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We are pleased to have as our season's first speaker on September 22, 2005 Afshin Molavi, whose subject is:

IRAN: ITS FUTURE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES & THE WORLD

Afshin Molavi is the author of the critically acclaimed book *Persian Pilgrimages: Journeys Across Iran*, which was nominated for the Thomas Cook literary travel book of the year award.

He is currently a fellow at the New America Foundation, a non-partisan, Washington-based think tank devoted to pragmatic solutions to global problems. At New America, Molavi writes on U.S foreign policy, globalization, global economic development, and Middle East affairs. He also advocates for economic dignity as a basic human right and the strengthening of global middle classes –two themes he is exploring for his next book on economic development in the Middle East.

A recipient of a Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Public Policy Fellowship and the Joe Alex Morris Jr. National Council on US-Arab Relations/Los Angeles Times Journalism Fellowship, Afshin Molavi holds an MA in Middle East history and International Economics from the Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies.

Born in Iran, but raised and educated in the West, Molavi has written widely on the Middle East, the Muslim world and the United States – and the links between the three -- as a journalist and scholar for more than ten years, with postings in Riyadh, Dubai, Jeddah, Washington and Tehran, and assignments across the region. He has covered Iran and the Persian Gulf region for Reuters and the *Washington Post*, and written widely about the United States for the *Arab News* of Saudi Arabia and *Asharq Al-Awsat*, a leading pan-Arabic daily.

Where? – Woodstock Club What? Chilean Sea Bass

Refreshments 5:45; Dinner 6:30 Presentation: 7:30 +

Future speakers include: Edward Abington (Israel-Palestinian), Donald Gregg (North Korea) and Gerald Robbins (Turkey). We will let you know the dates as soon as we have them.