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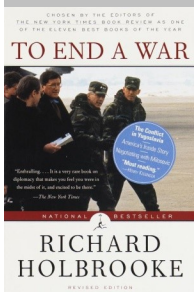
Richard Holbrooke

Ambassador Holbrooke is the United States Special Representative to Pakistan and Afghanistan. He was appointed by President Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on January 22, 2009.

Holbrooke has more than 45 years of diplomatic and foreign policy experience. Before becoming the US Special Representative to Pakistan and Afghanistan, he served as Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific affairs under President Jimmy Carter. He has held many other high level positions in government. He was a top policy adviser to then-Senator Al Gore during his 1988 campaign for the

Democratic presidential nomination and four years later, he advised Bill Clinton. When Clinton became president, Holbrooke became the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

Holbrooke has served in a wide variety of other positions outside government. He served as Peace Corps director in Morocco in 1970 and as editor of *Foreign Policy* magazine from 1972 to 1976. In January 1981, Holbrooke became senior advisor to Lehman Brothers and vice president of Public Strategies, a Washington, D.C.-based consulting firm he formed with James A. Johnson. From 1985 until 1993, Holbrooke served as managing director of Lehman Brothers. During this time, he co-authored [*Counsel to the President*](#), *The New York Times* best-selling memoirs of legendary Democratic wise man and Defense Secretary Clark Clifford. Holbrooke was the vice chairman of Perseus LLC, a leading private equity firm. From February 2001 until July 2008, Holbrooke was a member of the Board of Directors of AIG.



Holbrooke is perhaps best known for helping to broker a peace agreement between warring factions in Bosnia that led to the 1995 Dayton Accords. He describes his experiences in a book entitled [*To End A War*](#). The book was selected as one of the best books of that year by *The New York Times*.

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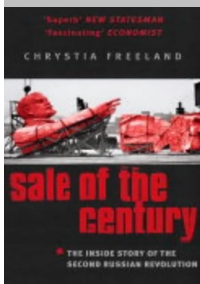
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Chrystia Freeland

Chrystia Freeland is the new global editor-at-large for *Reuters*. In her new role, Freeland serves as a key figure on *Reuters Insider*, a new financial video service. She is also *Reuters'* principal on-air pundit for other external broadcast partners and a senior contributor to *Reuters.com* where she writes a weekly column that focuses on business and politics.

Before joining *Reuters*, Freeland was US managing editor of the *Financial Times*. During her tenure with them, its US print edition became the single largest edition of the *FT*. Before that, Freeland was deputy editor of the *Financial Times* in London, editor of the *FT's* Weekend edition, UK News editor, Moscow bureau chief and Eastern Europe correspondent.

From 1999 to 2001, Freeland served as deputy editor of *The Globe and Mail*, Canada's national newspaper. Freeland began her career working as a stringer in Ukraine, writing for the *FT*, *The Washington Post* and *The Economist*.



Freeland received her bachelor's degree in history and literature from Harvard University, and earned a Master of Studies degree from St. Anthony's College at Oxford University, which she attended as a Rhodes Scholar. Her expertise lies in the history and culture of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Her book, [*Sale of the Century: The Inside Story of the Second Russian Revolution*](#), details Russia's journey from communism to capitalism. Her piece on Mikhail Khodorkovsky, which appeared in the *FT Magazine*, won 'Best Energy Submission' at the Business Journalist of the Year Awards in 2004.

Freeland sits on the advisory board of the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto and she is a board member of the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children.

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Amity Shlaes

Amity Shlaes is a syndicated columnist for *Bloomberg* and a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. Shlaes is a trustee of the American Institute in Contemporary German Studies and she sits on the jury for the American Academy's fellows as well as the jury for the [Bastiat Prize](#). She is also an adjunct associate professor at New York University's Stern School of Business.

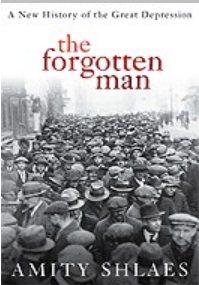
Shlaes was formerly a columnist for the *Financial Times*. Before that she was a member of the editorial board of the *Wall Street Journal*, specializing in economics and served as its features editor in the early 1990s. Prior to that, Shlaes followed the collapse of communism for the *Wall Street Journal*/Europe. She frequently writes on taxes, political economy and Calvin Coolidge. In fact, she is currently working on a biography of Calvin Coolidge and writes a co-founded a blog dedicated to Calvin Coolidge.

Shlaes has published articles in the *National Review*, the *New Republic*, *Foreign Affairs*, the *American Spectator*, the *Suddeutsche Zeitung* and *Die Zeit*. In 2002 she contributed a piece on the US tax code to the thirtieth anniversary anthology of *Tax Notes*, the scholarly journal.

