



BIOGRAPHIES

Galina Ackerman, Journalist *Radio France Internationale*, France

From 1986 to 1988 was Editor in Chief of the French Edition of *Continent*. From 1988 she holds a weekly program at *Radio France Internationale*. From 1996 she also regularly contributes to the quarterly magazine *Politique Internationale*. In 2003 she was appointed as commissioner for the exposition on Chernobyl that will be held in 2006 in Barcelona. In 2004 she became Associate Researcher at the LASAR laboratory (University of Caen), in the project focused on the social consequences of the Chernobyl catastrophe. She is author of more than 50 non-fiction and fiction books.

Anatoly **Adamishin**, former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Now in the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, has a more than 40 years' record in diplomatic service, holding many key positions in succession, including deputy foreign minister of the former USSR; USSR (and Russian) Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Italian Republic; First Deputy Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation; Ambassador to the United Kingdom; and Federal Minister of Cooperation with CIS countries. At the moment, Mr. Adamishin is counsel to the Chairman of the Board of Directors of *Joint-Stock Financial Corporation Sistema*.

Chinghiz **Aitmatov**, Ambassador of Kirghizstan to Belgium and Luxemburg

Writer and poet, Aitmatov began his literary career in 1952. His collection of short stories *Tales of Mountains and Steppes* (1963), won him the Lenin Prize. In 1967 he became a member of the Executive Board of the Soviet Writers Union. Aitmatov won two more State Prizes in 1977 and 1983, and was named a Hero of Socialist Labour in 1978. He was First Secretary and Chairman of the Cinema Union of Kirghizia from 1964 to 1985, and in 1985 he was named Chairman of the Kirghiz Writers Union. In the 1990s, he served as an advisor to Gorbachev and in 1990 was named Soviet Ambassador to Luxemburg. He currently serves as his nation's ambassador to the European Union, NATO, UNESCO, Belgium, Luxemburg and the Netherlands and is based in Brussels.

Richard **Allen**, National Security Adviser to President Reagan, Member of the US Defense Policy Board

Richard Allen was the United States National Security Advisor to President Ronald Reagan from 1981 to 1982. Allen received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Notre Dame. He served as a senior staff member of President Nixon's National Security Council in 1968 and served various Republican administrations up to and including that of President Reagan. He is a senior fellow at the *Hoover Institution*, a founding member of the *Center for Strategic and International Studies*, Chairman of the Heritage Foundation's *Asian Studies Center Advisory Council*, and a member of the *Council on Foreign Relations*, the United States Defense Policy Board, the *American Alternative Foundation*, and the United States National Security Advisory Group. He also serves on the advisory council of the *Nixon Center*.

Giulio **Andreotti**, Senator and former Prime Minister of Italy

Life Senator of the Italian Republic since 1991. Seven times Italian Prime Minister, between 1972 and 1992. At the age of 23 he was president of the Catholic Action Association, already in 1944 Mr Andreotti became a member of the Christian Democratic National Council; he started his political career in the Government in 1947 as chief of the staff during the administration of Alcide De Gasperi. During his long career has served as Homeland Affairs Minister (1954), as Finance and Industry and Commerce Minister and was three times Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Luca **Antonini**, Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Padua, Italy

Graduated in Law at the University of Milan. He is Professor of Constitutional Law and Taxation Law at the University of Padova. Member of Fiscal Federalism Commission since 2003, founded inside the Economy Ministry; from 2002 he is an advisor to UnionCamere (Chamber of Commerce Union), from 2001 he's an expert on Economics Law for several Public Institution and member of the Scientific Committee of The World Political Forum. Author of several articles and books, among which Taxation must, fiscal interest and Constitutional Law, *Differential regionalism*, *Comparative System for the Lombard decentralization*.

Gordon S. **Barras**, CMG, former Chief of the Assessments Staff, Cabinet Office, UK

(Kilmarnock - UK, 1940) - Mr Barras was Chief of the Assessment Staff in the Cabinet Office, London, during the last years of the Cold War. During his career in the British Diplomatic Service he worked mainly on E-W relations and Chinese affairs. From 1993-2002 he was International Adviser to PricewaterhouseCoopers, helping them to develop their business in China. In 2002 the British Museum published his book *The Art of Calligraphy in Modern China*; he is now working on a book about the perceptions the two sides had of each other during the Cold War.

Katinka **Barysch**, Chief Economist of the *Centre for European Reform*, UK

She previously worked as an analyst and editor for *The Economist Intelligence Unit* in London, specialising in Eastern Europe and Russia. Prior to this, she was a consultant in Brussels, where she was also involved in formulating the European Commission's strategy towards the eastern European candidate countries. Her research focuses on economic transition in Eastern Europe and EU enlargement, as well as European macro-economic policy co-ordination and the political economy of structural reforms. She also supervises the *CER's* research programme on Russia. Katinka Barysh has an MSc in International Political Economy from the London School of Economics and a BA in Political Science, Economics and Law from Munich University.

Piero **Bassetti**, President of *Globus et Locus*, Italy

Graduated in Economics at the University of Milan, subsequently attended courses of specialization at Cornell University and London School of Economics. He was the first President of the Region Lombardia, Member of Parliament, President of Milan's Chamber of Commerce and President of Italian Commerce Chambers for Foreign Countries. Mr Bassetti has written several books, among which: *The reins of power* (Milan 1959) written with Giacomo-Corna Pellegrini, *Uncomfortable west* (Florence 1978), *Italy is broken* (Rome-Bari 1996), *Milanese without Milan* (Milano 1999). Currently he is the President of *Globus et Locus* Association.

Alexander **Bessmertnykh**, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of USSR

(Biisk, 1933) - Former Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union, he joined the diplomatic service in 1957. From 1970 to 1983, he was Consul at the Soviet Embassy in the United States, and subsequently led the U.S.A. Department in the Foreign Ministry. In 1986 he became Deputy Foreign Minister and in 1988 First Deputy Foreign Minister. In 1990-91 he served as Ambassador to the United States, and in 1991 was the Minister for Foreign Affairs. He was the first Soviet Minister for Foreign Affairs to visit Israel when he met Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister David Levy. In 1992 he was elected President of the Foreign Policy Association, and in 1993 Chairman of the World Council of Former Foreign Ministers.

Enzo **Bianchi**, Prior of the *Comunità di Bose*, Italy

Is an expert in spirituality, and Prior of Bose, a little Piedmont community he founded. 70 members, Brothers and Sisters from all around the world, residing in Bose's monastery and in Jerusalem, Assisi and Ostuni brotherhoods, presently compose it. Their rules are inspired to monastic life and adapted to our times; their aim is to live according to the gospel. Enzo Bianchi published, among other books, *New Apocalypses* (2003), *We are not the best* (2002), *Praying the Psalms* (1997), *Adam where are you?* (1994). He is columnist of the Italian national newspaper *La Stampa*.

Oleg **Bogomolov**, Honorary Director of the *Institute for International Economic and Political Studies* of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia

(Moscow, 1927) - From 1969 to 1998 Professor Bogomolov served as Director of the Institute for International Economic and Political Studies of the U.S.S.R. (later Russian) Academy of Sciences (formerly the Institute of Economics of the World Socialist System). In 1989 Professor Bogomolov was elected to the Congress of People's Deputies of the U.S.S.R. He served on the Committee for Economic Reform of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. In 1990-1993 was a member of the Presidential Consultative Council, 1993-1995 was a Deputy Chairman of International Relations' Committee of the State Duma of Russia. In 1996-2000 Prof. Bogomolov was a member of the Executive Committee of International Social Science Council (UNESCO). Professor Bogomolov has written and edited about 500 publications.

Pilar **Bonet**, Journalist *El Pais*, Spain

(Ibiza, 1952) - Correspondent of El Pais in Russia (bureau chief) as well as correspondent for the CIS countries (from 2001). A Research Scholar at the Kennan Institute in Washington, from 1984 to 1997 she was Correspondent in USSR, Russia and CIS countries and from 1997-2001 Correspondent in Germany. She is author of several publications on subjects concerning Russia; post Soviet States, Germany and Europe.

Pascal **Boniface**, Director of *IRIS*, (Institute of International and Strategic Relations), France

Dr. Pascal BONIFACE is the founder and the Director of IRIS (“Institut de Relations Internationales et Stratégiques” – Institute for International and Strategic Relations). He is also a consultant on strategic issues for the French department of defence and French state department. He is professor of international relations in the “*Institut d’Etudes européennes*” (Institute for European Studies) in the University of Paris-8 and he is the Director of the cycles of studies of the international questions in the IRIS/IPRIS. He is also the Director of the quarterly journal “*La revue internationale et stratégique*” (International and strategic review) since 1991, and the Editor of the yearbook “*L’Année stratégique*” (Strategic Yearbook) since 1985. Dr. Pascal BONIFACE has published or edited more than forty books dealing with International Relations, Nuclear Deterrence and Disarmament, European Security, French International Policy and Sport in the International Relations. He makes frequent contributions on International Policy for reviews on geopolitics and for national and international media. Pascal BONIFACE is a member of the “UN Advisory Board on Disarmament matters” since 2001. He belongs to the Advisory Board of the French Institute for High Studies on the National Defense (since 1998) and also to the Committee of support and reflexion of the African diplomatic Academy (since 2004). He was also member of the “*Haut Conseil pour la Coopération Internationale*” (French High Council for International cooperation) from 1999 until 2003. He has been made a Chevalier of the French award for distinguished services in public and private capacity. Pascal Boniface is also Chevalier of the Legion of honour.

Elena **Bonner**, Activist for democracy and human rights, Russia

(Mary Turkmenistan, 1922) - Mrs Bonner volunteered as a nurse when war broke out, she was wounded twice, and honourably discharged in 1945 as a lieutenant and a disabled veteran. After marrying Sakharov she took early retirement as a disabled war veteran and devoted herself to him. She represented him at the 1975 Nobel Peace Prize ceremony in Oslo; reported on her visits to Italy, France, and America; and after his January 1980 exile, served as his sole link with Moscow and the West until May 1984, when she too was barred from leaving Gorky. After Andrei Sakharov's death Elena Bonner continued the campaign for democracy and human rights in Russia. Alfred Knopf published her book about the years spent in Gorky exile with Andrei Sakharov, "Alone Together", in the United States in 1987, and in February 1992, Knopf published "Mothers and Daughters", a memoir of her childhood in Stalin's Russia.

Aldo **Bonomi**, Sociologist, Director of AASTER, Italy

Sociologist, (Sondrio, 1950), is founder and leader of AASTER (Association Agents for Territory Development); he realized several researches on the problems of territory, development and forms of life in common, on which he wrote numerous books. Since 1997 he cooperates as leader writer with the Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera. In his ordinary activity of research and consultancy, he has relations with the European Union, with different Italian Ministries, with local institutions, structures of the service sector.

Vito **Bonsignore**, Member of the European Parliament

Graduated in business studies. Former member of the Christian Democracy Party's Central Committee, he is now Member of the National Executive of the UDC Party. He has been member of the Council of the town of Venetia Realer (TO) from 1970 to 1980 and Member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies from 1987 to 1994. Under-Secretary for the Budget of the Italian Government in 1992-1993. He is presently Technical Director and General Director of the Turin-Alessandria-Piacenza motorway company and Member of the European Parliament.

