



CONFERENCE AGENDA

THE U.S. ELECTIONS 2008

Saturday, November 1

Teeba Ballroom, Semiramis InterContinental Hotel

- 11:30 am Registration
- 12:00 pm Conference Opening - Jerry W. Leach
- 12:10 pm The 2008 Campaign - William C. Vocke Jr.
- 1:10 pm The Big Issues of this Election - Jerry W. Leach
- 2:00 pm Buffet Lunch
- 2:30 pm Why I Am Voting for Barack Obama? - Lawrence Pintak
- 2:50 pm Why I Am Voting for John McCain? - Raymond Stock
- 3:10 pm What Difference Will the Election Make to the Middle East? - Nabil Fahmy
- 3:40 pm Presidential Leadership - Lisa Anderson
- 4:30 pm Close of Conference

All sessions will be 50 percent presentation and 50 percent discussion.



CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

(in the order in which they are speaking)

William C. Vocke Jr.

Vocke serves as senior program director of the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs in New York. For the last three years, he was professor of political science at the National Chengchi University in Taiwan. He is the former national chairman of the World Affairs Council of America, a radio and television host, and dean at Juniata College. He has a doctorate in political science from the University of South Carolina. He now lives in New York with his wife Carol, a Taiwanese diplomat, who is attending this conference.

Jerry W. Leach

Leach has been director of AUC's American studies center for the past two years. He is a U.S. diplomat, former regional director of the Peace Corps and director of international economic affairs on the White House foreign affairs staff. He has taught at Cambridge University, the University of Papua New Guinea and Gazi University in Turkey. He has a doctorate from Cambridge University and lives in Cairo and Washington.

Lawrence Pintak

Pintak is director of AUC's Kamal Adham Center for Journalism Training and Research. He worked with CBS News, NBC News, the *San Francisco Chronicle* and the University of Michigan. He has two Overseas Press Club awards and was nominated twice for Emmys. His books include *Beirut Outtakes*, *Seeds of Hate* and *Reflections in a Bloodshot Lens*. He has an MPhil from the University of Wales at Lampeter.

Raymond Stock

Stock is currently writing a biography of Naguib Mahfouz for Farrar, Straus and Giroux in New York. He is also a translator of Mahfouz's works, an actor, drama reader, singer and guitarist. He was recently selected as a Guggenheim Fellow. A native of Detroit, he is a long-time resident of Cairo. He has a doctorate in Near Eastern languages and civilizations from the University of Pennsylvania.

Nabil Fahmy

Fahmy was Egypt's ambassador to the United States from 1999 to 2008, returning to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Cairo this past summer. He has been ambassador to Japan, political adviser to the Egyptian foreign minister, a member of Egypt's UN mission and chairman of the UN Advisory Board on Disarmament. He also participated in numerous delegations focused on Middle East peace. Fahmy has a bachelor's in math and physics and a master's in management from AUC.

Lisa Anderson

Anderson is the AUC provost. She is former dean of the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University, where she also served as professor of international relations and director of the Middle East Institute. She has also taught at Harvard University and Sarah Lawrence College. She received numerous awards, including an honorary degree from Monmouth University. Her publications include *Pursuing Truth, Exercising Power, Transitions to Democracy* (editor), *The Origins of Arab Nationalism* (editor) and *The State and Social Transformation in Tunisia and Libya, 1830-1980*. She earned her doctorate in political science from Columbia University.