Shlaes has been a finalist for the Loeb Prize in commentary twice and in 2002 she was co-winner of the Frederic Bastiat Prize, an international prize for writing on political economy. She then spent several months at the American Academy in Berlin as the JP Morgan Fellow for finance and economy.

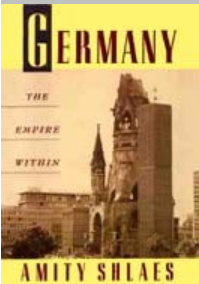
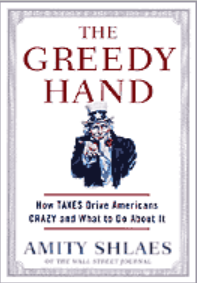
Shlaes is the author of [The Forgotten Man: A New History of the Great Depression](#), [The Greedy Hand](#), a national bestseller on America's experience with its tax code, and a book about German national identity entitled [Germany: The Empire Within](#). In 2004, she co-authored a chapter on tax philosophy to [Turning Intellect to Influence](#), an anthology chronicling the progress of free-market ideas as advanced by the Manhattan Institute.

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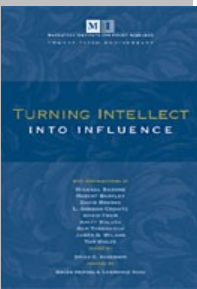
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Jeffrey Sachs

Jeffrey Sachs is the Director of The Earth Institute, Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development, and Professor of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University. He is also Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Sachs was born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1954. He received his B.A., summa cum laude, from Harvard College in 1976, and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1978 and 1980. He joined the Harvard faculty as an Assistant Professor in 1980, becoming one of its youngest professors in history. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1982 and Full Professor in 1983. Prior to his arrival at Columbia University in July 2002, Sachs spent over twenty years at Harvard University, most recently as Director of the Center for International Development and Galen L. Stone Professor of International Trade.

Sachs's research interests include health and development, economic geography, globalization, transition to market economies in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, international financial markets, international macroeconomic policy coordination, emerging markets, economic development and growth, global competitiveness, and macroeconomic policies in developing and developed countries.

He has worked as an economic advisor to governments in Latin America, Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, Asia and Africa, not without controversy. He has worked with international agencies on problems of poverty reduction, debt cancellation for the poorest countries, and disease control. He is a Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research and has been an advisor to the IMF, the World Bank, the OECD, the World Health Organization, and the United Nations Development Program, among other international agencies.

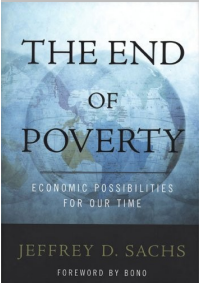
During 2000-2001, he was Chairman of the Commission on Macroeconomics and Health of the World Health Organization, and from September 1999 through March 2000 he served as a member of the International Financial Institutions Advisory Commission established by the U.S. Congress.

From 2002 to 2006, Sachs was Director of the [UN Millennium Project](#) and Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan on the Millennium Development Goals, the internationally agreed goals to reduce extreme poverty, disease, and hunger by the year 2015. Sachs is also President and Co-Founder of [Millennium Promise Alliance](#), a nonprofit organization aimed at ending extreme global poverty.

He is a member of the Brookings Panel of Economists, the Board of Advisors of the Chinese Economists Society, among other organizations. He is the first holder of the Royal Professor Ungku Aziz Chair in Poverty Studies at the Centre for Poverty and Development Studies, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur from 2007-2009. In 2004 and 2005, *Time Magazine* named Sachs one of the 100 most influential people in the world and the *World Affairs Council of America* identified him as one of the 500 most influential people in the United States in the field of foreign policy.

Sachs has authored hundreds of scholarly articles and many books, including the *New York Times* bestsellers [Common Wealth](#) and [The End of Poverty](#). Sachs writes a syndicated newspaper column which appears in more than 50 countries around the world. He also frequently contributes to major publications such as the *Financial Times* of London, *Scientific American* and *Time* magazine.

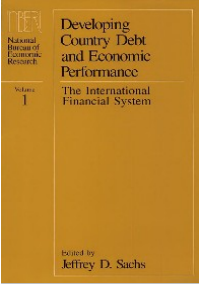
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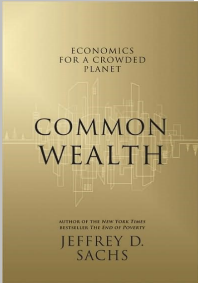


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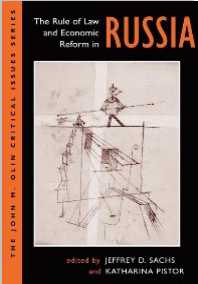


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