Bruno **Bottai**, President of the Società Dante Alighieri, former Italian Ambassador to the UK, Italy

Entered the diplomatic career in December 1954. He served as General Secretary of the Foreign Ministry (1961 - 66) and as diplomatic adviser of the Italian Prime Minister (1970 - 72). From 1979 to 1981 he was Ambassador at the Vatican. Senior Ambassador in May 1981, he became subsequently General Manager of the Political Economics (1981 - 85) at the Foreign Ministry, Ambassador in London (1985 - 87) and General Secretary of the Foreign Ministry (1987 - 94). He closed his career with a second mandate as Ambassador at the Vatican (1994 - 97). Currently he is President of the Società Dante Alighieri since April 1995, and President of the International Foundation E. Balzan Prize since April 1999.

Sir Rodric **Braithwaite**, former Ambassador of the United Kingdom to the USSR and the Russian Federation

(London, 1932) - He was educated at Bedales, served in military intelligence in Vienna in 1951-52, and joined the Diplomatic Service in 1955. He held postings in Jakarta, Warsaw, Moscow, Rome, Brussels (British Delegation to the European Community) and Washington. He was a Visiting Fellow at All Souls College, Oxford in 1972-3. He was Deputy Secretary for Economic Affairs at the Foreign Office and member of the Sherpa team for the G7 Economic Summits from 1984-8. He was British Ambassador in Moscow from 1988 to 1992. On his return to London he was Foreign Policy Advisor to Prime Minister Major and Chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee in 1992-3.

George **Breslauer**, Chancellor Professor of Political Science at the University of California at Berkeley, US

(New York, 1946) - He is Chancellor Professor of Political Science and Dean of Social Sciences, at the University of California at Berkeley, where he has taught since 1971. He is an author or editor of twelve books on Soviet and Russian politics and foreign relations, including the acclaimed "Khrushchev and Brezhnev as Leaders" (1982) and "Gorbachev and Yeltsin as Leaders" (2002). He has served as vice-chairman of the executive committee of the board of trustees of the National Council for Soviet and East European Research. He has also served on the board of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies. He is Editor-in-Chief of the scholarly quarterly, Post-Soviet Affairs. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. In 1997, he won the distinguished teaching award of the social science division of UC Berkeley.

Mercedes **Bresso**, Member of European Parliament, Italy

(Sanremo, 1944) - She is the President of Piedmont Region since April 2005. In June 2004 she was elected at the European Parliament, but she waived this appointment when she became President of Piedmont. From 1995 till 2004 she was President of the Province of Turin as well as President of the Union of Provinces of Piedmont. She is a Professor at the Institutes of Economics, at the Engineering Faculty of the Turin Polytechnic and at the School for Industrial Production, in association with the Brighton Polytechnic. Teacher of Environmental Economics at the European Master in Environmental Engineering and Management both in association with different European Universities. She has been an adviser to the Ministry of the Environment for the Ten Years Environmental Programme, for cases of Assessment of Environmental Impact, territorial socio-economic planning, studies on tourism and consultant to the OCSE (Paris) for the workgroup on the economic-environmental indicators of regions and local bodies concerning issues of ecological economy. Member of the Italian delegation at the World Conference on Environment and Development of Rio de Janeiro.

Archie **Brown**, Professor of Politics at Oxford University, UK

(Annan - Scotland, 1938) - Archie Brown is Professor of Politics at Oxford University. From October 2001 to August 2003 he was Director of Graduate Studies in Politics for the University. Professor Brown was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 1991 and was Chair of the Academy's Political Studies Section, 1999-2002. He was chosen as a founding academician of the Academy of Learned Societies for the Social Sciences in 1999 and in 2003 he was elected a

Foreign Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. His book, "The Gorbachev Factor" won the W.J.M. Mackenzie Prize from the Political Studies Association of the U.K. for the best political science book of its year and shared the Alec Nove Prize, awarded by the British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies, for best book or article in any discipline on Russia, "Communism or Post Communism".

Rocco Buttiglione, Minister of European Affairs of Italy

Rocco Buttiglione is Full Professor of Political Science at Saint Pius V University in Rome. He has concerned himself with philosophy, social ethics, economics, and politics at the International Academy of Philosophy in the Principality of Liechtenstein; he also served as the Academy's Acting Chancellor and gave lectures and seminars on ethics at the Catholic University of Lublin, which awarded him an honorary degree in philosophy in May 1994. He has been elected Member of Parliament in May 2001.

Anna Caffarena, Professor of International Relations, University of Teramo, Italy

Professor of International Relations and Political Science at the University of Teramo, lecturer for the Master on Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Intervention of Turin University. With prof. Fabio Armao is in charge of the Global Politics Lab of Turin's Research and Documentation Centre Luigi Einaudi, a private, non-profit research center. Member of the Editorial Board of "Teoria Politica", since January 2005 she is editor of "Biblioteca della Libertà". She is member of the Executive Board of the Italian Society of Political Science - Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP) and member of the Steering Committee of ECPR's (European Consortium for Political Research) Standing Group of International Relations. Her main research interests include the theoretical aspects of cooperation, international organization, and global politics.

Marco Calamai, Journalist

(Italy - 1940) - Marco Calamai holds a degree in Electronic Engineering (University of Pisa, 1965) and a degree in Journalism (Rome, 1979). After some years in electronic and informatics companies he has held key positions in Italy's Trade Union, the CGIL (Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro), being particularly involved in relations with Trade Unions in Europe and Latin America. Since the eighties, he has been involved in technical cooperation projects (democracy building, local governance, employment generation, human rights, ethnic minorities) in the framework of International Labor Organization (ILO), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), European Union and Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, especially in Latin America, Kosovo, Algeria and Iraq. His activity as journalist and writer has been mainly dedicated to democratic transition and civil society in Spain, Portugal, Latin America, Kosovo and Iraq. His last book: "Zapatero? Il socialismo dei cittadini" (Marco Calamai - Aldo Garzia, Feltrinelli, February 2006). Marco Calamai is Member of the WPF's Scientific Committee and Responsible for External Relations.

Michelle **Campagnolo Bouvier**, Intrenational General Secretary of *Società Europea di Cultura*, Italy

She has been active in the General Secretariat of S.E.C., the *European Society of Culture*, a body promoting understanding collaboration and peace through dialogue and a politics of culture. Since 1976 she has been elected and re-elected International General Secretary; editor in chief of *Comprendre*, review on politics of culture. As such holds leading responsibilities in the policies of this institution: conception, design, and organization of statutory and special activities. Has written numerous papers and contributions in various publications, mainly related to "politics of culture". First class diploma and gold medal "al Merito della Cultura", bestowed by the President of the Italian Republic (1997).

Fernando H. **Cardoso**, former President of the Federative Republic of Brazil

was President of the Federative Republic of Brazil for two successive mandates from 1995 to 2003. Former Professor Catedrático of Political Science, today Professor Emeritus, he emerged since the late 1960s as one of the most influential figures in the analysis of large-scale social change, international development, dependency, democracy, and state reform. Building on this successful intellectual and academic career, Cardoso became deeply involved in Brazil's struggle for democracy to overcome the authoritarian military regime (1964-1985). Elected Senator in 1982, he was a founding member of the *Brazilian Social Democratic Party* (PSDB). He served as Minister of Foreign Relations in 1992-93 and Minister of Finance in 1993-94. Among his current functions, Fernando Henrique Cardoso is Chairman of the *Club of Madrid* and co-Chairman of the *Inter-American Dialogue*.

Nikita **Chaplin**, President of the *Russian Union of Students*, Russia

Graduated with gold medal from Lomonosov Moscow State University (MSU), Law Faculty, as well as Mikhail Gorbachev.

Since graduation has been employed as chief manager of some of large social organizations in Russia, including the "Young people vote for human rights and against the terrorism" (Co-president), the Russian Union of Young Lawyers (Vice-President), Russian society of young scientists (President).

Also is employed as an expert on education and youth policy in both houses of Russian Parliament (the State Duma and the Federation Council), and a member of Councils of Ministry of education and science, Ministry of culture and mass communication (Russian Government), a member of Russian educational development council.

N. Chaplin has Russian governmental awards.

Since September, 1st 2004 – the President of the Russian Union of Students (RUS).

Political and economical convictions: Russian democratic development in accordance with the European model. Complies with M. Gorbachev's position.

Anatoly **Chernyayev**, former Personal Adviser to Mikhail S.Gorbachev on Foreign Affairs, Russia

(Moscow, 1921) - He took part in the Second World War up to 1945, receiving several military honours. He then graduated in history in 1947 and in the same year began a doctorate on the history of Western Europe. In 1958 he became editor-in-chief of the international newspaper

"Problems of the World and of Socialism" in Prague. In 1961 he returned to the Soviet Union and entered the Central Committee for Foreign Affairs of the PCUS and from 1986 was the Advisor for Foreign Affairs to President Mikhail S. Gorbachev. From 1992 he is advisor of the Gorbachev Foundation and author of several books and articles, among which "*Six years with Gorbachev*" (1993) and "*There was an exit to Communism*" (2004).

Sergio Chiamparino, Mayor of the City of Turin

(Turin, 1948) - Graduated in Political Sciences, he worked in Turin University as a researcher until 1975, when he began his political career as leader of the PCI (Italian Communist Party) in Moncalieri (Turin). Between 1982 and 1986 he was responsible for the Economic Department of Turin PCI and economic consultant of the PCI delegation to the European Parliament (1986-88) and then Regional Secretary of the CGIL. Between 1991 to 1995 he was Provincial Secretary of the PDS (Left Democrats Party) and in 1993 Communal Councillor in Turin. In 1996 he was elected Member of Parliament and since May 2001 he is mayor of Turin City

Giulietto Chiesa, Member of the European Parliament, Journalist, Italy

(Acqui Terme, 1940) - Member of the European Parliament since 2004, he is one of the most famous Italian journalists and author of several books of political content. For several years reporter from Moscow for the national newspaper "La Stampa", he presently is one of its most prestigious columnists. Among his last books he published "*Superclan*" (Feltrinelli, 2003), "*The Infinite War*" (Feltrinelli, 2002), "*Afghanistan*" (Guerini, 2001) and reportage on the recent facts of Genoa, published from Einaudi in 2001. In 2002 he received the Prize Culture of Peace.

Emilio Colombo, Senator and former Prime Minister of Italy

(Potenza, 1920) - Life Senator of the Italian Republic since 2003. He was Prime Minister of Italy from 1970 to 1972. Member of Parliament since 1948, he served as Agriculture Minister and later as Industry and Commerce Minister. He was six times Treasury Minister and three times Finance Minister. In 1977 he was elected President of the European Parliament and in 1980 he became Minister for Foreign Affairs, a role that he had five other times, the last in 1992. In 1989 he served again in the European Parliament, where he was also President of the Special Commission for the Achievement of the Maastricht Treaty Targets.

Andrea Comba, Professor of International Law, University of Turin, Italy

(Turin, 1936) - President of CRT Foundation. Graduated in law at Turin University, he attended many stages about International Law in Switzerland, United States and others foreign countries. He was a member of the First Commission in the Ministry for Industry to study competition in the Italian Economic system and, from 1977 to 1997, he was President of the University Institute of European Studies. At the moment he is teaching International Law at the University of Turin, and he is barrister in Cassation and the State Council.

