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## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The International Affairs Fellowship Program is designed to advance the professional development of outstanding Americans between the ages of 27 and 35. The fellowships seek to bridge the gap between thought and action in foreign policy by supporting both a variety of policy studies and active exposure to policymaking. The distinctive character of the program lies in the contrasting experiences it provides at the juncture of policy research and policy formulation. Thus, it encourages academics and others from the private sector to serve in a policy-oriented environment through operational experience in public service. Conversely, it permits government officials on leave to study important issues in a scholarly atmosphere free from operational pressure.

The International Affairs Fellowship in Japan, sponsored by Hitachi, Ltd., enables participants to expand their intellectual and professional horizons by working and living in Japan. Fellowships are intended for American citizens between the ages of 27 and 45. The program seeks to cultivate American understanding of Japan and to strengthen communication between emerging leaders of the two nations.

The Council organizes an annual conference in New York featuring the current fellows.

### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FELLOWS 2006–2007

**Alyssa C. Ayres**, University of Pennsylvania, “In Other Words: The Challenge of Public Diplomacy in a Changing World”

**Jarrett N. Blanc**, International Foundation for Election Systems, “Elections During Conflict”

**Reuben E. Brigety II**, George Mason University, “Deriving Strategic Influence from Humanitarian and Developmental Assistance”

**Michelle D. Gavin**, Office of Senator Ken Salazar, “The Implications of Youth Bulge for U.S. Foreign Policy”

**Vanessa W. Golding**, U.S. Department of State, “Redefining U.S. Democracy and Human Rights Policy: Enabling a Pro-Active Approach to Accountability and Transitional Justice”

**Stephanie S. Holden**, Al-Arabiya, “Engaging Arab Media to Pursue Conflict Resolution and Public Diplomacy”

**Mala N. Htun**,\* New School for Social Research, “Gender Equality and the State in Japan”

**Frank Jannuzi**,\* Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, “Honor, Fear, and Interest: Avoiding a Zero-Sum Game in Sino-Japanese Relations”

**Prem G. Kumar**, U.S. Department of State, “Could Turkey Accept an Independent Iraqi Kurdistan?”

**Kara C. McDonald**, U.S. Department of State, “Interagency and Multilateral Planning for Stabilization, Reconstruction, and Complex Contingencies”

**Evan Sabino Medeiros**, RAND Corporation, “Hedging Against the Rise of China”

**Carl F. Minzner**, Congressional-Executive Commission on China, “A Common Interest: Social Stability in the Sino-U.S. Human Rights and Rule of Law Discourse”

**Jonathan S. Spaner**, U.S. Coast Guard, “The Framework for a Trade and Security Initiative between the European Union and the United States”

**Asako Maria Toyoda**,\* Villanova University, “Are Development Banks Still Relevant in an Era of Global Capital? Lessons from Japan”

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