

CNP UPDATE: FALL 2008

Coming in December from CNP: Defense Report - *A Future Force Blueprint*

Early in 2008, CNP announced the launch of a new study series on defense reform initiatives that the next administration must undertake in order to win current wars, support the troops and expand the forces, prevent future conflicts, win future wars and cut costs. After months of research and study, interviews with 50 leading defense experts, numerous meetings of CNP's defense advisory group, consultations with Hill staff and committees, and public events with speakers such as **Secretary of the Army Pete Geren, General Barry McCaffrey, General Brent Scowcroft** and **Thomasingar, CNP** will proudly launch its final report, *A Future Force Blueprint*, in early December. The Center is looking forward to the opportunity to share its findings and recommendations with Members of Congress and staff on Capitol Hill, the media, executive branch officials and the public. **Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher (D-CA)**, Chairman of the Strategic Forces Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee, will be speaking at CNP on December 9th; former National Security Council Advisors **Brent Scowcroft** and **Zbigniew Brezinski** will be speaking on December 17th.



CNP Speaker Series: Timely Topics, Renowned Experts

CNP held several important events this fall under the auspices of its Nuclear Security Studies Group and its Asia Security Program, two of the major national security topics facing the United States.



Stephen Rademaker, CNP Vice President Scott Bates, Gregory Aftandilian

Nuclear Security Studies Group. CNP's fall programming hit on a wide range of issues related to weapons of mass destruction and national security. **Margaret Hamburg** of the Nuclear Threat Initiative and **Brian Finlay** of the Stimson Center gave a presentation on the threat of biological terrorism.

Laura Holgate, also from the Nuclear Threat Initiative, and **Matt Bunn** from Harvard's Kennedy School spoke about the challenges and importance of securing loose nuclear materials. In addition, former Assistant Secretary of State **Stephen Rademaker** and former State Department Middle East analyst **Gregory Aftandilian** discussed the prospects of a nuclear Middle East.

Asia Security Program. CNP hosted a major event with China's Ambassador to the United States, **Zhou Wenzhong**, to discuss China-U.S. economic relations, an issue of significant importance given the current state of the world economy. Also, **Kwei-Bo Huang** from National Chengchi University, **Scott Kastner** from the University of Maryland and **Wei Zongyou** from Shanghai International Studies University held a forum at CNP on avenues to a stable and prosperous relationship between Beijing and Taipei. CNP had also hosted **Harry Wu** from the China Information Center to talk about the politics surrounding the Beijing Olympics.

Additionally, **Sarah Mendelson** and **Stephen Flanagan** from the Center for Strategic and International Studies came to CNP to discuss Russia's resurgence and what that means for its relationship with the United States. As part of its ongoing Presidential Series, CNP followed up the historic November 4th elections with a conversation on voting issues featuring **Conny McCormack**, former Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, and **John Fortier** from the AIE-Brookings Election Reform Project.



Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong and CNP Executive Director Jennifer Collins Foley

CNP in the News: A Respected Voice on Important National Issues



CNP President Tim Roemer appearing on Bloomberg's "On the Economy"

With important news related to America's national security issues consuming the front pages of America's newspapers, CNP continues to provide an important, informed and respected voice on policy matters. **CNP President Tim Roemer** appeared on several national news broadcasts this Fall to talk about terrorism and Al Qaeda, including *NBC Nightly News* and Bloomberg's *On the Economy*, as well as radio programs such as *The Bill Press Show* and on *Air America*.

President Roemer's op-ed on a regional strategy for U.S. engagement in Pakistan and Afghanistan was published in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, and he was quoted by several other print publications including MSNBC.com and the *Chicago Tribune*. **CNP Vice President Scott Bates** was also interviewed by a number of international news outlets to discuss foreign policy matters, including outlets from Egypt and Germany. CNP events were covered and quoted by a number of major news outlets and wire services including the *New York Times*, *Aviation Week*, and Reuters.

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