Annamaria Cossiga, Researcher at the University of Rome-Tor Vergata, Italy

She studied Cultural Anthropology and Comparative Religions at La Sapienza University in Rome, where she graduated in 1985 with a thesis on the Jewish Ghetto. In 1995, she got an MA in Anglo-American Literary Relations at University College, London University, with a dissertation on the Americanization of the English Stereotype of the Jew. She worked for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (1986-1987), and as a consultant for the Holy See Mission to the UN (1988-1991) She is currently enrolled in a Ph.D. at University Tor Vergata, in Rome, where she also teaches cultural geography, with special attention to geopolitical problems deriving from cultural diversity. She lived in New York (1987-1991) and London (1991-1995), where she acquired extensive knowledge of American and British culture and socio-political situation. She also translates literary works and essays, from English into Italian, for a number of Italian publishers. She currently lives in Rome and is the Cultural Advisor of former President Francesco Cossiga.

Gianni De Michelis, Member of the European Parliament, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy

(Venice, 1940) - Elected to Parliament for the first time in 1976, he was always re-elected until 1994. He occupied many positions in the Italian Government: Minister for State Holdings (1980-83), Minister of Work and Social Security (1983-87), Member of the Cabinet during the Craxi Administration. From 1987 to 1988 he was Leader of the Socialist Party in Parliament and from 1988 to 1989 he served as Deputy Prime Minister. From 1989 to 1992 he was Minister for Foreign Affairs and since 1994 was advisor for the East and Far East. In 1997 he became National Secretary of the Socialist Party. He is currently Member of the European Parliament.

Roland Dumas, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of France

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the French Republic, he is a French Socialist politician. He took his degree from the *Ecole libre des sciences politiques* and from the *London School of Economics*. He is a lawyer and a journalist and served as Minister of Foreign Affairs under Laurent Fabius from 1984 to 1986, and again under Michel Rocard, Edith Cresson, and Pierre Bérégovoy from 1988 to 1993.

Robert D. English, Professor of International Relations, University of Southern California, US

(Santa Ana, 1958) - He is Professor of International Relations at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. He holds a Ph.D. from Princeton University and his main fields of research are International Foreign Policy & defence analysis. Among his major publications: "Russia and the Idea of the West: Gorbachev, Intellectuals, and the End of the Cold War" (2000); "My Six Years With Gorbachev" (2000) and "Rebirth: A Political History of Europe Since World War II" (1999, 2nd edition). He also worked for the U.S. Department of Defence (1982-1986) and Committee for National Security (1986-1988). He also previously taught at the Bologna Centre, School of Advanced International Relations, and Johns Hopkins University.

Amitai **Etzioni**, Professor and Director of the Institute for Communitarian Policy Studies, George Washington University, US

He served as Professor of Sociology at Columbia University for 20 years. In 1980, Etzioni was named the first University Professor at The George Washington University, where he was the Director of the Institute for Communitarian Policy Studies. In 1990, he founded the Communitarian Network, a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to shoring up the moral, social and political foundations of society. He was the editor of *The Responsive Community: Rights and Responsibilities*, the organization's quarterly journal, from 1991-2004. In 1991, the press began referring to Etzioni as the 'guru' of the communitarian movement. His most recent books are *My Brother's Keeper: A Memoir and a Message* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2003), and *From Empire to Community: A New Approach to International Relations* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2004).

André **Fontaine**, former Editor-in-Chief, *Le Monde*

Former Head of International department, Chief reporter and Editor-in-Chief of French newspaper *Le Monde*. As a journalist and writer André Fontaine has dealt, for over 50 years with international relations. Besides his career as a journalist, he is well know for his historical studies and particularly for his works on the relationship between the US and the USSR during the Cold War.

Dmitry **Furman**, Head Researcher at the *Institute of Europe* of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia

(Moscow, 1943) - He is Head Researcher at the Institute of Europe, Doctor of Historical Sciences and Director of the Center for CIS studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Among his most important publications: "Our strange revolution", Moscow- Kharkov. 1997; "Ukraine and Russia: the societies and the states", Moscow 1997; "Old churches and new believers", Moscow 2000; "Kazakhstan and Russia: the societies and the states", Moscow, 2004.

Jas **Gawronski**, Member of the European Parliament

Has been eastern European correspondent of the Italian newspaper *Il Giorno* and on the editorial staff of journalistic programmes for RAI (Italian radio and television broadcasting company) from Vietnam, India, the United States and Eastern Europe (1962-1966). RAI correspondent in New York (1966-1977) and in Paris (1977-1979), Moscow and Warsaw (1979-1981). In 1989 he became columnist for the daily Italian newspaper *La Stampa*, of which he then became member of the Board of Directors. He was Member of Turin City Council (1982-1983) and of Piedmont Regional Council (1985) and Senator of the Italian Republic from 1996 to 1999. Spokesman for the Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi in 1994-1995. He is Member of the European Parliament since 1999.

Tom **Gehrels**, Professor of Astronomics at University of Arizona, US

Was a member of Dutch resistance during Second World War. He teaches at the Department of Planetary Sciences of the University of Arizona, and he is noted as astronomer thanks to his work on the properties of asteroids and comets and as pioneer in the program to discover and track Earth-threatening asteroids with an involvement in the US space program. His work lead him to reflect on the research enterprise as well as more fundamental questions, which stimulate him in taking part into international activities related to the modern world's problems and their solutions. He is a strong supporter of the Akanksha program, a philanthropic project to raise Indian slum children and give them an education in order to make them the future resource of their country.

Enzo **Ghigo**, President of the Region of Piedmont, Italy

(Turin, 1954) - Former Member of the Chamber of Deputies Foreign Affairs Committee. He was given the title of Grand'Ufficiale al Merito della Repubblica Italiana by former President of the Italian Republic Scalfaro, and in 2002 he also received the title of Cavaliere di Gran Croce al Merito della Repubblica Italiana from President Ciampi. In 1995 he was elected (and in 2000 re-elected) as President of the Piedmont Region and in 1997 Chairman of the Conference of Regional Presidents. He is presently member of the Regional Council as President of his group.

Milan **Gjurcinov**, Writer, Macedonia

Aesthician and literary critic. Professor of Comparative Literature and Slavistic at the Universities of St. Kiril and Metodij in Skopje. He is author of several books about Macedonian history, anthologies of Macedonian poetry and prose and essays of world literature. Member of the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts.

Marshall **Goldman**, *Kathryn Wasserman Davis* Professor Emeritus of Russian Economics, *Wellesley College*, Harvard, US

(Elgin, 1930) - Professor of Russian Economics (Emeritus) at Wellesley College and Associate Director of the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University. An internationally recognised authority on Russian economics, politics, and environmental policy, Professor Goldman is the author of over a dozen books on the former Soviet Union, his most recent being "The Privatization of Russia: Russian Reform Goes Awry". In 1991, he was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has been a consultant to the State Department, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Council on Environmental Quality, the Ford Foundation, and numerous corporations.

Mikhail **Gorbachev**, former President of the URSS, President of the WPF, Russia

Is Former President of the URSS and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1990. In 1966 he was elected Secretary of the Communist Party in Stravopol and in 1970 Deputy of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR. In 1971 he became a member of the Central Committee of the Party and finally in

1978 he was elected Secretary. In 1985 he took office as General Secretary of the Supreme Soviet Communist Party and tried to restructure the economy of the country launching the Perestroika. He also encouraged the development of democracy extending individual and collective liberties (glasnost, transparency), finding considerable resistance in the opposition. He achieved great political victories in foreign policy, through his commitment to the cause of peace and cooperation, which led to the signature of the treaty for the elimination of Euro-missiles with Ronald Reagan. In 1990 he resigned after a failed coup organized by the conservative fringe of the Soviet Communist Party.

Mikhail Gorshkov, Director of the *Institute for Multi-disciplinary Social Studies* of the Russian Academy of Science, Russia

(Moscow, 1950) - He worked at the Academy of Social Science under the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CC of the CPSU) as a junior researcher, senior researcher, assistant professor and deputy head of the chair of sociology and psychology from October 1976 till April 1989. In October 1991 Gorshkov was elected General Director of the Russian Independent Institute of Social and Nationalities Problems. In April 2001 Gorshkov was appointed director and organizer of the Institute for Multi-disciplinary Social Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, founded on the basis of the RIISNP. Up till now he holds this position. Gorshkov is the author of about 200 research works and has been elected Vice-president and First Vice-president of the All-Russian Society of Social Scientists under RAS, Vice-president of the Academy of Political Science. In December 2003 by the decree of the RF President he was awarded the title of Laureate of the RF State prize in Science and Technology.

Andrei Grachev, President of the *WPF*' s Scientific Committee, Russia

(Moscow, 1941) - Graduated in History, he was Editor of the international magazine "World Youth", Visiting Professor at la Sorbonne (Paris) and Kyoto, and Senior Researcher at St Anthony's College, Oxford. He was later Deputy Director on the International Department of the Central Committee of CPSU and assistant and official Spokesman of the President of the USSR Mikhail Gorbachev. Author of several books, he's presently member of Russian UN Association, Founding member of the Council for Foreign and defence Policy of Russia, Adviser at the Gorbachev Foundation (Moscow), Expert of the Association Progress of Management (Paris) and Chairman of the Scientific Committee of The World Political Forum.

Edoardo Greppi, Professor of International Law, University of Turin, Italy

Professor of International Law and Professor of European Union Law, Faculty of Law, University of Turin. Member of the *Italian Society of International Law (SIDI)*, of the *Italian Society for International Organisation (SIOI)*, and of its Committee for Human Rights. Full Member of the *International Institute of Humanitarian Law*. Author of books on International Trade in Services and on War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity in International Law, and of essays and articles on various issues of International Law, International Organisation and European Law.

Thierry de **Gruben**, Ambassador of Belgium to the United Kingdom

(Antwerp, 1941) - Thierry de Gruben obtained a degree in law and entered the diplomatic service in 1969. Among his postings, he has been Permanent Representative of Belgium to NATO, in Brussels, from 1997 to 2002. He took his appointment as Ambassador of H. M. The King of the Belgians to the Court of St James's in 2002.

Bernard **Guetta**, Political columnist and Editorial writer of L'Express, France

He is editorial writer for the French periodical L'Express and national radio network France Inter; he regularly contributes to several leading European newspapers including La Repubblica, Le Temps, and the Gazeta. He also has been a correspondent for Le Monde in Warsaw and Washington. He received the Albert Londres Prize for his coverage of the founding of Solidarity in Poland, the Mumm Prize for his work during the Perestroika period in the former USSR, the Thucydide Prize awarded by Paris 2 University and "Le Prix Européen de la Presse". He is author of several works including four books on international relations: Pologne; L'URSS de Gorbatchev; Géopolitique and L'Europe Fédérale. With Jean Lacouture, he is also co-writer of a TV documentary on Cold war: URSS-USA, Le Grand Jeu.

Luigi **Guidobono Cavalchini**, Ambassador, President of *Unicredit Private Banking*, Italy

(Torino, 1934) - Former Ambassador, President UniCredit Private Banking. Graduated in law at the University of Turin, he started a diplomatic career in 1961. Between 1964 and 1972 he worked as Permanent Representative of Italy for the CEE in Brussels and then became Consul of Italy in Bern. After being Head Secretary of the General Direction of the Economics Affairs, between 1972 and 1976, he became First Counsellor of the Permanent Representation of Italy for OCSE in Paris, and afterwards for the Italian Embassy in Paris until 1979. Plenipotentiary Minister of Second Class in 1980 and of First Class in 1985, he became Head of the Cabinet for Foreign Affairs in 1985. Appointed Ambassador in 1987, he was General Secretary of Presidency of the Ministers Council between 1989 and 1991, then Ambassador in Paris from 1991 to 1995 and Permanent Representative of Italy for the European Union in Brussels since the same year.

