuel R. Berger, Defense Secretary William S. Cohen, and Senator Joseph R. Biden Jr. (D-Del.). In three separate and lively panels—one with the sitting joint chiefs of staff and the other two with former chairmen of the joint chiefs and former secretaries of defense—debate centered on defense policy and the use of American power for the 21st century.

The Council also took hard looks at several of the new global issues—those without specific regional focus that have dramatically increased in importance over the last several years. The devastating effects of civil conflict on children was the subject of a screening of the HBO documentary *Children in War* and a discussion led by Ambassador Richard C. Holbrooke and U.N. Special Representative Olara A. Otunnu. Other meetings were organized to allow a closer look at such issues as the global infectious disease threat and its implications for national security, the political and moral challenges posed for humanitarian and relief organizations, and an especially brutal manifestation of international crime—trafficking in persons.

And the Meetings Program toured the globe. As the year began, the world was focused on the worsening crises in Asia—a twin missile and nuclear threat from North Korea, political upheaval in East Timor, and the growing potential for a severe China-Taiwan confrontation. Those who helped interpret these developments included *New York Times* correspondent Patrick Tyler on China policy, Nobelist José Ramos-Horta on

upheaval in Indonesia, North Korean Foreign Minister Nam-sun Paek on the internal politics of his country, and Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad on the international economy. The region's security fault lines were discussed by former Defense Secretary William J. Perry, and Falun Gong explained its challenge to Beijing's orthodoxy.

Balkan economic and political reconstruction, the development of European military capability, and the launch of the euro were central to much of the Council's European focus. "What follows Yeltsin?" was the question on Russia, along with concerns about the war in Chechnya. These developments were discussed by the Russian, European, and American officials, scholars, and reformers closest to their unfolding.

The Council hosted CNN's screening of Christiane Amanpour's documentary film about her return to an Iran on the cusp of reform, and in two separate panel discussions, experts debated the meaning of Iran's parliamentary election results. Palestinian National Authority Chairman Yasir Arafat spoke of prospects for a final peace settlement in the Middle East, as did former Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon. Former UNSCOM chief Richard Butler looked at the role of the Security Council in Iraq.

Latin America's pressure points—the challenge to civil society in Mexico and Peru and a Colombian narco-state at civil war—drew several Council speakers this year, including Peru's presidential hopeful Alejandro Toledo.

This year the focus of the popular Culture and Foreign Policy lecture was on the rise of Anti-Americanism—"America: Cultural Empire or Cultural Wasteland? Does It Matter?"—in which Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies Professor Fouad Ajami led a discussion among three distinguished scholars, including Mexico's Enrique Krauze.

As in past years, the Council continued to experiment with new formats, new approaches to "old" issues, and new ways of grouping issues and ideas so that they can be seen in fresh ways.

Anne R. Luzzatto
Vice President, Meetings

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Speaker Richard C. Holbrooke, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and Presider Louis V. Gerstner Jr. at the December 16, 1999, Meeting, "A Special Briefing by the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations."

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

AFRICA

FREDERICK CHILUBA

President, Zambia

JOAQUIM ALBERTO CHISSANO

President, Mozambique

JOSÉ EDUARDO DOS SANTOS

President, Angola

KETUMILE MASIRE

Former President, Botswana

ROBERT GABRIEL MUGABE

President, Zimbabwe

YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI

President, Uganda

SALIM AHMED SALIM

Secretary-General, Organization
of African Unity

"U.N. Security Council's Africa Month"*

PRESIDER: RICHARD C. HOLBROOKE

HERMAN J. COHEN

Former Assistant Secretary of State
for African Affairs

CHESTER A. CROCKER

Former Assistant Secretary of State
for African Affairs

RICHARD M. MOOSE

Former Assistant Secretary of State for
African Affairs

"U.S. Policy toward Africa"*

PRESIDER: MORA L. MCLEAN

ASIA

CHAS. W. FREEMAN JR.

Chairman, Projects International, Inc.

ARTHUR WALDRON

Director of Asian Studies, American Enterprise
Institute for Public Policy Research; Lauder
Professor of International Relations, University
of Pennsylvania

"If Taiwan Declares Independence and China
Reacts with Force, on Whom Should the United
States Lean Harder, China or Taiwan?"

