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THE NEW SCHOOL PUBLIC PROGRAMS: POLITICS & CURRENT AFFAIRS Fall 2009

New York, Sept. 14, 2009—The New School, including Milano The New School for Management and Urban Policy, The New School for Social Research, and the Graduate Program in International Affairs, presents a range of programs addressing topical issues of New York City, national and international affairs. Among the highlights is a President's Forum featuring a discussion between New School President Bob Kerrey and former Senator **Tom Daschle** (Sept. 16) on health care reform, global warming and renewable energy policy.

In addition to Senator Daschle, a number of influential policymakers will visit The New School this fall. **Tom Ridge**, former secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, will discuss the creation of the new federal agency and the unique security needs of New York after 9/11 and today (Sept. 24); **Congresswoman Maxine Waters** (D-CA) will join a panel discussion on the sub-prime housing crisis and race (Oct. 5); and former U.S. Senator **Adlai Stevenson III** will present a lecture on ethics and government (Oct. 27).

With a focus on supporting social innovation across disciplines, The New School will announce the kickoff of a campus-wide partnership with Ashoka, a global association of the world's leading entrepreneurs with the panel discussion, "How Everyone Can be a Changemaker" (Sept. 21). The event will feature **Paul Polak** of International Development Enterprises and **Billy Parish** of Energy Action Coalition, among others, to discuss their work on global challenges from poverty to climate change.

The New School will also present two panels addressing current public affairs issues in New York City. The Center for New York City Affairs presents **A New Landscape: Can NYC Keep Affordable Housing in Sight?** (Sept. 16), a panel discussion on the status of the city's affordable housing supply after the economic crisis with **Rafael Cestero**, Commissioner of the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development. **City of Water: The Future of New York City's Waterfront** (Oct. 30) features a lecture by **Carter Craft**, an urban and transportation planner.

The graduate program in International Studies presents two conferences on global issues, including the **Kosovo 10th Anniversary Conference** (Oct. 26) which seeks to apply the lessons learned in Kosovo regarding ethnically-divided societies to today's conflicts around the globe and **Economic Crisis in Latin America** (Nov. 2-3), a conference featuring Latin American politicians and representatives from global organizations.

The New School for Social Research and its economic policy arm, the Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis, will bring in economists to analyze the economic crisis and recovery. **Marc Chandler**, chief foreign exchange strategist at Brown Brothers Harriman, will discuss the future of the U.S. commercial empire (Sept. 22), and **Robert Pollin**, co-director of the Political Economy Research Institute at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, will present his plan to create jobs while building a clean energy economy (Oct. 20).

The New School is a progressive university comprising eight schools bound by a common goal: to prepare and inspire its students to bring positive change to the world. **Milano The New School for Management and Urban Policy** trains leaders for the nonprofit, public, and private sectors with a curriculum that engages its students in local and global issues. **The New School for Social Research** fosters the highest standards of scholarly inquiry through graduate programs in anthropology, economics, historical studies, philosophy, political science, psychology, and sociology. The **Graduate Program in International Affairs** offers a critical, interdisciplinary approach to international questions for students with both academic and professional aspirations.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS IS BELOW. All public programs are subject to change.

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A New Landscape: Can NYC Keep Affordable Housing in Sight?

Wednesday, September 16, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Theresa Lang Community and Student Center, Arnhold Hall, 55 West 13th Street, 2nd floor

Admission is free, reservations required at 212.229.5418 or centernyc@newschool.edu.

In New York City, home foreclosures are common, market-rate condominium sales have stalled, owners of over-leveraged developments are defaulting, and unemployment is rising. This panel, hosted by the Center for New York City Affairs, explores the impact of the economic crisis on the city's housing by considering questions like the following: How are neighborhoods faring in the recession? Can Mayor Bloomberg's market-driven affordability incentives continue to work? Are there sufficient government resources to take advantage of declining real estate costs and other opportunities? What's working and what's next?

Speakers include **Rafael Cestero**, Commissioner, NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development; **Gary Hattem**, Managing Director, Community Development Finance Group, Deutsche Bank Americas Foundation; **Ron Moelis**, CEO, L+M Development Partners; and **Ismene Speliotis**, Executive Director, ACORN Housing Corporation. Moderated by **Manny Fernandez**, reporter for *The New York Times*.