Eric **Hobsbawm**, Historian, Member of the British Academy and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, UK

He is a historian, member of the British Academy and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Hobsbawm has written extensively on a broad and diverse selection of subjects during the course of his illustrious career as Britain's most cosmopolitan and internationally renowned Historian. As Marxist historiographer he has focused on in-depth analysis of the 'dual revolution'. Outside of academic historical writing, Hobsbawm has written (under the pseudonym Francis Newton - taken from the name of Billie Holiday's Communist trumpet player) for the New Statesman as a jazz critic and has numerous essays published in various intellectual journals, dealing with anything from barbarity in the modern age to the troubles of labour movements and the conflict between anarchism and communism.

Stephen **Holmes**, *Walter E. Meyer* Professor of Law at New York University, US

He served as Director of the Centre for the Study of Constitutionalism in Eastern Europe and as editor-in-chief of the *East European Constitutional Review*. He has also been the Director of the Soros Foundation program for promoting legal reform in Russia and Eastern Europe. After receiving his Ph.D. from Yale in 1976, Holmes taught briefly at Yale and Wesleyan Universities before becoming a member of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton in 1978. From Princeton, he moved to Harvard University's Department of Government, where he stayed until 1985, the year he joined the faculty at the University of Chicago. Holmes' research centres on the history of European liberalism and the disappointments of democracy and economic liberalization after communism.

Gyula **Horn**, Member of the European Parliament, former Prime Minister of Hungary

(Budapest, 1932) - Former Prime Minister of Hungary, he was Under Secretary of State in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs until 1989 and Minister for Foreign Affairs (1989-90). One of the founders of the MSZP (Hungarian Socialist Party), he became its Chairman in 1990; from 1990 to 1993 he was Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee for Foreign Affairs and then, from 1994, Prime Minister. He received the gold medal from the Stresemann Society for achievements in foreign affairs, the international Karl Prize for work towards European unification and the Grand Cross of the Federal Republic of Germany

Lord Geoffrey **Howe**, former Deputy Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

(Port Talbot, 1926) - Lord Geoffrey Howe was a leading member of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government, serving as her deputy and Leader of the House of Commons from 1989-90. He was Chancellor of the Exchequer (Finance Minister) from 1979-83, followed by six years as Foreign Secretary. He is president of the Great Britain-China Centre in London, which promotes understanding between the two nations, and chairman of the Thomson Foundation's board of trustees. Lord Howe became a life peer in 1992.

Ion **Iliescu**, former President of Romania

He assumed leadership and organized the elections of 20 May 1990, which he won with over 85% of the votes. His party, *National Salvation Front*, won the legislative elections of the same year. He was a founding member of the *National Salvation Front* and followed it in its vagaries, until it became the Social Democratic Party (PSD). After the new Constitution was adopted in 1991 and in 1992 he won a second term when he obtained 61% of the votes. He ran for a third time in 1996 but lost to Emil Constantinescu. In the 2000 presidential election Iliescu ran again and won in the run-off against the nationalist Corneliu Vadim Tudor and began his third term on December 20 of that year, which ended in 20 December 2004. It is expected that Iliescu becomes the new president of PSD.

Vadislav **Inozemtsev**, professor of Economics at Moscow State University and member of the Board of Advisers of *Russia in Global Affairs*, Russia

(Gorky, 1968) - Academic and Editor of magazine "Svobodnaya Mysl", in 1991 he was advisor on History and Theory of Socialism to the Communist magazine of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. In 1993 he was appointed Vice-President at the Credit-Moscow Commercial Bank and from 1999 to 2003 he has been Chairman of the Board of the Moscow-Paris Commercial Bank. In 2002 he was also appointed Chairman of the Board of Advisers of the *Russia in Global Affairs* journal. He is founder and Science Director of the Centre for Post-Industrial Researches since 1996.

Otar **Iosseliani**, Film Director, Georgia

Was born in Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia, where he studied at the State Conservatory and graduated in 1952 with a diploma in composition, conducting and piano. In 1953 he went to Moscow to study at the faculty of mathematics, but in two years he quit and entered the State Film Institute (VGIK). When his 1976 film *Pastorali* was shelved for a few years and then granted only a limited distribution he moved to France where in 1984 he made *Les Favoris de la Lune*. The film was distinguished with a Special Jury Prize at the Venice Film Festival. Since then Venice became a showcase for all his subsequent films. After the disruption of the Soviet Union he continued to work in France where he made the documentary *Seule Georgie* (1994) that was followed by the sardonic and allegorical *Brigands - Chapitre VII* and *Lundi Matin* (2002).

Francisco **Jarauta**, Professor of Philosophy, University of Murcia, Spain

(Zaragoza, 1941) - Professor of Philosophy at the University of Murcia, is a member of numerous Cultural Institutions of international level (The Madrid Museum of Contemporary Art, The Cini Foundation in Venice) and of several scientific committees, among which the magazines *Microfisuras*, *Iride* and *Pluriverso*. His main fields of research are Philosophy of Culture and Aesthetic, with particular focus on the concept of modernity, through the contributions of Simmel, Blumenberg and Foucault. He is Author of many publications, among which: "La filosofia y su otro", "Fragmento y totalidad: los limites del clasicismo", and editor of several articles and books, which include: "La crisis de la razon", "Tensiones del arte y la cultura en el fin de siglo", "Nuevas fronteras/Nuevos territorios" and "Mil y una orillas. Fronteras y minorias".

Wojciek **Jaruzelski**, former President of Poland

(Kurow, 1923) Officer of the Polish Army, which he joined in 1943, he joined the Polish United Workers' Party (later the Polish Communist Party), becoming a member of its Central Committee in 1964 and was soon appointed as Minister of Defence. He became National Secretary of the Party in 1981, when Lech Walesa's movement, *Solidarnosc*, was starting to earn national and external popularity. Under Jaruzelski, martial law was established and *Solidarnosc* was declared an illegal organisation. The measure was lifted in July 1983 and in 1988, he approved talks between the Government and the Solidarity Movement. These talks ended in April 1989 with an agreement instituting reforms in Poland's political system and leading to free parliamentary elections.

Mingjun **Jiang**, President of *UN Global Compact Development and Plan Centre*, China

Jiang Mingjun graduated at International Academy of Ecology and Life Protection Sciences in 1993, Saint Petersburg, Russia, and received a Doctor's degree in 1998. He is now Academician of UN/International Royal Heritage Academy, and Academician of UN/International Academy of Ecology and Life Protection Sciences, and Visiting Professor of Dalian University of Technology. Currently he holds the office of Vice President of UN/International Academy of International Ecology and Life Protection Sciences, First Chairman and Director-General of International Eco-Safety Cooperative Organization, Director of Ecological Safety Center of China Foundation for International Studies.

The main titles published by Jiang Mingjun are: "Putin's eight years Russia's way of revival (Politics, Economy, Diplomacy)"; "Ecological Safety: the Basis of National Survival and Development"; "Ecological Safety: the special mission in Time of Peace"; "Urban Development and National Security and over one hundred academic thesis".

Anthony **Jones**, Executive Director of the *Gorbachev Foundation of North America*, US

He is Vice-President and Executive Director of the Gorbachev Foundation of North America. A Professor of Sociology at Northeastern University in Boston, he has written extensively on Soviet/Russian and East European social, political, and economic affairs and previously taught at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and at the University of Leicester (UK). He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Club of Madrid, is on the Board of Advisors of FRIDE Foundation in Spain and edits two journals. Published works include studies of Soviet society, social problems in Russia, business organization in the URSS/Russia, Russian/Soviet economic thought, Russian/Soviet education workers and occupational change, technology and social organization in Russia. He is currently working on books on Putin's Russia and on Patterns of Political Change in Post-Communist Systems.

Pierre **Joxe**, Member of the French Constitutional Council, former Minister of Homeland Affairs of France

Member of the French Constitutional Council. Graduated in Law at the University of Paris, he attended a master at the Ecole National d'Administration. Mr Joxe has covered many public charges and has been Minister several times. From 1993 to 2001 he has been President of the State Auditors' Department, Superior President of the Council of the Regional Chambers of Accounts and, besides, President of the Control Court for the Court of Taxes. He has also received several awards both in France and abroad including the Knight Commander of the British Empire and the Grand Cross of the Order to the civil Worth of Spain. He is author of many books, including "A possible socialism (with Francois Mitterrand)", "Speaking of France, itineraries" and "Introduction to Our State, the truth book of the public function".

Toshiki **Kaifu**, former Prime Minister of Japan

(Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture, 1931) - 76th and 77th Prime Minister of Japan from August 1989 to November 1991, Honorary Chairman of The Japanese Parliamentary Group on Global Poverty Eradication and Development Awareness, and EU-Japan Fest Japan Committee. Chairman of the Japan ,Ä Germany and Japan ,Ä Austria Parliamentary Friendship Association. Mr Kaifu is a Japanese citizen. He graduated from Waseda University,Äs Department of Law in 1954. In 1960, he ran successfully for a Lower House seat as the youngest candidate and has since served 16 consecutive terms. In 1965, he became a founder of the Japanese Peace Corps named Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer (JOCV). In 1966, he was elected as Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Labor. In 1972, he was elected Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration, House of Representatives. In 1974, he was appointed Chief Cabinet Secretary. He served as a Minister of Education twice in 1976 and 1985. He served as Prime Minister from August 1989 to November 1991. In 1994, He left LDP and was elected as the first President of the New Frontier Party till 1995 and as Council of Supreme Advisors till 1997. He was elected as Chairman of Council of Advisors of The Liberal Party in 1999 and of The New Conservative Party from 2000 to 2002. He rejoined Liberal Democratic Party as The New Conservative Party merged with LDP in 2003.

Sergey **Kapitza**, Vice President of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences and President of the *Eurasian Physical Society*, Russia

(Moscow, 1923) - Professor of physics at the Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology. At present he is engaged in global population dynamics studies and is a member of the Club of Rome. He has been active in the Soviet, Russian and international science circles and is currently vice president of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Russia and president of the Eurasian Physical Society. Professor Kapitza is also the host of a weekly science and society program for Russian television.

Bridget **Kendall**, Journalist *BBC Diplomatic Correspondent*, UK

(Oxford, 1956) - She was appointed as BBC diplomatic correspondent in November 1998. Based in London she covers top foreign stories for radio and television news, reporting on foreign policy issues and their impact on Britain. Bridget Kendall joined BBC in 1983 as a radio production trainee for BBC World Service. She has a particular interest in Russia and its relations with the West and spent a decade following political developments, she was Moscow correspondent from 1989 to 1995 and then Washington correspondent from 1994 to 1998.

Davlat **Khudonazarov**, *Galina Starovoitova* Fellow on Human Rights and Conflict Resolution, *Kennan Institute*, Woodrow Wilson Centre for Scholars, Russia

(Khorog, 1944) - He was a dissident before the Perestroika and became leader of Democracy Movement of Tajikistan at the end of 1980's. He was elected Office in Film Organizations: First Secretary of the Tajikistan Filmmaker's Union, 1986-1993 and Chairman, USSR Filmmaker's Union (transformed in May 1991 into Confederation of Filmmaker's Unions) from 1990 to 1996 and was candidate for President of Tajikistan receiving over 35% of the popular vote in November 1991. Peacemaker during the Tajik Civil War (1992 - 1996), after that and until now he is human

right and humanitarian assistance activist. In 1994-95 he was Peace Fellow at the United States Institute of Peace, and is now Galina Starovoitova Fellow in Human Rights and Conflict Resolution at Kennan Institute of the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington.

