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Religion and Foreign Policy Initiative

The CFR Religion and Foreign Policy Initiative connects religious and congregational leaders, scholars, and thinkers with CFR's resources on U.S. foreign policy and provides a forum for this community to discuss a broad range of pressing international issues.

Resources

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CFR's award-winning website, CFR.org, features daily analysis of current events by CFR fellows and a news editorial team. Content includes interviews with experts, in-depth Backgrounders, and Emmy Award-winning interactive Crisis Guides, as well as downloadable video, audio, and transcripts of CFR meetings and podcasts on timely global topics.

CFR's Religion and Foreign Policy portal, www.cfr.org/religion, serves as a gateway to CFR's best materials on international issues for religious leaders. Designed with this community in mind, material on the page is timely, relevant, and easy to browse by topic and region. Viewers can also send and share content, as well as sign up to receive alerts through RSS feeds and newsletters.

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The screenshot shows the Religion Initiative Home page on the Council on Foreign Relations website. The page features a dark header with the CFR logo and navigation links. The main content area is titled "Religion and Foreign Policy" and includes a featured article on Pope Benedict XVI in the Mideast, a Crisis Guide on the Middle East, and various commentary and resources. The page is well-organized with clear sections and a professional layout.

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Pope Benedict in the Mideast
Pope Benedict XVI is on a self-described pilgrimage of peace. This Backgrounder traces the history of Vatican-Israel relations and changes since the last papal visit to the Holy Lands in 2000.

Crisis Guide: Middle East
An in-depth, multimedia look at the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and its geopolitical repercussions, the negotiation process.

Commentary and Resources on Religion and Foreign Policy

CONFERENCE CALL AUDIO

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Listen to Edward Alden, CFR's Bernard L. Schwartz senior fellow, and Richard D. Lard, president of the Ethics and Religious Liberty...

Economic and Political Development in the Middle East: Managing Change, Building a New Kind of Partnership (Audio)
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The Future of Foreign Assistance Amid Global Economic and Financial Crisis (Audio)
March 5, 2009
Listen to Laurie A. Garrett, CFR senior fellow for global health, discuss her recent report, "The Future of Foreign Assistance Amid Global..."

BACKGROUNDERS

Islam: Governing Under Sharia
Sharia, or Islamic law, is increasingly in the spotlight as its political and economic role expands in the Muslim world and even in the...

Religion and Politics in Iran
Iran's place in the Iranian political system has long been debated among scholars, but a president who favors the line has returned...

Religion in China
The Chinese government has been growing more tolerant of religious activity, but some groups continue to face persecution in the interior...

U.S.-Vatican Relations
U.S.-Vatican relations remain warm following Joseph Ratzinger's accession as Pope Benedict XVI, particularly as the Chinese administration...

When is War Justifiable?
No decision is more fateful than the decision of a government to employ military force. Except in the most clear-cut cases, such decisions are also difficult. As a result, just war theory has for centuries provided useful guidance to policymakers, clergy, citizens, and soldiers alike. But, says CFR President Richard A. Ross, just war theory is too subjective and confusing for today's real-world threats.

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God Gave us Minds to Use to Engage Life
March 14, 2009

GOD IS PRESENT!
March 11, 2009

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Publications

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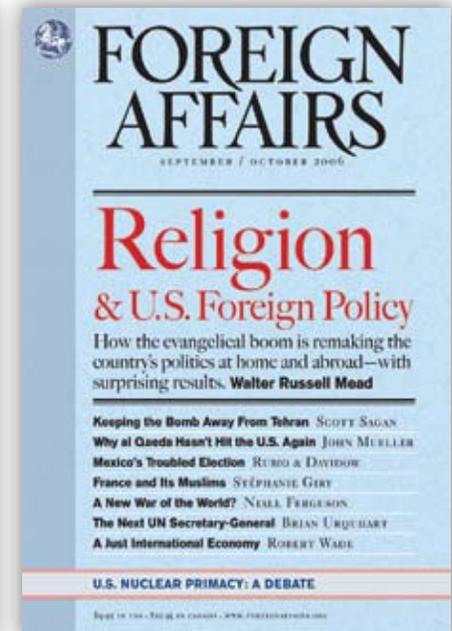
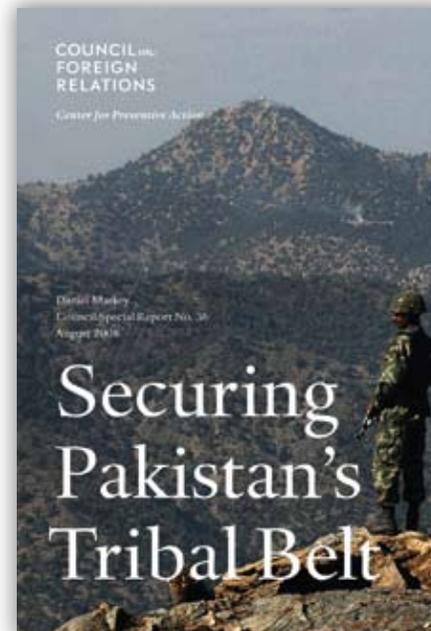
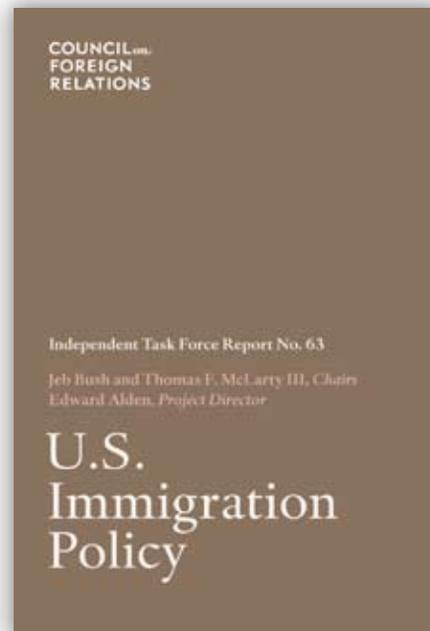
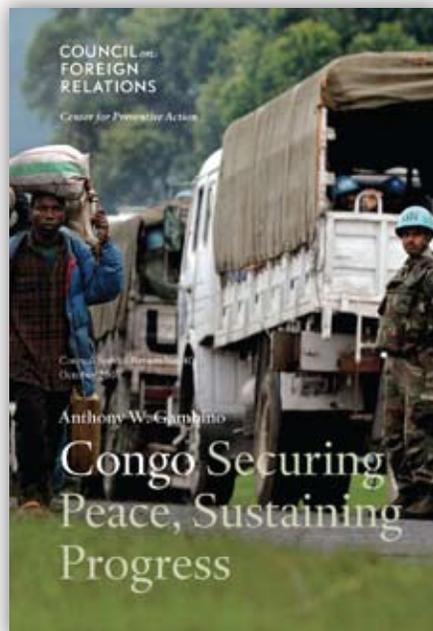
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CFR Senior Fellow Isobel Coleman at the 2007 American Academy of Religion Annual Convention in San Diego.

