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Women's Foreign Policy Group is an educational non-profit membership organization that promotes global engagement and leadership, visibility, and participation of women in international affairs. The organization also promotes the next generation of leaders through mentoring.

US officials who have addressed the WFPG include:

- Condoleezza Rice, as Secretary of State
- Madeleine Albright, as Secretary of State
- Janet Napolitano, as Secretary of Homeland Security
- Hillary Rodham Clinton, as Senator (D-NY)
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- Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), as House Minority Leader
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- Lael Brainard, Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs
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- Anne Richard, Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migration
- Tara Sonenshine, as Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs

Foreign officials who have addressed the WFPG include:

- Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of Liberia
- Vaira Vike-Freiberga, as President of Latvia
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- Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir, as Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iceland
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- François Delattre, Ambassador of France to the US
- Eduardo Medina Mora, Ambassador of Mexico to the US
- Ashok Kumar Mirpuri, Ambassador of Singapore to the US

UN officials who have addressed the WFPG include:

- Asha-Rose Migiro, as Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Helen Clark, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Michelle Bachelet, as Executive Director of UN Women
- Josette Sheeran, as Executive Director of the UN World Food Programme
- Sir John Holmes, as Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator
- Radhika Coomaraswamy, as Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict

Authors, journalists, and academics who have addressed the WFPG include:

- Jill Abramson, Executive Editor of *The New York Times*
- Karen DeYoung, Senior National Security Correspondent and Associate Editor of *The Washington Post*
- Elisabeth Bumiller, *New York Times* Deputy Washington Bureau Chief
- Andrea Mitchell, NBC News Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent
- Robin Wright, former *Washington Post* correspondent and author of *Dreams and Shadows: The Future of the Middle East*
- David Sanger, *New York Times* National Security Correspondent
- Anne-Marie Slaughter, Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Princeton University
- Congresswoman Jane Harman, Director, President and CEO, The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars



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News Coverage of Foreign Affairs and National Security

Jill Abramson, New York Times Executive Editor

March 28, 2013—*New York Times* Executive Editor Jill Abramson joined *New York Times* Deputy Washington Bureau Chief Elisabeth Bumiller for a conversation on News Coverage of Foreign Affairs and National Security. Abramson emphasized the importance of international news coverage to *The Times*, noting that the paper had not made any cuts to its foreign bureaus or correspondents despite financial pressures. She also addressed the difficulty of balancing coverage of conflict zones with the safety of her journalists. Other topics covered included lessons learned from the paper's coverage in the lead up to the Iraq War and the impact of hacking of *The Times* on reporting in China.

Abramson discussed the company's recent decision to rename *The International Herald Tribune* and introduce *The International New York Times* to bolster the paper's international presence. *The Times* currently has 17 international bureaus and utilizes local freelance journalists—known as stringers—in dozens of countries to ensure detailed accuracy for every story. When asked where she would like to open more bureaus, Abramson responded that the greatest need is in Latin America, where *The Times* currently has just one bureau, in Mexico City, as well as correspondents based in Venezuela, Brazil and Argentina. She would also like to have an increased presence in Africa, where the paper has only three full-time bureaus.

Abramson underlined that the budget cuts and the economic recession had not impacted *The New*

York Times' foreign coverage and that the paper is hiring, not shedding staff. *The Times'* revenue from subscriptions (both print and online) currently exceeds their advertising revenue, which she says shows that "print is far from dead."

The most difficult part of her job, Abramson said, is balancing the imperative for news coverage with the safety of her journalists. She has to weigh the risks with the rewards of getting first-hand coverage in conflict zones. On a personal note, she shared the stories of some of the recent kidnappings and deaths of *Times* journalists, including her friend, Dan Pearl. In addition to *Times* reporters, Abramson recognized the huge risks taken by stringers and foreign national freelancers, without whom, she said, *The Times* would be unable to function.



Board Chair Maxine Isaacs, Jill Abramson, Patricia Ellis and Ann McLaughlin Korologos

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Mentoring the Next Generation of Leaders

DC & NY Mentoring Fairs

Each February, Women's Foreign Policy Group holds its annual Mentoring Fairs at George Washington University and at New York University. This year's fairs gave over 350 students an opportunity to speak with accomplished professionals in fields such as the Foreign Service, United Nations, international law and security, think tanks, international development, human rights, and public affairs and communications. Thank you to all our members and friends who volunteered to mentor and shared their experiences!

Each December, WFPG also partners with GW, NYU, and UPenn for a NGO, Non-Profit and Government Career Forum to give students a chance to learn more about job and internship opportunities. Last year, Deborah McCarthy, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs, opened the program with remarks on careers in the Foreign Service. McCarthy was then joined by WFPG Board member Dawn Calabia, Paolo Galli of UNDP, and Andrea Koppel of Mercy Corps, for discussion on "Careers in International Affairs: Pathways and Opportunities", which was moderated by WFPG President Patricia Ellis. Each panelist gave an overview of their back-grounds, as well as how their fields have changed, opportunities today, and the importance of work-life balance. The program also includes an expo with exhibitors from NGOs and the government.

WFPG also recently launched a international career lecture series at NYU with Patricia Nicholas, a project manager in Carnegie Corporation's International Program, and Nancy Walker, founding director and senior fellow at Ankara University Center for African Studies.

"I found the mentoring fair to be extremely helpful because the mentors provided advice that I would not have thought of on my own or received through generic conversations about my interest."

- Kameelah Dixon, New York University

"I was able to meet professionals that directly match my interests in international law and the UN. I have been able to connect with them after the fair and hope to keep in touch with them in the future!"

- Yekaterina Reyzis, The George Washington University

It was unbelievably inspiring, informative and exciting to talk to each and every mentor. In fact, at the fair, I was reminded of my passion in life; to have an international career through which I can have an impact on the world.

- Asli Sevinc, Oberlin College