David **Kimche**, President of the *Israeli Council for Foreign Affairs*, Israel

David Kimche claims to have been a Zionist since the age of 11. Migrated to Palestine from London and fought in the 1948 war. A former Deputy Head of Mossad, he was Director General of Israel's Foreign Ministry from 1980 to 1987. In June 1967, the day after Jerusalem was taken, Kimche and Dan Bavli, at that time both members of the Israeli Military Government in the West Bank met with attorney Aziz Shehade in Ramallah.

Helmut **Kohl**, former Chancellor of Germany

Holds the record of being the longest-serving Chancellor of Germany from October 1982, until being succeeded by Gerhard Schröder on October 1998 after a landslide victory of the SPD in the 1998 federal elections. He also was the leader of the CDU party from 1973-1998. Kohl is widely recognized even by some of his political adversaries for managing the process of German reunification that started with the fall of the Berlin Wall on November 9, 1989, and formally completed on October 3, 1990. While not all has been well economically in Germany during and since his government, most people would agree that he managed to convince international leaders that a unified Germany would represent no threat to its neighbors by tying German reunification with the tighter integration of Germany into the European Union.

Axel **Krause**, Journalist *Europe* magazine, France

(Berlin, 1934) - He has been a Paris-based correspondent and editor for American publications for over twenty years, including Business Week magazine and the International Herald Tribune. Currently, he is a regular contributor to Europe magazine, published in Washington, United Press International and TV5, the French International channel. A graduate of Colgate and Princeton Universities, he is secretary general of the Anglo-American Press Association of Paris, and board member of the association of French economic and financial journalists (AJEF).

Victor **Kuvaldin**, The Gorbachev Foundation, Moscow

(Moscow, 1943) - Viktor Kuvaldin graduated from the Faculty of History of the Moscow State University and did a post-graduate course in the Institute of World Economy and International Relations at the USSR Academy of Sciences. Member of Gorbachev team from beginning of 1989: political analyst, speechwriter and consultant to the adviser of the President of the USSR in 1991. Presently he is director of Center for Political Studies of the Gorbachev Foundation and Professor at the Moscow State Institute (University) of Foreign Affairs.

Otto **Latsis**, Journalist *Kommunist*, USSR; *Russiskaya Gazeta*, Russia

(Moscow, 1934-2005) - Otto Latsis is a well-known political writer and doctor of economics; he was a political observer for the daily Izvestia in the 1990s, and then Deputy Editor-in-Chief of Noviye Izvestia.

Robert **Legvold**, Professor of Political Science at Columbia University, US

(Minneapolis, 1940) - Professor of Political Science at Columbia University, where he specialized in the international relations of the post-Soviet states, he was Director of The Harriman Institute, Columbia University, from 1986 to 1992. Prior to coming to Columbia in 1984, he served for six years as Senior Fellow and Director of the Soviet Studies Project at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. For most of the preceding decade, he was an Assistant, then Associate Professor of Political Science at Tufts University. He received his Ph.D. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in 1967. Dr. Legvold's areas of particular interest are the foreign policies of Russia, Ukraine, and the other new states of the former Soviet Union, U.S. relations with the post-Soviet states, and the impact of the post-Soviet region on the international politics of Asia and Europe.

Jacques **Levesque**, Dean of the Faculty of Political Science and Law, University of Quebec, Canada

He is Dean of the Faculty of Political Science and Law at the University of Quebec in Montreal. In 1985, 1987 and 1989 he has been advisor to the State-Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Canada, M. Joe Clark. In 1984 and 1988 he has been special advisor to the Canada Ambassador to UN. Among his publications *La Russie et l'Europe de l'Est face à la guerre d'Irak et les impasses de la guerre de Tchétchénie* and *La Russie et son ex-empire*.

Anatol **Lieven**, Senior Associate of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, US

He is Senior Associate of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. A journalist, writer, and historian, he previously was editor of *Strategic Comments*, published by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) in London. There he also specialized in the former Soviet Union and in aspects of contemporary warfare. From 1996 to 1997, he was a visiting senior fellow at the U.S. Institute of Peace. Previously he was a correspondent for the *Financial Times* in Eastern Europe. Lieven's journalism career includes work as a correspondent for *The Times* (London) in the former Soviet Union from 1990 to 1996. Prior to 1990, Lieven was correspondent for *The Times* in Pakistan and Afghanistan. He also worked as a freelance journalist in India. In the autumn and winter of 1989, he covered the revolutions in Czechoslovakia and Romania for *The Times*.

Budimir Loncar, Federal Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the SFRY, Croatia

(Croatia, 1924) - During the People's Liberation War held various political posts in the Union of Communist Youth of Yugoslavia (SKOJ) and the CPY for Dalmatia. Adviser to the State Secretary for Foreign Affairs from November 1969. Ambassador of the SFRY in Bonn from June 1973. Under-Secretary in the Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs from December 1977. Ambassador of the SFRY in Washington from November 1979 to December 1983. Deputy Federal Secretary for Foreign Affairs from 1983 to 1987. Federal Secretary for Foreign Affairs from December 1987 to December 1991. Member of the delegation of the SFRY to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Conference of Non-Aligned Countries.

Vincenzo Maddaloni, Journalist, Italy

Professional Journalist since 1961, he has been correspondent from Warsaw in the years of Walesa and Jaruzelski, from Moscow during Gorbachev's governance. He was reporter in Beijing and Kabul, Teheran and Santiago, Cairo and Berlin. He travelled as special correspondent and was head of the Rome desk of "Famiglia Cristiana". His direct experience of the places that built world history, gave him the chance to deepen the knowledge of Islam, of Oriental Churches, of Communism and post-Communism, with particular attention to the relations with the Western World.

Horst Mahr, Chairman *Foreign Affairs Association* of Munich, Germany

(Karlsbad, 1938) Graduated in Political Sciences at the University of Munich. He presently teaches at the High School of Politics at the University of Munich and is chairman of the Banking Association for Central and Eastern Europe, Budapest. He is member of the Reform Club in London and of the Army and Navy Club in Washington D.C. He presently chairs the Foreign Affairs Association, Munich.

Lilly Marcou, Researcher at *CERI* (Centre d'Etudes et Recherches Internationales), France

She is a researcher at CERI (Centre d'Etudes et Recherches Internationales), France. She graduated in Literature from the University of Bucharest and holds a Ph.D. in History from the University of Paris Sorbonne. Her most recent studies focus on: "History of European communism seen through Soviet archives", "Transformation of communists in Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, Russia, Romania and Italy since the collapse of the USSR", "The attitude of yesterday and today's intellectuals when facing with communism".

Jack Matlock, Former U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union

He had previously been Director of Soviet Affairs for the National Security Council staff (1983 - 87). Professor in the Practice of International Diplomacy at Columbia University, in 1996 he wrote an account of his first-hand experience of the collapse of the Soviet Union: "Autopsy on an Empire: The American Ambassador's Account of the Collapse of the Soviet Union".

Predrag **Matvejevic**, Writer, Professor of Slavic Literature, University of Rome, Bosnia-Herzegovina

(Mostar, 1932) - Professor at the University of Zagabria and then at the Sorbonne, in Paris, he now teaches slavic literature at La Sapienza in Rome. After the fall of the Berlin wall, he opposed what he defines it "the new regimes of some of the Eastern Countries that defines themselves as democratic but have no democratic structure". In January 2000 he received moreover the charge of the ONU High Committee for the area of ex-Yugoslavia.

Federico **Mayor Zaragoza**, former Director General of *UNESCO*, Spain

Former Director General of UNESCO (1987-1999), Professor Mayor is one of the founders of the Centre of Molecular Biology Severo Ochoa at the University of Madrid and of the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (Superior Council for Scientific Studies). He served as Spanish Under Secretary of Education and Science (1974-75), and as Minister in 1981-82. He was Deputy in the Spanish Parliament and Advisor of the Prime Minister (1977-78) and in 1987 European Parliamentary. In 1999 he left the UNESCO direction and created the Fundación para una Cultura de Paz (Madrid 2000).

Robert **McFarlane**, former National Security Adviser to President Roland Reagan, Founder of *Energy and Communication Solutions LLC*, US

Robert McFarlane was a U.S. Marine Corps officer assigned to the post of United States National Security Advisor to President Roland Regan in 1983, ceasing to hold it in 1985. He became notable as a figure in the Iran-Contra Affair. He later co-founded and served as CEO of Global Energy Investors.

Vadim Medvedev, Economist and Political Scientist, Russia

Vadim Medvedev has been one of Mikhail Gorbachev's close associates from the times of preparation and the start of Perestroika. He was Secretary of the Party Central Committee, Full Member of the Politburo of the CPSU, Member of the Presidential Council, and Senior Adviser to the President of the USSR.

He is a well-known scholar, Doctor of Economic Sciences, Professor, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and an author of many books on the issues of economic theory and economy of the USSR and Russia, as well as on the theory and the history of Perestroika.

Currently he is one of the leading experts at the Gorbachev Foundation and at the Institute of Economics of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

Mike **Moore**, former General Director of *WTO*, former General Director of *GATT*, New Zealand

(Whakatane, 1949) - Former Director General of the WTO, former GATT DG Sutherland. After early experience as a construction worker, printer and social worker, in 1972 he become the

youngest member of Parliament ever elected in New Zealand. He has served as New Zealand Minister of Overseas Trade and Marketing (1984-1990), Minister of Foreign Affairs (1990), Deputy Minister of Finance (1988-1990), and Prime Minister (1990). As Trade Minister, he was active in launching the Uruguay Round of Gatt negotiations. From 1993 up to 1999 he was Opposition Spokesperson on Foreign Affairs and Overseas Trade. Moreover, he represented New Zealand at the first APEC Ministerial Meeting in Canberra in 1989 and served as a board member of Asia 2000, a New Zealand body dedicated to fostering closer ties with Asian Countries. He is the author of eight books including "A Pacific Parliament", "Hard Labour" and "A Brief History of the Future". He took up his appointment as Director-General of the WTO on 1 September 1999.

Dmitry Muratov, Journalist, Editor-in-Chief of *Novaja Gazeta*, Russia

Born in October, 29, 1961 in Kuibishev city.

In 1978 he began to study at the philological faculty of Kuibishev States University and graduated from the university in 1983, specialized in Russian language and literature.

In 1983 he started working as a correspondent for the newspaper named «Voljsky Komsomoletz» in the city of Samara.

In 1983 he was conscripted to the Soviet army and passed the military service till 1985.

In 1985 returned to «Voljsky Komsomoletz» in Samara and worked as a head of the department and then as a deputy editor till 1987.

In 1987 began to work in Moscow newspaper «Komsomolskaya Pravda» as a deputy editor of the department, editor of the department, first deputy secretary of the issues. In 1989 he was appointed a collegial member of the editorial board.

In 1993 started working for «Novaya Gazeta» as a deputy editor-in-chief.

From 1995 Dmitry Muratov – editor-in-chief of «Novaya Gazeta».

He is married. A father of 3 children.

