



Bringing the World Closer

**GLOBAL ISSUES EVENINGS PRESENT**

**“The Arab Spring: Outlook for The Middle East”**



**Fouad Ajami**  
*Senior Fellow at The Hoover Institution at Stanford University and Co-Chairman of Hoover’s Working Group on Islamism and the International Order*

Tuesday, October 25, 2011  
7:00-8:30 p.m.  
University of North Florida,  
University Center

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*Premier Members and Sponsors are also invited to a special pre-event reception hosted from 6:00–6:45 p.m. at the UNF University Center*  
**RSVP to (904) 280-8162 by October 19**

**GLOBAL BUSINESS LUNCHEONS PRESENT**

**“JAXPORT’s Ties to the Economic Future of the First Coast Community”**



**A. Paul Anderson**  
*CEO, Jacksonville Port Authority*

Tuesday, October 11, 2011  
Noon-1:30 p.m.  
The River Club

*Sponsored by: Water Street Capital*  
*Media Sponsors: Jacksonville Business Journal & WJCT*  
*Co-hosted with: The Gate Governors Club*

*Cost: \$50 (Council Members) \$75 (Non-Members)*  
*\$1,000 (Table Sponsor)*

*Reserved Seating Available for Sponsors and Ambassador’s Circle Members*

## Chairman’s Message



Jonathan Howe

I always look forward to September. It is “**Go Time**” for both the Jaguars and the World Affairs Council as we launch new seasons with high expectations. It is a time when many of us are asked to renew our memberships and all of us contemplate the schedule ahead. I believe this year the Council is bringing you an exceptional lineup of compelling issues. Please don’t miss our **September** speakers. The U.S. faces big questions about how best to meet the changing challenges of terrorism, and our first Global Issues Evening (GIE) speaker **John Brennan** is the man who finds the answers for the President. We all are wondering about the outlook for our economy during

this uncertain period and what our country should be doing about it. That’s why we asked **Dennis Lockhart** of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank to share his insights at our first Global Business lunch (GBL).

This issue of *Dialogue* features our October speakers **Paul Anderson** and **Fouad Ajami**. The plans of the new leader of JAXPORT will be critical to the future growth of Jacksonville, and there is no one better than **Dr. Ajami** to help untangle the complexities of the “Arab Spring” for us. I am very pleased that sponsors and members at the Benefactor and Ambassador’s Circle levels will be able to have a private conversation at The River Club with **Dr. Ajami** the night before his UNF presentation. Yes, we know there is a Jaguars Monday Night football game on October 24, but we will end in time for our Council fans to attend/watch the game. Thanks to the generosity of **Russell and Joannie Newton**, we will open our season on September 20 with a moving evening with two close friends, one a survivor of Auschwitz and the other the son of a German Nazi army officer. They will share with us the inspiring story of their *Uncommon Friendship*. These first two Special Engagements of the season are another important reason to upgrade or renew your membership now. Information on other Special Events during the coming season will follow.

In preparing for our speakers, you may enjoy clicking on the new “Library” section of our webpage and then “speaker publications.” Trustee **Barbara Gubbin’s Jacksonville**

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**SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT FOR COUNCIL SPONSORS & AMBASSADOR’S CIRCLE & BENEFACTOR MEMBERS**

**An Evening of Dialogue with Fouad Ajami**



**Monday, October 24, 2011**  
**5:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**The River Club**  
**Cocktails and heavy hors d’oeuvres**

Join us for this spirited evening of dialogue focusing on the Arab Revolutions of 2011. Jaguar attire welcome as many will be attending the Jaguars vs. Ravens game at EverBank Stadium, immediately following this presentation.

**COUNCIL STAFF**

## New Team Member



Megan K. Duda

On July 11, **Megan K. Duda** joined the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville as Director of Membership Services, managing the Council's membership outreach and retention. Megan recently concluded a nine-month tenure as a Florida Gubernatorial Fellow at the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, and was awarded The Jeb Bush Award for Outstanding Achievement. This award, named for our former Governor and founder of the Gubernatorial Fellows Program, is awarded to the

Fellow who identifies a critical state concern and addresses it with an outstanding policy proposal. In addition to serving as a Fellow in the Executive Office of the Governor, Megan also served as an intern in the United States Congress. She graduated with a master's degree in Public Administration from Florida State University (earning a 4.0 GPA) and earned a bachelor of arts degree in Political Science (graduating cum laude) from the University of Florida. Please join me in welcoming Megan on-board at an upcoming Council event!