President's Forum: An Evening with Senator Tom Daschle

Wednesday, September 16, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Tishman Auditorium, Alvin Johnson/J. M. Kaplan Hall, 66 West 12th Street

The event is sold out. Press please contact Bridget Fisher, 212. 229.5667 x 3094 or fisherb@newschool.edu.

New School President **Bob Kerrey** engages in an informal discussion with Tom Daschle, former U.S. senator and congressman, leading health-care reform advocate, and public policy expert. With more than 25 years of service in the House of Representatives and the Senate and ten years as Senate Democratic leader, **Tom Daschle** has played an instrumental role in the development of U.S. legislative and regulatory policy. Daschle is currently a special policy advisor with the law firm of Alston & Bird LLP.

Social Entrepreneurship: How Everyone Can be a Changemaker

September 21, 2009 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Theresa Lang Community and Student Center, Arnhold Hall, 55 West 13th Street, 2nd floor

Admission is free, but RSVP is required by going to <http://www.rsvpmenow.com/?id=20441>

Bruce Nussbaum, faculty member at Parsons the New School for Design and *BusinessWeek* editor, will moderate a discussion with leading social entrepreneurs tackling diverse global challenges from poverty to climate change. Featured speakers include **Paul Polak**, founder of International Development Enterprises and D-Rev: Design for the other 90%; and **Billy Parish**, founder of Energy Action Coalition; as well as other extraordinary social entrepreneurs.

The New School is launching a new partnership with Ashoka, a global association of the world's leading social entrepreneurs. The Ashoka Changemaker Campus Initiative is a unique partnership opportunity between Ashoka and a group of universities across the United States that aspires to improve teaching, research, and engagement opportunities in social entrepreneurship - both on campus and in local and global communities.

Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis Presents a Lecture by Marc Chandler

Tuesday, September 22, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

6 East 16th Street, Room 910, 9th Floor

Admission is free, seating is first-come first-served.

The New School's Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis (SCEPA) presents a lecture by **Marc Chandler**, the chief foreign exchange strategist at Brown Brothers Harriman. Chandler's lecture, titled, "The Future of the U.S. Commercial Empire," is based on his book *Making Sense of the Dollar* (Bloomberg Press, August 2009).

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Chandler has been working at economic consulting firms and global investment banks and covering the global capital markets for nearly 20 years. Before his employment at Brown Brothers Harriman, he served as the chief currency strategist for HSBC Bank USA. He is a prolific writer and appears regularly on CNBC and is a guest writer for the Financial Times. He is also an associate professor at New York University's School of Continuing and Professional Studies.

**Securing New York and the Nation: The Creation of the Department of Homeland Security
September 24, 2009 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

Theresa Lang Community and Student Center, Arnhold Hall, 55 West 13th Street, 2nd floor

Admission is free, RSVP at <http://www.rsvpmenow.com/?id=20422>.

This discussion will feature a keynote by **Tom Ridge**, former Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and will be followed by a conversation with **Bob Kerrey**, president of The New School and member of the 9/11 Commission.

Formed in response to the September 11th attacks, the Department of Homeland Security was given the gargantuan task of protecting the entire nation. Tom Ridge, author of [The Test of Our Times: America Under Siege...And How We Can Be Safe Again](#), joins Milano and the Center for New York City Affairs to discuss the creation of the department, its early history and his time as its first secretary. He will speak about the agency's successes and failures and provide recommendations for its future on issues including the federal threat-level alert system, immigration reform and reorganization of DHS along regional lines—all with a particular focus on the unique security needs of New York.

Easy to be Hard: Conservatism and Violence

Tuesday, September 29, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

80 Fifth Avenue, 5th-floor conference room

Admission is free, seating is first-come first-served.

Professor **Corey Robin** of CUNY Graduate Center will speak on his recent research as part of the political theory seminar.

Changing Labor Value

Tuesday, September 29, 6:30 p.m.

Theresa Lang Community and Student Center, Arnhold Hall, 55 West 13th Street, 2nd floor

Admission: \$8; free to all students and New School faculty, staff, and alumni with ID

Contact: Vera List Center at vlc@newschool.edu or (212) 229-2436, or visit www.digitallabor.org

Drawing from critical perspectives on labor, digital technology, and social and political theory, this panel addresses the work done by Internet users and within the “creative industries,” and focuses on the relationship between invisible labor and the production of value.