Klaus Naumann, General

(Munich, 1939) - He joined the Bundeswehr in 1958 and served as German Military Representative to the NATO Military Committee in Brussels, where he was Chief of the Military Policy, Nuclear Strategy and Arms Control Section. Promoted to Brigadier General in 1986, he became Deputy Chief of Staff (Planning), followed by a Two Star assignment as Deputy Chief of Staff (Politico-Military affairs and operations), both at Armed Forces Staff, MOD Bonn. In 1996 he was elected as Chairman of the North Atlantic Military Committee by the NATO Chiefs of Defence. He has received many military awards and decorations and he is also the author of several books, among which *Die Bundeswehr in einer Welt im Umbruch* (The Bundeswehr in a world of transition).

Achille Occhetto, Senator and former Secretary General of the Italian Communist Party.

He is Senator of the Italian Republic since May 2001. He served as Secretary General of the Italian Communist Party between 1988 and 1994 (which became the Democratic Party of the Left halfway through his term in 1991 also known as the “Partito democratico di Sinistra”, Democratic Left Party). In 2004 he was elected to the European Parliament on a joint ticket with anti-corruption campaigner Antonio Di Pietro but chose to hold his position in the Italian Senate.

Georges **Ordonnaud**, President of the *Association des Amis de P. Teilhard de Chardin*, France

He was responsible, as a member of ministerial private staff (Cooperation and Information), for the Service Juridique et Technique de l'Information for six years and subsequently deputy-director of the French Institut des Hautes Etudes de Défense Nationale for a further six years. He became a member of the Committee of the Foundation Teilhard de Chardin and was appointed Secretary in 1982. Since July 2003 he is President of the Association des Amis de Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.

Carlo **Ossola**, Professor of Neo-Latin European Modern Literatures at the *Collège de France*, Italy

Graduated in Literature and Philosophy at the University of Turin. He is Professor of Italian Literature at the Universities of Geneva, Turin, Padova and Collège de France in Paris. He is author of many books, including: "Figured and remove", "Miroirs sans visage", "Italian Poetry Anthology" written with Cesare Segre. Presently, professor Ossola is also Co-Chairman of the Scientific Committee of The World Political Forum.

Fabrizio **Palenzona**, Vice-President of *Unicredit*, Italy

(Novi Ligure, 1953) - Graduated in law at the University of Pavia, he is General Director of the Consorzio UN.I.TRA (Italian Hauliers Union). Former mayor of Tortona and former President of the Province of Alessandria, since 1987 he is National President of FAI (Italian Hauliers Federation) and since 1999 Vice-President of Unicredit Bank. In 1993, on proposal of the President of the Italian Republic, he received the title of Commendatore.

Vittorio Emanuele **Parsi**, Professor of International Relations, Catholic University of Milan, Italy

He is an associate professor of International Relations at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan and coordinates the Master's Degree in Global System's Markets and Institutions at ASERI (Advanced School of Economics and International Relations). Since 1998 he has been an international politics columnist for the daily Avvenire and known to a vast audience for his frequent appearances on TV programmes devoted to current affairs debates. Among his publications: "I regimi democratici del sistema post-westfaliano" 1998, and "L'alleanza inevitabile. Europa e Stati Uniti oltre l'Iraq" 2003.

Riccardo **Petrella**, Professor of Economics, University of Louvain, Belgium

(La Spezia, 1941) - Graduated in Political Economy, at Florence University, he is counsellor for the European Committee in Bruxelles and he teaches Globalization at the Catholic University of Lovanio (Belgium) and at the University of Bruxelles. He is President of the Lisbona Group, that he founded in 1991, and in 1997 he founded the International Committee for the World Contract on Water. He is also a collaborator of "Le Monde Diplomatique", and has been for five years president of the Association des Amis de Le Monde Diplomatique. He published several books regarding the theme of water.

Vladimir **Petrovsky**, former Director-General of the *UN* in Geneva and President of the Conference on Disarmament, Russia

He was born in 1933 in Volgograd, Russia. He holds a Doctorate in History and is a member of the Boards of various Russian and international institutions. After an extraordinarily rich career as a diplomat, Mr. Petrovsky entered the United Nations in 1992, when he was appointed Under-Secretary-General for political affairs at the UN headquarters in New York. He was a key architect of the UN's "Agenda for Peace" in 1992 and chaired the Task Force that prepared it. After dissolution of the Soviet Union, Mr. Petrovsky was briefly the Representative of Russia to the NATO Council of Cooperation.

William **Pfaff**, Journalist, *International Herald Tribune*, France

Globally respected as a political commentator and author of books on international relations, contemporary history and U.S. policy, he published in five countries. These include "The Wrath of Nations" (1993), described by "The New York Times" as "a comprehensive and stimulating introduction to nationalism . . . a profoundly thoughtful and deeply felt book," and "Barbarian Sentiments: How the American Century Ends", published in 1989, nominee for the U.S. National Book Award and recipient of the City of Geneva's Prix Jean-Jacques Rousseau. He began writing a newspaper column for "The International Herald Tribune" in 1978, which has been in syndication ever since.

Rolando **Picchioni**, Executive Director of *WPF*

(Como, 1936) - Graduated in Foreign Languages and Literature, journalist, he was Commissioner for Public Education in Turin Province between 1970 and 1975 and President of Turin's Repertory Theatre in the same period. He was then elected as a Member of Parliament for three terms and Undersecretary for Cultural Heritage. He was also President of Piedmont's Regional Council (1995-1998) and promoter of the General Estates of Piedmont. He is presently General Secretary of the Foundation for Books, Music and Cultural Activities and Executive Director of The World Political Forum.

Richard **Pipes**, *Frank B Baird*, Jr Emeritus Professor of History at Harvard University, US

(Cieszyn - 1923) - Professor of History at Harvard University for over 40 years, he is one of the world's leading authorities on Soviet, Russian and Caucasian history. His expertise has led governments, organizations, and publications to seek out his advice. In addition to being a senior professor at Harvard, Richard Pipes has served as Director of Harvard's Russian Research Centre (1968 - 73), as an expert for the Russian Constitutional Court (1992), as Director of the National Security Council's East European and Soviet Affairs team (1981 - 82), as a member of the State Department's Reagan Transition Team (1980), and as Chairman of the CIA's "Team B" to Review Strategic Intelligence Estimates (1976). He is a member of the Council of Foreign Relations. His books have been published in 12 languages.

Gianfranco **Pittatore**, President of the *CRAL Foundation* of Alessandria, Italy

(Ospedaletti, 1939) - Graduated in Economy and Commerce, he is President of the CRAL Foundation since 1991. He was Auditor of the BNL until 1993 and Councillor of the Society Finpiemonte (until 1997). He received the title of Grand'Ufficiale dell'Ordine al Merito of the Italian Republic in 2001. He presently is Councillor of several corporations and institutions, among which the Society EXPO PIEMONTE, the Association of the Piedmont Saving Banks (within which he especially cares for territorial politics), Milan Popular Bank and Akros. He is vice President of Alessandria Chamber of Commerce since 2003 and Member of the Board of Members, High Direction Committee and Scientific Committee of The World Political Forum.

Lord Charles **Powell**, Personal Adviser on Foreign Affairs and Defence to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, UK

(Haywards Heath, 1941) - Lord Charles Powell was for many years Private Secretary and advisor on foreign affairs and defence to Lady Thatcher when she was Prime Minister, and held the same position in the early part of John Major's time as Prime Minister. Since 1992, he has been an international businessman, currently serving as Chairman of Sagitta Asset Management, and a Board member of several major international companies, principally LVMH, Caterpillar, Textron, Schindler Group, Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group and Yell Group. He also holds a number of other positions, in particular President of the China-Britain Business Council, Trustee of the British Museum, Chairman of the Trustees of the Oxford Business School and Chairman of Atlantic Partnership. He is an independent member of the House of Lords.

Alex **Pravda**, Director of *Russian and Eurasian Studies Centre*, St. Anthony's College-Oxford University, UK

He was Senior Research Fellow and head of the Soviet Foreign Policy Programme at the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) from 1986 to 1989 and before that Lecturer in Politics (from 1973) at Reading University. He has been a Visiting Associate Professor at the University of Michigan and Stanford and acted as Specialist Adviser to the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee. Dr Pravda's research focuses especially on Soviet and post-Soviet foreign policy. His publications include "Ideology and Soviet Politics" (as co-editor and co-author, 1988), "Perestroika: Soviet Domestic and Foreign Policies" (co-editor and co-author, 1990), "The End of the Outer Empire" (editor and co-author, 1994), "Internal Factors in Russian Foreign Policy" (co-author, 1996) and "Democratic Consolidation in Eastern Europe: International and Transnational Factors" (co-editor and co-author, 2001).

Anaisabel **Prera**, Ambassador of Guatemala to France

Member of the Board of Directors of the United Nations University for Peace, based in Costa Rica since 1999; Member of the Club of Rome since 1996. From 1994 to 1999, she served as Special Counselor for Latin America to the General Director of UNESCO. Vice-President of the UNESCO Executive Board from 1990 to 1993. Minister of Education and Sports for Guatemala from 1987 to 1990. Secretary General of Guatemala's Supreme Court of Justice and Judicial

Branch. Author of numerous articles and essays on issues relating to peace, culture, democracy and development, published in different Latin American newspapers and magazines. She is Director General of the Fundación para una Cultura de Paz in Madrid.

H.E. Archbishop Girolamo **Prigione**, Apostolic Nuncio, Representative of Vatican's Secretary of State

He served as Papal Representative successively to the IAEA (Vienna), to Guatemala, El Salvador, Ghana, Nigeria and Mexico where he strongly collaborated in restoring diplomatic relations between the Holy See and the Mexican Republic. He has also been a member of the Pontifical Council Justitia et Pax and currently serves on the Congregation for Evangelisation of People in Vatican City.

Alexander **Pumpiansky**, Editor-in-chief *New Times*, Russia

He is Editor-in-Chief of the weekly magazine *Novoye Vremya* and the monthly *New Times*. For eight years he worked as deputy Editor-in-Chief of the weekly newspaper *Moskovskiye Novosti* (Moscow News). He is the author of a number of books and scripts for documentary films. His latest book is *Two Leaders. History as Shipwreck*. Alexander Pumpyansky was a board member of the International Press Institute for two terms (1992–2000). Now IPI fellow. Alexander Pumpyansky has been awarded the Vorovsky prize, (the Russian prize in the field of international journalism), the Journalist of the Year, awarded by the Interpress Service Agency (presented at the UN for 1988) and the prize of Johns Hopkins University for excellence in international journalism (1997).

Jean-Bernard **Raimond**, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, France

(Paris,1926) - Former Ambassador of France, he was Minister of Foreign Affairs during the second Chirac's Government from 1986 to 1988. He was elected member of the French Parliament (Assemblée Nationale) from 1993 to 1997 and re-elected from 1997 to 2002. He acted as member of the Commission for Foreign Affairs from 1993 to 1997 and as its Vice President from 1997 to 2002, and he also acted as member of the delegation to the European Union from 1994 to 2002.