PRESIDER: LESLIE H. GELB

JOHN F. KERRY

Member, U.S. Senate (D-Mass.)

"U.S.-China Relations: Opportunities and Challenges"

PRESIDER: WINSTON LORD

THE JACOB K. JAVITS MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES



Speaker John F. Kerry, Member, U.S. Senate (D-Mass.), and Marian Javits at the March 15, 2000, Jacob K. Javits Memorial Lecture, "U.S.-China Relations: Opportunities and Challenges."

* Meeting endowed by the Thomas J. Watson Foundation.

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Speaker Mahathir bin Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia, and President Frank G. Wisner II at the September 28, 1999, Meeting, "Surviving the Economic Crisis."

MAHATHIR BIN MOHAMAD

Prime Minister, Malaysia

"Surviving the Economic Crisis"*

PRESIDER: FRANK G. WISNER II

JOSÉ RAMOS-HORTA

Vice President, National Council of Timorese Resistance; 1996 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

"The Crisis in East Timor and the Path to Recovery"

PRESIDER: SHEPARD L. FORMAN

J. STAPLETON ROY

Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research; former U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia
"Fragile State: The Future of Indonesia"

PRESIDER: BETTE BAO LORD

CULTURE AND FOREIGN POLICY

ENRIQUE KRAUZE

Editor in Chief, *Letras Libres*; author, *Mexico: Biography of Power*; former Deputy Editor, *Vuelta*

DENIS LACORNE

Director of Research, Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Internationales; Professor, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris; co-editor, *The Rise and Fall of Anti-Americanism: A Century of French Perception*

NICHOLAS PLATT

President, Asia Society; former U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan and the Philippines

"America: Cultural Empire or Cultural Wasteland? Does It Matter?"

PRESIDER: FOUAD AJAMI

THE SPIELVOGEL/DIAMONSTEIN LECTURE

EUROPE

MARTTI AHTISAARI

President, Republic of Finland

"The Upcoming Russian Elections: Prospects for E.U.- and U.S.-Russian Relations"*

PRESIDER: STROBE TALBOTT

WESLEY K. CLARK

Supreme Allied Commander Europe and Commander in Chief, U.S. European Command

"Can NATO Ensure European Security?""*

PRESIDER: ROBERT E. HUNTER

JOSCHKA FISCHER

Vice Chancellor and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Federal Republic of Germany

"Ten Years after the Fall of the Wall: Prospects for a Transatlantic Partnership in the 21st Century"*

PRESIDER: HAROLD BROWN

YEGOR GAIDAR

Chairman, Democratic Choice of Russia Party; Director, Institute for the Economy in Transition
"The State of Political and Economic Reforms in Russia"

PRESIDER: PADMA DESAI

TONY JUDD

Director, Remarque Institute, New York University

MARTIN WALKER

Public Policy Scholar, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

"A New Europe in a New Century?"

PRESIDER: CHARLES A. KUPCHAN

BERNARD KOUCHNER

Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the U.N. Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo; Founder, Médecins sans Frontières

"The Challenge of Kosovo"

PRESIDER: REYNOLD LEVY

THE DAVID A. MORSE LECTURE

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JOHN MAJOR

Member of Parliament and former Prime Minister,
United Kingdom

“A Conversation with John Major”*

PRESIDER: HAROLD M. EVANS

GEORGE ROBERTSON

Secretary-General, NATO

“European Defense: The Only Thing to Fear
Is Fear Itself”

PRESIDER: ROBERT E. HUNTER

THE RUSSELL C. LEFFINGWELL LECTURE

LATIN AMERICA

MORRIS BUSBY

Former U.S. Ambassador to Colombia; former
U.S. Special Envoy to Central America

RAFAEL PARDO

Former Minister of Defense, Colombia

FRANCISCO SANTOS

Managing Editor, *El Tiempo*; founder, *País Libre*

MICHAEL SHEEHAN

Coordinator for Counterterrorism,
U.S. Department of State

“Colombia: Walking a Tightrope”

PRESIDER: ANA ARANA

ALBERTO BUSTAMANTE

Prime Minister, Peru

“Stability, Confidence, and Integration with the
World: Peru Facing the 21st Century”*