Expertise

Scholars

CFR is home to more than fifty scholars. Taken together, their expertise covers a wide range of international issues.

Briefings

CFR can arrange for a fellow to brief an individual or group of religious leaders—in person or via teleconference—prior to delegations, mission trips abroad, or other events.

Conference Appearances

CFR fellows or senior staff members are available to speak at major religious conferences. CFR experts have participated in events for organizations such as the American Academy of Religion, the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, and the Muslim Public Affairs Council.

For more information on expert briefings or inviting a CFR scholar to address your organization, email outreach@cfr.org.

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“CFR’s Religion and Foreign Policy Initiative makes an extraordinary contribution to the national conversation on the role of religion in today’s world. The conference call series and meetings provide a unique non-partisan forum for leaders in the religious community to discuss the full range of international issues at the top of the agenda in a cross-denominational environment, and the website offers a wealth of timely resources that are “must-reads” for anyone who wants to keep abreast of global developments.”

—J. Bryan Hehir, Montgomery Professor of the Practice in Religion and Public Life, Harvard Kennedy School

Convening Power

Conference Call Series

Led by a CFR scholar and/or religious community leader, the monthly CFR Religion and Foreign Policy Conference Call series gives religious and congregational leaders and scholars the opportunity to participate in nonpartisan, cross-denominational conversations on global issues.

Recent speakers and topics include

- CFR President Richard N. Haass on the just and unjust war debate
- Michael Cromartie, vice president, Ethics and Public Policy Center, and Felice D. Gaer, director, Blaustein Institute for Human Rights, American Jewish Committee, on the International Religious Freedom Act
- CFR Senior Fellows Daniel Markey and Timothy Samuel Shah on the interplay of politics and religion in India and Pakistan
- CFR Senior Fellow Edward Alden and Richard D. Land, president, Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, on U.S. immigration policy.

Audio recordings of calls are posted afterward at www.cfr.org/religion.

Summer Workshop

The annual CFR Religion and Foreign Policy Summer Workshop brings religious leaders from across the country to CFR headquarters in New York to discuss pressing international issues. Past workshops have examined topics such as Darfur, conflict in the Middle East, democracy and the promotion of religious freedom, and the global financial crisis and its implications for development.



Opposite top: Islamic Educational Center of Orange County founder Sayed Moustafa al-Qazwini with CFR President Richard N. Haass during the 2008 CFR Religion and Foreign Policy Summer Workshop.

Opposite bottom: *Washington Post* columnist E. J. Dionne with Interfaith Youth Core founder Eboo Patel, American Jewish World Service president Ruth W. Messinger, and National Council of Churches general secretary Robert Edgar at the 2007 CFR Religion and Foreign Policy Summer Workshop.





Access to Premier Meetings and Events

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- Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on diplomacy in the Western hemisphere
- Middle East Quartet Representative and former prime minister of the United Kingdom Tony Blair on the Israeli-Palestinian peace process

- President of Afghanistan Hamid Karzai on the challenges facing his country
- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon on the future of the United Nations
- former secretary of state Madeleine K. Albright on her book, *The Mighty and the Almighty: Reflections on America, God, and World Affairs*
- Prime Minister of Zimbabwe Morgan Tsvangirai on political and economic development in Zimbabwe

Top from left, speaking at CFR: Condoleezza Rice, Tony Blair, Hamid Karzai, Ban Ki-Moon, Madeleine K. Albright, and Morgan Tsvangirai.

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