Panelists include **Andrew Ross**, professor of Social and Cultural Analysis, New York University, and author of the recently published collection of essays, [Nice Work if You Can Get It](#); **Richard Sennett**, professor of Sociology, New York University, and author of [The Craftsman](#); and **Tiziana Terranova**, associate professor of Sociology of Communications, Università di Napoli L'Orientale, and author of [Network Culture: Politics for the Information Age](#). Moderated by **Trebor Scholz**, assistant professor of Culture and Media Studies, Eugene Lang College, and co-editor of [The Art of Free Cooperation](#). An installation of web-based art projects accompanies the presentation.

This event is organized as a prelude to “Digital Labor: The Internet as Playground and Factory,” a conference at The New School, November 12–14, 2009 (www.digitallabor.org). The conference addresses the massive transformations in the economy, labor, and life that are related to digital media and confronts the urgent need to interrogate what constitutes labor and value in the digital economy.

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2009 Levin Lecture: Congresswoman Maxine Waters Joins Panel on Sub-prime Crisis, Race and the Community Reinvestment Act

Monday, October 5, Time to be determined

Admission is free. For more information, contact 212.229.5418 or centernyc@newschool.edu.

As the federal government works to pull out of a recession believed to begin in the mortgage market, leaders and stakeholders will join for a conversation about the subprime crisis, the Community Reinvestment Act and race. Featuring remarks by Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA), a panel discussion with experts will explore the role of consumers and communities in restructuring the financial sector. Panelists include **James Carr**, COO of the National Community Reinvestment Coalition; **Sarah Ludwig**, Executive Director of the Neighborhood Economic Development Agency Project (NEDAP); and **Louis Prezeau**, CEO of City National Bank, among others. The panel will be moderated by Darrick Hamilton, Assistant Professor at Milano The New School for Management and Urban Policy.

The Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis Presents the Robert Heilbroner Memorial Lecture: "The Fragility of the U.S. Economy" by William Lazonick

Monday, October 12, 2009, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Anna-Maria and Stephen Kellen Auditorium, Sheila C. Johnson Design Center, 66 Fifth Avenue

Admission is free. For more information, contact 212-229-5901, x4911.

The 2009 Robert Heilbroner Memorial Lecture titled, "The Fragility of the US Economy," will be presented by **William Lazonick**, Professor in the Department of Regional Economic and Social Development at University of Massachusetts Lowell and Director of the UMass Lowell Center for Industrial Competitiveness. The lecture will focus on the instability of employment and the inequity in the distribution of income created by the financialization of the U.S. corporation. Lazonick's book, [Sustainable Prosperity in the New Economy: Business Organization and High-Tech Employment in the United States](#), was published in August, 2009.

1989-2009: Negotiating Revolution & Furnishing Democracy: Curtain, Wall, Tables, Velvet...

Wednesday, October 14, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Tishman Auditorium, Alvin Johnson/J. M. Kaplan Hall, 66 West 12th Street

Admission is free, seating is first-come first-served.

Twenty years have passed since the fall of communism changed the world's political landscape. The New School's unique legacy made it a natural supporter of the emerging democratic thinking that led to the events of 1989, and it remains engaged with development of democracy in the region. This double legacy is celebrated in an evening symposium that includes **Adam Michnik**, **Ira Katznelson**, **Christopher Hitchens**, and **Elzbieta Matynia**.

The Nation Institute at The New School: A Conversation with Mark Danner

Thursday, October 15, 7:00 p.m.

Tishman Auditorium, Alvin Johnson/J. M. Kaplan Hall, 66 West 12th Street

Admission is free, seating is first-come first-served.

Join award-winning writer **Mark Danner** as he discusses his groundbreaking new book, [Stripping Bare the Body: Politics, Violence, War](#). Drawing on accounts of politics, violence, and war from around the world, Danner's book is a moral history of American power during the last quarter century. Moving from bloody battlegrounds and dark prison cells to air-conditioned offices, the book recounts how the United States passed from the Cold War's violent certainties through the ideological confusions of the post-Cold War world into the ongoing fanatical evangelism of the War on Terror and the Iraq War. The grim and compelling narrative tells the tale of the final years of the American Century and the wreckage it has left in its wake.