PRESIDER: SERGIO J. GALVIS

LUIZ FELIPE LAMPREIA

Foreign Minister, Brazil

“Democracy and Stability in South America”*

PRESIDER: STEPHEN ROBERT

MIDDLE EAST

YASIR ARAFAT

Chairman, Palestinian National Authority

“Prospects for Final Settlement of the Palestinian-
Israeli Conflict”*

PRESIDER: HENRY SIEGMAN

RICHARD BUTLER

Diplomat in Residence, Council on Foreign
Relations; former Executive Chairman,

U.N. Special Commission

“Iraq: The Role of the Security Council”

PRESIDER: BARBARA CROSSETTE

JOHN L. ESPOSITO

Founding Director, Center for Muslim-Christian
Understanding, Georgetown University

BERNARD LEWIS

Cleveland E. Dodge Professor of Near Eastern
Studies, Professor Emeritus, Princeton University

DANIEL PIPES

Director, Middle East Forum; Senior Lecturer,
University of Pennsylvania

“Middle East Update: How Much Should the
United States Worry about Radical Islamism?”

PRESIDER: EDWARD L. MORSE

BILL RICHARDSON

Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy

“Safeguarding America’s Global Energy Interests”*

PRESIDER: EDWARD L. MORSE

NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

SAMUEL R. BERGER

U.S. National Security Adviser

“American Power: Hegemony, Isolationism, or
Engagement?”

PRESIDER: LESLIE H. GELB

THE ELIHU ROOT LECTURE

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

Member, U.S. Senate (D-Del.)

“Rebuilding Consensus on U.S. Strategic Doctrine”

PRESIDER: RICHARD RAVITCH

THE JACOB K. JAVITS MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES

HAROLD BROWN

Counselor, Center for Strategic and International
Studies; former U.S. Secretary of Defense

ROBERT S. MCNAMARA

Former U.S. Secretary of Defense

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Speaker James L. Jones, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps, Speaker Jay L. Johnson, Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy, Presider William J. Crowe, Speaker Michael E. Ryan, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force, and Speaker Eric K. Shinseki, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, at the January 6, 2000, John Train Lecture, the Joint Chiefs of Staff on "U.S. Defense Policy after 2000."

WILLIAM J. PERRY

Michael and Barbara Berberian Professor, School of Engineering, Stanford University; Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution; former U.S. Secretary of Defense

CASPAR W. WEINBERGER

Chairman, Forbes Inc.; former U.S. Secretary of Defense

"Defining Defense Priorities"*

PRESIDER: GARY HART

THAD COCHRAN

Member, U.S. Senate (R-Miss.)

CARL M. LEVIN

Member, U.S. Senate (D-Mich.)

"National Missile Defense: Two Perspectives from the Senate"

PRESIDER: LAWRENCE J. KORB

THE JACOB K. JAVITS MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES

WILLIAM S. COHEN

Secretary, U.S. Department of Defense

"U.S. Defense Priorities: Engagement and Isolationism"*

PRESIDER: PETER G. PETERSON

WILLIAM J. CROWE

U.S. Navy (Ret.); Senior Adviser, GlobalOptions; former Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff

DAVID C. JONES

U.S. Air Force (Ret.); former Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff

COLIN L. POWELL

U.S. Army (Ret.); Chairman, America's Promise; former Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff

JOHN M. SHALIKASHVILI

U.S. Army (Ret.); Visiting Professor, Stanford University; former Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff

JOHN W. VESSEY

U.S. Army (Ret.); former Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff

"National Defense Priorities for the Next Administration"*

PRESIDER: DONALD KAGAN

JAY L. JOHNSON

Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy

JAMES L. JONES

Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps



Daniel Rose and George Soros at the October 21, 1999, Elihu Root Lecture, "American Power: Hegemony, Isolationism, or Engagement?"

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MICHAEL E. RYAN
Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force
ERIC K. SHINSEKI
Chief of Staff, U.S. Army
The Joint Chiefs of Staff on
"U.S. Defense Policy after 2000"
PRESIDER: WILLIAM J. CROWE
THE JOHN TRAIN LECTURE

NEW GLOBAL ISSUES

KOFI A. ANNAN
Secretary-General, United Nations
"A Conversation with Kofi Annan"
PRESIDER: CHARLIE ROSE
ANNUAL DAUGHTERS AND SONS EVENT

