Friday, May 9, 2008

9:00 - 9:15 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

9:15 - 10:30 a.m. India: A Democratic Success Story

Ambassador Dennis Kux, former U.S. Ambassador to the Ivory Coast and retired State Department South Asia specialist, is a Senior Policy Scholar, Asia Program, at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. His experience is with Pakistan, India, Afghanistan, Turkey, and other countries. He has written numerous books and articles concerning the Asian subcontinent, including "The United States and Pakistan, 1947-2000, Disenchanted Allies," and "India at Sixty: A Positive Balance Sheet," published in December 2007 by the Foreign Policy Association.

10:45 a.m. – noon. Pakistan's February 18 Elections – Consequences and Perspectives

Frederic Grare is currently Visiting Scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He holds a PhD in International Relations from the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, and a superior degree in political science from the Paris Institute of Political Studies. He worked as Counselor for Cooperation and Culture at the Embassy of France, Islamabad, and as Director of the Centre de Sciences Humaines, New Delhi. He has written extensively concerning foreign policy issues in Pakistan, India, and the Asian Triangle.

1:30 – 2:45 p.m. Racing to the Bottom? Free Trade and Environmental Governance

Aseem Prakash is Professor of Political Science at the University of Washington, Seattle. He holds a PhD from the Department of Political Science and the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University. From 1997 to 2002, he served as Assistant Professor of Strategic Management and Public Policy at The George Washington University. He worked as a manager in marketing for Procter and Gamble, India. He has written extensively on global governance, non-governmental institutions, corporate social responsibility, and environmental policy.

3:00 - 4:15 p.m. Panel Discussion: South Asia and the World Economy

Saturday, May 10, 2008

9:00 - 9:15 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

9:15 - 10:30 a.m.: Sri Lanka: the Isle of Serendipity Meets the Challenge of Terrorism

Ambassador Bernard Goonetilleke has been Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the United States since April 2005. He joined the Sri Lanka Foreign Service in March 1970, and held several positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ending as Director General (Multilateral) in 2000. He served from 1992 to 1997 as Sri Lanka's Permanent Representative to the United Nations and from 2000 to 2003 as Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, Mongolia, and Korea. Ambassador Goonetilleke has written and spoken widely concerning the conflict with the Tamal Tigers independence movement in Sri Lanka.

10:45 a.m. – noon. Panel Discussion: Civil Conflict in South Asia