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Speculating on Change: Michael A. Cohen

Friday, October 16, 6:30 p.m.

Anna-Maria and Stephen Kellen Auditorium, Sheila C. Johnson Design Center, 66 Fifth Avenue

Admission: \$8; free to all students and New School faculty, staff, and alumni with ID

For more information, contact the Vera List Center at vlc@newschool.edu or (212) 229-2436.

The Vera List Center's inaugural lecture launching its 2009 focus on "notions of change" will be presented by **Michael A. Cohen**, director of the graduate program in International Affairs at The New School and advisor to the dean of the faculty of Architecture, Design, and Urban Planning at the University of Buenos Aires. This year's lecture, titled "Speculating on Change," will discuss projection into the future, prognostication, and risk calculation.

Michael A. Cohen served at the World Bank from 1972 to 1999, where he was responsible for much of the bank's urban policy development and is author of Urban Policy and Economic Development: An Agenda for the 1990s. He is currently completing a study of urban inequality in Buenos Aires.

The New School at 90: What Would Dewey Do?

Monday, October 19, 6:30 p.m.

Wollman Hall, Eugene Lang Building, 65 West 11th Street, 5th floor (enter at 66 West 12th Street)

Admission is free, seating is first-come first-served.

The New School hosts **Peter M. Rutkoff**, professor of American studies at Kenyon College, as he delivers a lecture commemorating the university's 90th anniversary. Professor Rutkoff co-authored New School: A History of The New School for Social Research, a groundbreaking study of the university and the only publication to deal in depth with its history.

In light of current debates on the challenges posed by urban schooling, pedagogy, and philosophy, Rutkoff reexamines the influence of The New School in progressive education. He asks whether John Dewey's teachings are still a suitable guide to progressive education 150 years after his birth and discusses school and university alliances and the continuing importance of experiential pedagogy.

Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis Workshop: Robert Pollin

Tuesday, October 20, 2000; 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

6 East 16th Street, 9th Floor, Room 910

Admission is free. Contact 212-229-5901 x4911, for more information.

Robert Pollin will present a lecture titled "A Unified Program for Job Creation and a Clean Energy Economy." Pollin is a professor of economics and a founding co-director of the Political Economy Research Institute (PERI) at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. His research centers on macroeconomics, conditions for low-wage workers in the United States and around the globe, analysis of financial markets, and the economics of clean energy in the United States.

Whither Capitalism?

Tuesday, October 20, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

80 Fifth Avenue, 5th-floor conference room

Admission is free, seating is first-come first-served.

Gopal Balakrishnan, professor at University of California, Santa Cruz, will share his recent research as part of the political theory seminar.

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Nonfiction Forum: Sam Tanenhaus

Tuesday, October 20, 6:30 p.m.

Alvin Johnson/J. M. Kaplan Hall, 66 West 12th Street, room 510

Admission: \$5; free to all students and New School faculty, staff, and alumni with ID

Sam Tanenhaus will discuss his new book, *The Death of Conservatism*. Tanenhaus argues that today's decadent "movement conservatism," is a defunct ideology that is "profoundly and defiantly unconservative—in its arguments and ideas, its tactics and strategies, above all in its vision." Since 2004, Tanenhaus has been the senior editor of the *New York Times Book Review*. The discussion will be moderated by Bruce Handy, a deputy editor at *Vanity Fair*.

Kosovo 10th Anniversary Conference

Monday, October 26, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Theresa Lang Community and Student Center, Arnhold Hall, 55 West 13th Street, 2nd floor

Admission is free. For more information, please email gpievents@newschool.edu.

The graduate program in International Affairs presents a conference on the tenth anniversary of the Kosovo war to discuss the use of force for the purpose of human protection, the challenges of state-building in ethnically divided societies, and the right of self-determination. Panelists to be announced.

2009 Paul Douglas Lecture: The Honorable Adlai Stevenson III

Tuesday, October 27; 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Wollman Hall, Eugene Lang Building, 65 West 11th Street, 5th floor

Admission is free. RSVP at 212-229-5562 X3568 or specialevents@newschool.edu.