DAVID BLOOM
Professor of Economics and Demography,
Harvard University
RICHARD C. HOLBROOKE
U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations
PETER PIOT
Executive Director, UNAIDS
DONNA E. SHALALA
Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human
Services
SANDRA THURMAN
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy
"AIDS: A New Priority for International Security"*
PRESIDER: JORDAN KASSALOW

GRO HARLEM BRUNDTLAND
Director-General, World Health Organization

"Why Investing in Global Health is Good Politics"*
PRESIDER: J. BRIAN ATWOOD

FRANK LOY
Undersecretary of State for Global Affairs
"Trafficking in Women and Children"
PRESIDER: NANE ANNAN

OLARA A. OTUNNU
Special Representative of the U.N. Secretary-
General for Children and Armed Conflict
Screening of *Children in War*, an HBO documentary
by Alan and Susan Raymond
PRESIDER: RICHARD C. HOLBROOKE

REFLECTIONS ON THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

R. W. APPLE JR.
Chief Correspondent, *New York Times*
STANLEY KARNOW
Journalist; author, *Vietnam: A History*
MORLEY SAFER
Co-editor, *60 Minutes*; author, *Flashbacks:
On Returning to Vietnam*
"Vietnam Reporters"
PRESIDER: FRANCES FITZGERALD

NIALL FERGUSON
Fellow, Jesus College, University of Oxford; author,
The Pity of War
"The First World War and the Twentieth Century"
PRESIDER: PAUL KENNEDY

Presider Jessica T. Mathews, Speaker Bill Joy, Chief Scientist and Corporate Executive Officer, Sun Microsystems, Inc., Speaker Joshua Lederberg, President Emeritus, and Sackler Foundation Scholar, Rockefeller University, and Speaker W. Daniel Hillis, Founder, Applied Minds, at the March 13, 2000, Meeting, "Technology and Madness: Three Time Bombs of the 21st Century."



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Lee Cullum, Theodore C. Sorensen, and Speaker Bill Richardson, Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy, at the December 10, 1999, Special Meeting, "Department of Energy Briefing."

SCIENCE AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES

GORDON CONWAY

President, Rockefeller Foundation

L. VAL GIDDINGS

Vice President for Food and Agriculture,
Biotechnology Industry Organization

MARGARET MELLON

Agriculture and Biotechnology Program Director,
Union of Concerned Scientists

"Is There a Future for Genetically Engineered Food?"

PRESIDER: CHARLIE ROSE

BILL JOY

Chief Scientist and Corporate Executive Officer,
Sun Microsystems, Inc.

JOSHUA LEDERBERG

President Emeritus, and Sackler Foundation
Scholar, Rockefeller University

W. DANIEL HILLIS

Founder, Applied Minds

"Technology and Madness: Three Time Bombs
of the 21st Century"

PRESIDER: JESSICA T. MATHEWS

THE WORLD ECONOMY

CHARLENE BARSHEFSKY

U.S. Trade Representative

"Seattle and Beyond: The Future of the Global
Trading System"*

PRESIDER: ROGER M. KUBARYCH

MICHEL CAMDESSUS

Managing Director, International Monetary
Fund

"An Agenda for the IMF at the Start of the 21st
Century"*

PRESIDER: JOAN E. SPERO

GAIL D. FOSLER

Senior Vice President and Chief Economist,
The Conference Board



Speaker John P. Lipsky, Chief Economist and Managing Director, Chase Manhattan Corporation, Speaker Gail D. Fosler, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist, The Conference Board, Presider Daniel K. Tarullo, and Speaker Bruce Steinberg, Chief Economist, Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., at the October 19, 1999, Meeting, "World Economic Update."

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JOHN P. LIPSKY

Chief Economist and Managing Director, Chase Manhattan Corporation

DAVID R. MALPASS

Chief International Economist, Bear Stearns & Co., Inc.

BRUCE STEINBERG

Chief Economist, Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.
“World Economic Update”

PRESIDER: DANIEL K. TARULLO

JOSEPH E. STIGLITZ

Economic Adviser, World Bank; Professor of Economics, Stanford University; former Senior Vice President and Chief Economist, World Bank
“Can the Washington Consensus Ensure a Fairer Marketplace?”