Mieczyslaw **Rakowsky**, former Prime Minister of Poland

Mieczyslaw Rakowsky was an officer of the Polish People's Army from 1945 to 1949. He began his political career in 1946 as a member of the Polish Workers' Party. From 1948 to 1990 he was a member of the Polish United Workers' Party (PZPR), serving on its Central Committee from 1975 to 1990. Rakowski became Editor-in-Chief of the weekly magazine "Polityka" in 1958, a position he held until 1982. He was Deputy Prime Minister from 1981 to 1985, Deputy Speaker of the Sejm and leader of its Socio-economic Council from 1985 to 1988, and a member of the PZPR's Politburo from 1987 to 1990. From September 1988 to August 1989, Rakowski served as the last communist Prime Minister of Poland; from August 1989 to February 1990, he was the last First Secretary of the PZPR. Since 1990, Rakowski has been Editor-in-Chief of "Dzis: Przegląd Społeczny". He is the author of numerous publications on politics.

Peter **Reddaway**, Professor Emeritus of Political Science and International Affairs, George Washington University, US

Before joining George Washington University in 1989, Mr Reddaway taught at the London School of Economics and then directed the Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies. Until his retirement in 2004 he taught courses on Soviet and post-Soviet government and politics, and on human rights, and a multi-disciplinary introduction to Russia and Eastern Europe. His principal publications include "Uncensored Russia: The Human Rights Movement in the USSR" (1972), "Authority, Power and Policy in the USSR" (ed. with T.H. Rigby and A. Brown, 1980), "The Tragedy of Russia's Reforms: Market Bolshevism Against Democracy" (with D.Glinski, 2001), and "The Dynamics of Russian Politics: Putin's Reform of Federal-Regional Relations" (with R. Orttung, vol. 1, 2003, vol. 2 due in 2004). Reddaway contributes articles to the international media, and provides consultation for government bodies concerned with foreign affairs.

Marco **Revelli**, Professor at the University of Piemonte Orientale, Italy

He teaches Political Sciences at the University of East Piedmont. Writer, historian and author of political essays, he often studied history of the Left, of the labour movement and of globalisation. In 1999, just before starting his collaboration with the magazine "Vita", he wrote "Fuori luogo" ("Out of place"), dramatic croniche of a whole winter in contact with a group of Rom escaped from Romany and camping not far from Turin. Among his books: "Workers without politics", "The two Left-wings", "At the roots of Democracy", "Beyond the XX century".

Claudio **Riedel**, Ambassador-Adviser to the Foreign Relations Committee, Congress of Guatemala

He graduated in Guatemala in Political Sciences and got a specialisation at Harvard University (USA). He was Professor of International Relations and International Organisations at the University of San Carlos, Guatemala. He was then Post Graduate Professor at the International Relations Institute, IRIPAZ/FLACSO Institute (Guatemala). In 1961 he was Alternate Delegate to the General Assembly of the United Nations and between 1986 and 1991 he was Member and Delegate of the Guatemalan Congress. Between 1992 and 2000 he was Ambassador of Guatemala to the European Union in Brussels, to various European countries and to Mexico. He presently is Ambassador-Adviser to the Foreign Relations Committee, Congress of Guatemala.

Jeremy **Rifkin**, Essayist, President of the *Foundation on Economic Trends*, US

President of the Foundation on Economic Trends and author of seventeen books on the impact of scientific and technological changes on the economy, the workforce, society, and the environment. His books have been translated into more than twenty languages and are used in hundreds of universities around the world. Mr. Rifkin has also served as an advisor to government leaders and heads of state and is currently serving as a personal advisor to Romano Prodi, the President of the European Commission, and the governing body of the European Union. Mr. Rifkin's world column appears in the leading newspapers and magazines in Europe including "The Guardian" in the U.K., "Die Suddeutsche Zeitung" and "Welt am Sonntag" in Germany, "L'Espresso" in Italy,

"El Pais" in Spain, "Le Monde" in France, and "Clarín" in Argentina. Jeremy Rifkin's newest book, "The European Dream", has been published in September 2004.

Adriano Roccucci, Professor of History of International Relations, Roma Tre University, Italy

Born in Rome on February 23rd, 1962. He is Professor of International Relation History at University of Rome (Italy). Graduated in Literature and History at University of Rome. He achieved a doctorate and post doctorate in Contemporary History in the same University. His research areas are: Russian history in XX century, relationship between Soviet State and Orthodox Church in XX century and relationship between Moscow and Vatican, about which he has written many articles and books. Other research areas are: Soviet Foreign Affairs relationship with Europe in second post War and Russian Cultural History among XIX and XX century.

An observer of the political, geopolitical and cultural reality of the former Soviet world, he has published several essays on *Limes*, the Italian geopolitical magazine, as a member of the Scientific Committee.

Prof. Roccucci takes part in the research project about the international Relations system from 1945 to today: the Italian-Soviet relationship in the bipolar world, sponsored by the Rome University in cooperation with the Moscow University.

Prof. Roccucci cooperates with several scientific institutions in Russia, Ukraine and Belorussia, among which the Institute for World History of the Russian Science Academy, the Russian State University, the Kievo-Mogilanskaija Akademija in Kiev and the European Humanistic University of Minsk.

Maria Rosanova Syniavskaya, Editor, Russia

Art Critic, writer, architect and designer. When still living in Moscow she worked in the field of the architectural restoration and taught to artists, film directors and actors. In 1973 she moved to France after liberation from the gulag of her husband Andrei Syniavsky, she has lived in Paris ever since. Maria Rosanova is founder and editor of the Parisian magazine "Sintaxis". In 2004 she has published with the Muscovite edition of *Agraf* three volumes of Syniavsky's letters from the gulag entitled "The 127 Love Letters".

Adam Rotfeld, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland

He studied international law and diplomacy in Warsaw, where he finished and took a PhD in 1960. Since 1989 he has been at SIPRI as Project Leader and was appointed Director of the Institute on July 1991. He is a member of various academies and boards, amongst which the Advisory Board to UNESCO Studies on Peace and Conflict (since 1993) and the Advisory Board of the Geneva *Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces* (DCAF, appointed in 2001). Since 2001 he has been a member of the President's National Security Council in Poland. He has published and edited more than 20 monographs and over 300 articles. He has been Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and presently is Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland.

Giovanni Roggero Fossati, Managing Director, *ISPI* (International Political Studies Institute), Italy

He graduated in Political Sciences in 1964 and obtained a Master in Economics at the University of New Hampshire (USA) in 1966. In 1967, Mr Fossati entered the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where he worked for three years, for the Personnel Department first and the Economic Affairs Department afterwards. From 1971 to 1992 he worked for *Istituto Bancario San Paolo di Torino*, where he covered important positions in the Department of International Affairs and the Research and Control Department. From 1992 to 1998 was Secretary General of Compagnia di San Paolo. Mr Fossati also held managerial roles in several non-profit organizations. Since 1998, he is CEO at *ISPI*, Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale in Milan, Italy.

Yuri Ryzhov, Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, former Ambassador of the Russian Federation to France, Russia

is President of the International Engineering University in Moscow and Chair of the Russian Pugwash Group; Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences; former Member of the Presidential Council of the Russian Federation and former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Russia to France

Antonio Saitta, President of the Province of Turin

Antonio Saitta is the President of the Province of Turin since June 2004. In relation to his political and administrative responsibility he is personally in charge of Institutional relations, governing programme and general strategies, Winter Olympic Games Turin 2006, Legal affairs and questions related to small municipalities. He was member of the Council of the Province of Turin from 1995 to 1990 leading the Christian Democrat's Party inside that assembly and then Mayor of Rivoli (Turin) from 1988 to 1995. Elected member of the Piedmont Regional Council in 1995 as representative of the Italian Popular Party he was then confirmed for a second term in 2000.

Svetlana Savranskaya, Director of Russian Programs, The National Security Archive-Washington DC, US

Director of Russia Programs at the National Security Archive at George Washington University, Washington, DC, and Adjunct Professor at the American University School of International Service.

Roberto Savio, Chair of *IPS* (International Press Service), Italy

Graduated in Economics, Savio was responsible for the Italian Christian Democratic Party's relations with developing countries before becoming international press chief for Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro. He was then Director for News Services for Latin America with RAI, Italy's national broadcaster, and in 1964 he founded Inter Press Service (IPS), a non-profit co-operative of journalists and experts specialising in global communications for development, acknowledged by the UN. He then left Italian politics to pursue journalism, as a consultant on information and communication issues for developing countries. Founder and managing director of the Technological Information Pilot System (TIPS), a major UN project to implement and foster

technological and economic co-operation between developing countries, he has also been actively involved with international communication issues, introducing the Development Press Bulletin Service Tariff in UNESCO's International Commission for the Study of Communication Problems. He is Secretary General Emeritus of the Society for International Development (SID), Senior Advisor for Strategies and Communication to the Director General of the ILO and Member of the Board of Directors of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe. Member of the International Committee of Porto Alegre World Social Forum, he was Coordinator of the "Media, Culture and Counter-Hegemony" thematic area of the III World Forum in 2003 and Secretary General the foundation of Media Watch International. He received a number of awards for TV documentaries, produced films and published several books, the latest of which is "Verbo America", dealing with the cultural identity of Latin America.

Jonathan Schell, *Harold Willens* Peace Fellow at the Nation Institute, US

He is The Nation's peace and disarmament correspondent and the Harold Willens Peace Fellow at the Nation Institute and author, most recently, of the just-published *The Unconquerable World: Power, Nonviolence, and the Will of the People* (Metropolitan). Mr. Schell was a writer and editor at *The New Yorker* between 1967 and 1987 Deputy Editor for 1987-88. He has received several awards including the Award for Literature, *American Academy and Institute for Arts and Letters* (1973), and Doctor of Humane Letters. Jonathan Schell has also been a Media Studies Centre Fellow (1996-97), a Guggenheim Fellow (1989) and a recipient of a *MacArthur Foundation* grant for writing on Peace and Security (1989-90).

Rudolph Schuster, former President of Slovakia

(Kosice, 1934) - Graduated in Civil Engineering, with a doctorate in ecology, he has been Vice-Chairman for economy at the Kosice National City Council, Chairman of the East Slovak Regional National Council and then Ambassador of the CSFR to Canada. In 1993 he was nominated Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic and between 1994 and 1999 was Mayor of the City of Kosice. In 1998 he became member of the Culture and Media Committee and of the Human Rights and Nationalities Committee. Elected President of the Slovak Republic in 1999. He has also received a number of awards and Honoris Causa degrees and is the author of several books.

Gustavo Selva, President of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Italian Parliament

He entered the Italian state television (RAI) in 1960 and was named correspondent from Brussels, Vienna and Bonn. From 1972 to 1975, having returned to Rome, he was named Head of Staff of RAI's unified Television news. He was then designated President of the Constitutional Affairs Committee. pertaining to the Head of the Council of Ministers and Internal Affairs of the Italian Chamber of Deputies. He then participated to the Bicameral Committee for Constitutional Reforms. On June 2001, he was elected President of the 3rd Foreign and Community Affairs Committee of the Italian Parliament. On September 2003, he was awarded by the "Catholic University Fu Jen" of Taipei (Taiwan) with the "Honoris causa" degree in Law for the "exceptional merits achieved by his activities in the promotion of peace in the world".

Natan **Sharansky**, Minister for Jerusalem and Diaspora Affairs, Israel

He was born Ukraine. He became active in the human rights movement led by Andrei Sakharov and he then became the spokesperson for the Helsinki movement. In 1977 he was sentenced to thirteen years in prison, including solitary confinement and hard labor and was released on February 1986, and emigrated to Israel on that very day. In early 1994, he co-founded *Peace Watch*. In 1996 he founded the political party Yisral B'Aliya . He served in succeeding governments as Minister of Industry and Trade, Minister of the Interior, Minister of Construction and Housing, and Deputy Prime Minister. Presently he serves as Minister of Jerusalem and Diaspora Affairs. His recently published book, *The Case for Democracy: the Power of Freedom to Overcome Freedom and Terror* has attracted wide-spread attention.

