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**ASIL ANNOUNCES PROGRAM FOR 101<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**  
**NOBEL LAUREATE AND INT'L JUDGES AMONG FEATURED SPEAKERS**

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Society of International Law (ASIL) will hold its 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting from March 28 through March 31, 2007, at the Fairmont Hotel, 2401 M Street, NW, Washington, DC. The theme of this year's meeting is "The Future of International Law," and 2001 Nobel Prize-winning economist **Joseph Stiglitz** will be among the featured speakers. He will be joined by international judges, senior officials from government and international organizations, corporate counsel, leading academics, and other leaders in the field. Nearly 150 experts over four days promise to make the 2007 ASIL Annual Meeting as content-rich as any in recent memory. The meeting will examine trends that are challenging, shaping, and changing international law. Credentialed press may attend the Meeting by registering at [www.asil.org/pressreg.html](http://www.asil.org/pressreg.html).

With a century of tradition and experience behind it, ASIL's Annual Meeting has become the most important gathering of international law professionals in the world. Approximately 1,000 leading legal scholars, practitioners, and officials come together from some 50 countries to debate and discuss the latest issues and developments in the

field.

Professor **Stiglitz**, who is a former chief economist of the World Bank and author of the recent book *Making Globalization Work*, will open the Meeting with a speech on **Wednesday, March 28, at 4:15 p.m.**, entitled *Multinational Corporations: Balancing Rights and Responsibilities*. Other timely topics to be addressed during the Meeting's 30 panels and lectures range from *Feeling the Heat? Climate Change Litigation in the 21st Century* (Thursday, March 29, 9:00 a.m.) to *The Future of Food* (Thursday, March 29, 10:45 a.m.); *Tsunamis, Hurricanes, Earthquakes, and Asteroids: Are We Ready for the Next 100 Years?* (Thursday, March 29, 10:45 a.m.); *Collapse: Can International Law Protect the Earth's Natural Resources?* (Thursday, March 29, 1:00 p.m.); *Slave Trafficking 200 Years After Abolition* (Friday, March 30, 9:00 a.m.); *Ethics, Legitimacy, and Lawyering: How Do International Lawyers Speak Truth to Power?* (Friday, March 30, 10:45 a.m.); *The Supreme Court and the War on Terrorism* (Friday, March 30, 1:00 p.m.); *Roundtable on the News Media and International Law* (Friday, March 30, 1:00 p.m.); and *The Future of International Security--Four Scenarios* (Friday, March 30, 8:00 p.m.) A special Corporate Counsel Forum will also share views of international law's impact held by in-house counsel from such global companies as **General Motors** and **Shell**.

International judges presenting at this year's Meeting include **Hisashi Owada** from the International Court of Justice, **Antônio Cançado Trindade** from the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, **Fatsah Ouguergouz** from the African Court of Human and Peoples' Rights, **Taghrid Hikmet** from the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, **Cecilia Medina** from the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, and

**Christos Rozakis** from the European Court of Human Rights. Representatives from the International Criminal Court and the Special Court for Sierra Leone will also speak. Full details of the four-day program are available at [www.asil.org/events/am07](http://www.asil.org/events/am07).

“There really is something for everybody at this year’s Annual Meeting,” said ASIL Executive Director **Elizabeth Andersen**. “The Program Committee’s done a terrific job of featuring cutting-edge issues and addressing the full breadth of international law as a policy topic, an academic focus, and a professional discipline. All those with an interest in international law can look forward to another great ASIL Meeting.”

ASIL is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational membership organization. It was founded in 1906, chartered by the US Congress in 1950, and has held Category II Consultative Status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations since 1993. ASIL’s mission is to foster the study of international law and promote the establishment and maintenance of international relations on the basis of law and justice. 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. To learn more about the Society, visit [www.asil.org](http://www.asil.org).