PRESIDER: JEFFREY E. GARTEN

LAWRENCE H. SUMMERS

Secretary, U.S. Department of the Treasury
“The Right Priorities for International Development”*

PRESIDER: PETER G. PETERSON

JEAN-CLAUDE TRICHET

Governor, Banque de France; member, Governing Council, European Central Bank
“The Euro after 15 Months”*

PRESIDER: ALAN S. BLINDER

LECTURESHIPS

The Jacob K. Javits Memorial Lecture Series

The Jacob K. Javits Memorial Lecture Series was inaugurated in 1999 in honor of Senator Javits, who served as New York’s senator from 1957 to 1981 and was a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. The series is supported by a gift from the Jacob K. Javits Foundation.

This lecture invites leading congressional thinkers on U.S. foreign policy to the Council. The 1999–2000 Javits lecturers were Senator Joseph R. Biden Jr. on

U.S. strategic doctrine; Senator Thad Cochran and Senator Carl M. Levin on national missile defense; and Senator John F. Kerry on U.S.-China relations.

The Russell C. Leffingwell Lecture

The Russell C. Leffingwell Lecture, inaugurated in 1969, was named for a charter member of the Council on Foreign Relations who served as its president from 1944 to 1946 and as its chairman from 1946 to 1953.

This lecture invites a distinguished foreign official to address Council members on a topic of major international significance. This year the Leffingwell lecturer was Lord George Robertson, secretary-general of NATO.

The David A. Morse Lecture

The David A. Morse Lecture was inaugurated in 1994 and supports an annual meeting and dinner with a distinguished speaker. It honors the memory of David A. Morse, an active Council member for nearly thirty years, a lawyer, a public servant, and an internationalist.

This lecture invites speakers to focus on one of David Morse’s many concerns, which included North-South relations, human rights, international organizations and labor, conflict resolution, and U.S. relations with Asia. Bernard Kouchner, special representative of the secretary-general for the U.N. Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo and founder of Médecins sans Frontières, delivered the Morse Lecture this year.

The David Rockefeller Lecture

The David Rockefeller Lecture was endowed by the Rockefeller Foundation in 1985 for an annual African lecturer from either the governmental or nongovernmental sector. No David Rockefeller Lecture was delivered in 1999–2000.

The Elihu Root Lecture

The Elihu Root Lecture was inaugurated in 1958 to honor Elihu Root, a founder of the Council on Foreign Relations who served as its honorary president from 1921 to 1937.

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Anne R. Luzzatto, Nancy Bodurtha, Stacey Malacos, and Speaker Kofi A. Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, at the December 20, 1999, Annual Daughters and Sons Event, "A Conversation with Kofi Annan."

This lecture invites a distinguished American to reflect on his or her professional experience and how it applies to contemporary American foreign policymaking. Samuel R. Berger, U.S. national security adviser, delivered the Elihu Root Lecture this year.

The Sorensen Distinguished Lecture on the United Nations

The Sorensen Distinguished Lecture on the United Nations was established in 1996 by Theodore C. Sorensen to honor his wife, Gillian Martin Sorensen, and to commemorate her years of service to the United Nations.

This lecture invites speakers intimately involved with the workings and issues of the United Nations to address Council members. No Sorensen Distinguished Lecture on the United Nations was delivered in 1999–2000.

The Spielvogel/Diamonstein Lecture

The Spielvogel/Diamonstein Lecture was inaugurated in 1999. Supported by a gift from Carl Spielvogel

and Barbaralee Diamonstein-Spielvogel, this annual meeting focuses on culture and foreign policy. The series is dedicated to expanding the understanding of culture in society's political conduct and the impact of currents in religion, civil society, the arts, and the mass media on foreign policy. This year's lecture included speakers Fouad Ajami, M. Khadduri professor of Middle Eastern studies, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies; Enrique Krauze, editor in chief, *Letras Libres*; Denis Lacorne, director of research, Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Internationales, and professor, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris; and Nicholas Platt, president, Asia Society, who all addressed the question "America: Cultural Empire or Cultural Wasteland? Does It Matter?"

The John Train Lecture

The John Train Lecture and dinner was established in 1997. Funded by Council member John Train, the series focuses on new issues in military affairs and the future of the U.S. military. This year's John Train Lecture featured the joint chiefs of staff, who discussed defense policy for the 21st century.



Speaker Colin L. Powell, Chairman, America's Promise, Bette Bao Lord, and Winston Lord at the March 9, 2000, Meeting, "National Defense Priorities for the Next Administration."