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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **ASIL INTEREST GROUP HOSTS CONFERENCE ON**

### **THE POLITICS OF INT'L ECONOMIC LAW: THE NEXT FOUR YEARS**

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Society of International Law's (ASIL) International Economic Law Interest Group will host its biennial conference on November 13-15, 2008, at the George Washington University Law School Faculty Conference Center, 2000 H St., NW, Washington, D.C. The theme of this year's meeting is *The Politics of International Economic Law: The Next Four Years*, and members of the press are invited to attend by responding to [sward@asil.org](mailto:sward@asil.org).

Occurring just ten days after the US presidential election and in conjunction with the upcoming G20 financial summit in Washington, DC, *The Politics of International Economic Law: The Next Four Years* will be a timely conference. Presentations will focus on the international economic agenda of the next four years, not only for the new administration, but also for global economic governance and for the international community at large. In addition to more than 35 academic presentations, the conference will include commentators and distinguished speakers from practice, government, and

academia, including the following.

An opening keynote address by **Jennifer A. Hillman** (WTO Appellate Body Member; Senior Transatlantic Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States);

A luncheon speech by **John K. Veroneau** (Deputy U.S. Trade Representative);

An endnote discussion between **John H. Jackson** (professor at Georgetown University Law Center) and **William Frenzel** (Former Ranking Member, House Committee on Ways and Means; U.S. Congress, 1971-1991; Guest Scholar, Brookings Institution); and

A roundtable on the international financial crisis with **Peter Bakstansky** (former Senior Vice-President, New York Federal Reserve Bank; **Michael Bradfield** (Jones Day LLP; former General Counsel, Federal Reserve Board); **Edwin M Truman** (Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics; former Assistant Secretary of Treasury for International Affairs; former Director, Division of International Finance, Federal Reserve Board); and Moderator **R. Michael Gadbaw** (Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Georgetown University Law Center; former Vice-President and Senior Counsel, General Electric).

To view the entire conference program, visit

<http://www.asil.org/files/ielconferenceprogram.pdf>.

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The Society's 4,000 members (from nearly 100 countries) comprise attorneys, academics, corporate counsel, judges, representatives of governments and nongovernmental organizations, international civil servants, students, and others interested in international law.

ASIL events, such as *The Politics of International Economic Law: The Next Four Years*, generally deal with one of the Society's seven thematic focal areas: Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, International Institutions, International Law and Development, International Security, Science and Technology, Trade and Investment, and Transnational Litigation and Arbitration. For more information, visit [www.asil.org](http://www.asil.org).