H.E. Cardinal Achille **Silvestrini**, Prefect Emeritus *Congregation for Oriental Churches*, The Vatican

(Brisighella, 1923) - Former Prefect of the Congregation for Oriental Churches and Great Chancellor of the Oriental Pontifical Institute since 1991, Card. Achille Silvestrini has worked closely with several countries of South-East Asia since 1952. In 1958 he was Head of the Delegation of the Holy See to the United Nations. In 1973 Pope Paul VI appointed him Undersecretary of the Pontifical Council for the Public Affairs of the Church and he was Secretary of this office from 1978 to 1988. In the same year Pope John Paul II appointed him Archbishop of Novalciana. In 1988 he was lifted to Cardinal and appointed Prefect of the Apostolica Signatura until 1991, when the Pope designated him Prefect of the Congregation for Oriental Churches.

Aleksei **Simonov**, President of the *Glasnost Protection Foundation*, Russia

(Moscow, 1939) - He graduated in Oriental Languages and Indonesian studies. Member of Constitutional Assembly of Russian Federation (1993), Member of Information Arbitration Court, Member of Carter Commission on TV policy, Vice chairman of TV and radio Licensing Committee and Member of the Presidential Counsel for Human Right. He is currently President of the Glasnost Protection Foundation, the principal Russian organization that defends freedom of the press, trains journalists to work in war zones and protects their rights. In 2005 he won the Golden Pen from the Union Russian Journalists.

Guy **Sitbon**, Journalist, *Marianne*, France

Guy Sitbon is a French journalist. He has been correspondent from the U.S. of the French daily newspaper "Le Nouvel Observateur". Presently he is a regular contributor to the French weekly magazine "Marianne".

Lord Robert **Skidelsky**, Member of the House of Lords and Professor of Economic History at Warwick University, UK

(Harbin - China, 1939) - Professor Lord Skidelsky is Professor of Political Economy at the University of Warwick, author of "The World After Communism" (1995) and the internationally acclaimed biography of the economist John Maynard Keynes, which received 5 prizes, including the Lionel Gelber Prize for International Relations and the Council of Foreign Relations Prize for International Relations. He was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 1994. He was elevated to the House of Lords in 1991 and served as Chief Opposition Spokesman on Treasury Affairs (1998-1999). From 1991 to 2001 he was Chairman of the Social Market Foundation. Since 2002 he has been Chairman of the Centre for Global Studies (London). Lord Skidelsky is a non-executive director of Janus Capital Inc. A Russian speaker, he is Chairman of LabRus Investment Club, Director of the Moscow School of Political Studies and a Trustee of Our Talents Foundation (Moscow). He is also a Trustee of the Manhattan Institute.

Rudolf **Slansky**, former Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Slovakia

(Praha, 1935) - Rudolf Slansky was expelled from the Communist party for his involvement in the Prague Spring (1968). In 1977 he was a signatory of the 77 Charter. From February 1990 he was the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic to the USSR, then to the Russian Federation and from January 1993 the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the Russian Federation. In 1996 he was appointed Director General of the Section Asia, Africa and Latin America of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and in 1997 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic to the Slovak Republic, post that he currently holds.

William **Taubman**, *Bertrand Snell* Professor of Political Science at Amherst College, US

(New York, 1941) - William Taubman is the Bertrand Snell Professor of Political Science at Amherst College. In April received the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for biography for "Khrushchev: The Man and His Era." A member of the Amherst Faculty since 1967, Taubman is an associate of the Davis Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard, chair of the Advisory Committee of the Cold War International History Project at the Wilson Centre in Washington, D.C., and a former International Affairs Fellow of the Council on Foreign Relations. His previous books include "Moscow Spring" (co-authored with his wife, Professor of Russian Jane Taubman), "Stalin's American Policy", "Governing Soviet Cities" and "The View from Lenin Hills". He has contributed to "The New York Times", the "Washington Post", the "Los Angeles Times" and many other newspapers, magazines and journals.

Horst **Teltschik**, President of *Boeing*, Germany

He is Vice President International Relations / President Boeing Germany. Since leaving government, he has been closely associated with BMW, including service as a Member of the Board of Management of the BMW Group (1993-2000) and from July 2000 to 2003, as a Representative of the Board of Management of BMW for Central and Eastern Europe, Asia and

Middle East. Since 1999 he is Chairman of the Munich Conference on Security Policy. From 1982 to 1990, Dr. Teltschik was Ministerial Director at Germany's Federal Chancellery and Head of the Directorate-General for Foreign and Intra-German Relations, Development Policy and External Security (National Security Adviser to Chancellor Helmut Kohl). In October 1993, he became Deputy Chief of Staff of the Federal Chancellery.

Dmitri Trenin, Deputy Director, Program Co-Chair, Senior Associate of *Carnegie Moscow Centre* of the *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, Russia

(Moscow, 1955) - He has been Staff member of the USSR Delegation to US-Soviet Nuclear & Space Arms Talks in Geneva, 1985-1991 and Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Europe (Russian Academy of Sciences), from 1993-1997. He is currently a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London and of the Editorial Board of *International Politics*.

Vitaly Tretiakov, Head of Independent Publishing Group, Russia

graduates at the faculty of journalism at Moscow University. From 1976 to 1988 he works in the press agency *Novosty* and from 1988 to 1990 in the newspaper *Moscovskije Novosti*. In 1990 he founds the newspaper *Nezavisimaja Gazeta* that he directs until 2001. From 2002 he is columnist of *Rossijskaia Gazeta* and professor of international journalism at Moscow University. He also hosts a famous Russian TV show called *What to do? Philosophical Discourses*. He is editor-in-chief of the magazine *The Political Class*, President of the *Forum Against International Terrorism* and Member of the *Council for International Defence (SWOP)*.

Hubert Vedrine, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of France

He is Former French Minister of Foreign Affairs (1997-2002). He started his political career in the Ministry of Culture as head of the office responsible for town conservation (1974- 78). From 1979 to 1981 he served as Geographical coordinator attached to the Director-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Cultural, Scientific and Technical Directorate. He was Diplomatic adviser to the President of the Republic (1981- 86); from 1988 to 1995 he was Spokesman for the Presidency of the Republic. Already Appointed *Maître des Requêtes* (legal adviser) in 1986, he served at the French State Council from 1995 to 1996.

Igor Vinogradov, Editor-in-chief, *Kontinent* magazine, Russia

(Russia, 1930) - He graduates in 1953 in philology and continues his studies with a doctorate on the theory of the literature. He then becomes literary critic and researcher on religious thought. He is appointed Professor at the European Academy and at the Russian Academy of Philology. From 1965 to 1970 he is editor-in-chief of the magazine "Novyj Mir". With the beginning of the Perestroika he returns to literary activity and is invited to hold lessons in Milan, Venice, Naples and Geneva. In 1992 moves to Moscow the magazine "Kontinent" (founded in 1976 to Paris) and ever since is its editor-in-chief. Professor Vinogradov is the author of numerous books on literature and philosophy.

Immanuel **Wallerstein**, head of the *Fernand Braudel Center* for the Study of Economics, Historical Systems and Civilization, US

He is head of the Fernand Braudel Center for the Study of Economies, Historical Systems and Civilization and former President of the *International Sociological Association* (1994-1998), and chair of the international *Gulbenkian Commission* on the Restructuring of the Social Sciences (1993-1995). He writes in three domains of world-systems analysis: the historical development of the modern world-system; the contemporary crisis of the capitalist world-economy; the structures of knowledge. Books in each of these domains include respectively *The Modern World-System* (3 vol.); *Utopistics, or Historical Choices for the Twenty-first Century*; *Unthinking Social Science: The Limits of Nineteenth-Century Paradigms*.

Lech **Walesa**, Nobel Peace Prize, Former President of Poland

He was one of the leaders of the shipyard workers and was briefly detained during the clash in December 1970. In 1978 with other activists he began to organise free non-communist trade unions and took part in many actions on the sea coast. In August 1980 he led the Gdansk shipyard strike, which gave rise to a wave of strikes over much of the country with Walesa seen as the leader. In September 1981 he was elected Solidarity Chairman at the First National Solidarity Congress in Gdansk. In October 1983 the announcement of Walesa's Nobel Prize raised the spirits of the underground movement, but the award was attacked by the government press. In April 1990 at Solidarity's second national congress, Walesa was elected chairman with 77.5% of the votes. In December 1990 in a general ballot he was elected President of the Republic of Poland. He served until defeated in the election of November 1995.

Alexander **Yakovlev**, former Chairman of the *Commission for the Rehabilitation of Victims of Repression*, Russia

(December 1923- October 2005) - He is considered the leading architect of glasnost and perestroika. While in power, Mr. Yakovlev helped shape foreign policy and presided over ideological, intellectual and cultural affairs. He sat at Gorbachev's side during the five summit meetings with President Reagan. By 1990, he had come under increasing attack from the conservative wing of the party and extreme nationalist groups, culminating in his expulsion from the party two days before the August Coup in 1991. Immediately after the coup began he joined the democratic opposition. At the victory rally in Moscow on August 21, after the coup had been defeated.

Grigori **Yavlinsky**, Founder and Leader of Russian Democratic Party *Yabloko*, Russia

From 1984 he held management position at the Labour Ministry and then the Council of Ministers of the USSR. He was head of the Joint Economic Department of the Government of the USSR. In 1990 Yavlinsky was appointed Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the RSFSR, Chairman of the State Commission of the USSR for Economic Reform. In 1995 he created YABLOKO, a Russian civil democratic party. Since the mid-1990s he has been involved in developing tax and budget reforms. Active opponent of a military solution to the problems in Chechnya and of imports of radioactive waste into Russia. Rigorous and uncompromising critic of

the government variant of the housing and utilities sector and electricity sector reforms. In April 2003 he initiated a collection of signatures for the resignation of the government.

Yevgeny **Yevtushenko**, Poet Laureate of Russia, Professor Emeritus, Tulsa University-Oklahoma

(Zima,1933) - During World War II Yevtushenko was evacuated to Zima, returning in 1944 to Moscow, where he studied at the Gorky Institute of Literature from 1951 to 1954. Internationally the best-known of the post-Stalin generation of Russian poets, he travelled widely abroad, receiving much attention especially in the United States. He demanded greater artistic freedom, and his attacks on Stalinism and bureaucracy in the late 1950s and 60s made him a leader of Soviet youth. Since the 1970s he has been active in many fields of culture: writing novels, acting, film directing, and photography. He has also remained politically outspoken and in 1974 supported Solzhenitsyn when the Nobel Prize Winner was arrested and exiled. In 1985, when Mikhail S. Gorbachev had just risen to power, "Literaturnaya Gazeta", published by the Soviet Writers' Union, left out several major sections of Yevtushenko's remarks about Stalin's purges, the evils of collectivisation, and the privileges of the elite. In 1989 Yevtushenko became a member of the Congress of People's Deputies, next year he was appointed vice president of Russian PEN and in 1987 honorary member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 1993 Yevtushenko received a medal as Defender of Free Russia, which was given to those who took part in resisting the hard-line Communist coup in August 1991.

Vadim **Zagladin**, former Personal Adviser to Mikhail S. Gorbachev for Foreign Affairs, Russia

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