The 2009 Paul H. Douglas Lecture on Ethics and Government features a presentation by the **Honorable Adlai Stevenson III**, former U.S. Senator and twice Governor of Illinois candidate. In the Senate, Stevenson served as the first Chairman of the Senate Ethics Committee, introduced legislation to establish the Department of Energy, fuel efficiency standards, emergency natural gas pricing and projects for development of alternative energy sources, and introduced the first in-depth Congressional study of terrorism. Retiring from the Senate in 1981, he now serves as Chairman of SC&M Investment Management Company, as well as the founder and a Director of Hua Mei Capital Company, the first Sino US financial intermediary.

Fridays@One: City of Water - The Future of New York's Waterfront

Friday, October 30, 1:00 p.m.

Anna-Maria and Stephen Kellen Auditorium, Sheila C. Johnson Design Center, 66 Fifth Avenue

Admission is free. RSVP at 212.229.5682 or email irp@newschool.edu.

Carter Craft, an urban and transportation planner and expert on the New York City waterfront, lectures and presents his latest documentary, *City of Water*. New York City's harbor, shores, and waterways are integral to the region's economy and quality of life. *City of Water* presents the perspectives of public officials, environmentalists, academics, community activists, recreational boaters, and everyday New Yorkers who aspire to create a diverse and vibrant waterfront.

The Economic Crisis in Latin America

Monday, November 2 and Tuesday, November 3, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Theresa Lang Community and Student Center, Arnhold Hall, 55 West 13th Street, 2nd floor

Admission is free. For more information, email gpievents@newschool.edu.

The graduate program in International Affairs and the Observatory on Latin America (OLA) join with the United Nations Development Program to present a two-day conference discussing the state of Latin America affairs and the financial crisis. Prominent politicians and representatives from global organizations will speak about the effects and propose solutions for future resolution. Participants to be announced.

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Jewish Cultural Pluralism

Monday, November 9, 6:30 p.m.

Theresa Lang Community and Student Center, Arnhold Hall, 55 West 13th Street, 2nd floor

Admission is free. RSVP at publicprograms@newschool.edu.

This panel marks the launch of The New School's Jewish Cultural Studies program by reflecting on the stakes involved in maintaining autonomous cultural traditions within political states and the ways in which Jewish thinkers have contemplated coexistence. **Michael Walzer, Yirmiyahu Yovel**, and other speakers discuss cultural pluralism in the divergent contexts of contemporary Israel, Enlightenment Europe, and the early-20th-century United States. The panel includes a discussion moderated by **Oz Frankel** and a question and answer session with the audience.

Arendtian Reflections on Reconciliation

Tuesday, November 10, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

80 Fifth Avenue, 5th-floor conference room

Admission is free, seating is first-come first-served.

Jennifer Culbert, professor at Johns Hopkins University, will speak about her current research.

Center for Communication at The New School: Can the War on Terror be Won?

Thursday, November 19, 6:30 p.m.

Theresa Lang Community and Student Center, Arnhold Hall, 55 West 13th Street, 2nd floor

Admission is free. RSVP at www.cencom.org.

After five years of obsessive and inspired reporting, including interviews with known terrorists from around the world, award-winning investigative journalist **Peter Lance** connects the dots and clearly presents a compelling and chilling account of what the government knew and when they knew it during the years leading to 9/11.

Discourses of Global Environmental Justice

Tuesday, December 8, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

80 Fifth Avenue, 5th-floor conference room

Admission is free, seating is first-come first-served.

Juaquin Valdivieso, professor at the University of the Balearic Islands, Spain, and New School for Social Research visiting scholar will speak on his current research.

A New Era for Politics: Thomas Paine and the Rise of Modern Liberalism

Friday, December 18, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Alvin Johnson/J. M. Kaplan Hall, 66 West 12th Street, room 510

Admission is free, seating is first-come first-served

During the 200th anniversary of the death of Thomas Paine, this colloquium will reflect upon Paine's achievements and legacy and their relevance in the 21st century. From American independence in 1776 until his death in 1809, Paine called for change on both sides of the Atlantic. President Barack Obama himself tapped into this spirit by citing lines from Paine's first American Crisis paper in his inaugural speech. Yet, even with "change" on the national agenda, the issues of poverty, inequality, torture and faith-determined legislation, to name only a few, remain as vexed as ever.

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