Trina Medarev

### 2011-2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| <b>Sept. 20, 6:00 PM</b><br>Ambassador's Circle & Sponsor Event<br><i>An Uncommon Friendship</i><br>The River Club | <b>Dec. 9, 6:00 PM</b><br>International Wine Party<br>Home of Ambassador Marilyn McAfee |
| <b>Sept. 26, 7:00 PM</b><br>The Honorable John O. Brennan<br>UNF University Center                                 | <b>Jan. 10, 7:00 PM</b><br>David Ignatius<br>UNF University Center                      |
| <b>Sept. 27, Noon</b><br>Dennis P. Lockhart<br>The River Club  | <b>Feb. 14, Noon</b><br>Sheryl WuDunn<br>The River Club                                 |
| <b>Oct. 11, Noon</b><br>A. Paul Anderson<br>UNF University Center  | <b>Feb. 14, 7:00 PM</b><br>Sheryl WuDunn<br>UNF University Center                       |
| <b>Oct. 24, 5:00 PM</b><br>A.C., Benefactor & Sponsor Event<br>Fouad Ajami<br>The River Club                       | <b>March 6, Noon</b><br>Frank Trotter<br>The River Club                                 |
| <b>Oct. 25, 7:00 PM</b><br>Fouad Ajami<br>UNF University Center  | <b>March 13, 7:00 PM</b><br>Michael Mandelbaum<br>UNF University Center                 |
| <b>Nov. 8, Noon</b><br>M. Farooq Kathwari<br>The River Club  | <b>April 11, 7:00 PM</b><br>Michael Sandel<br>UNF University Center                     |
| <b>Nov. 29, 7:00 PM</b><br>Norman J. Ornstein<br>UNF University Center   | <b>April 24, 6:00 PM</b><br>WorldQuest 2012<br>Aloft Tapestry Park                      |

**CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE, FROM PAGE 1**

**Public Library** has provided a very thorough listing of links to books, talks and articles by our speakers for this coming year. These references provide excellent resources for book clubs or discussion groups of friends attending a GIE or GBL. Our speakers have been impressed by our knowledgeable Jacksonville audiences. I hope we will continue to add value to what we take from these presentations by dialoguing on the critical issues raised before, during and after these sessions. Let the 2011-12 discussions begin in earnest!

**Admiral Jonathan T. Howe, USN (Ret.), Chairman**  
*World Affairs Council of Jacksonville*

**MEMBERSHIP "TIP OF THE MONTH"**

## Let the Dialogue Begin: Focus on Facebook



Can't wait for the Council's 2011-2012 season to start? Connect with us on Facebook and engage in conversation with fellow members the whole year round! We have plenty of photos for you to browse, links to follow and news to share. You can also comment on our posts or start a discussion about global issues that matter today. Even if you don't have a Facebook account, you can browse the information listed on the Council's page without signing up. So, find us on Facebook and let the dialogue begin!

Shereth Coble

**EDUCATION**

## ... off to another year full of Great Decisions

The Council hosted its annual Great Decisions Planning Session at the **University of North Florida** on August 17. Excitement and enthusiasm about this worthy education initiative prevailed among participating high school, college and university faculty members as they shared past experiences and new ideas for the upcoming school year. The Great Decisions Program exposes students to timely and relevant international issues and has quickly grown to include 170 participants from ten area high schools in Duval, St. Johns and Nassau County. Membership dollars, WorldQuest proceeds and the generous contributions from sponsors and strategic partners make this program possible. Many thanks to **Sandy & Bob Cook, EverBank, the Jacksonville Business Journal, the Emily Balz Smith Foundation, the Rotary Club of South Jacksonville** and our host, **Ann McCullen (UNF)** for their kind support.

Uli Decker

**YOUNG PROFESSIONALS**

## Cocktails for a Cause

Join the Council's Young Professionals (YPs) as they gather at **The University Club** on September 9 for Happy Hour drink specials & complimentary hors d'oeuvres, sponsored by the **Young Executive Society (Y.E.S.)** After national recognition in the World Affairs Councils of America's "Share the Best" column, the Council's dynamic YP members look forward to sharing some of their past successes and future endeavors with our local supporters. All cash tips will benefit the Council's community outreach - so please come and bring a friend! This event is open to all Council members. Please RSVP by Friday, September 2.

Uli Decker

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