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## Reforming the United Nations to Produce a Safer World: A Public Conversation in Search of Solutions

**When:** Tuesday April 5, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

**Where:** The Civic Theatre at Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Road Indianapolis

The United Nations finds itself at a crisis point. For years, opinion polls show most Americans support the UN, but believe it must be reformed. The invasion of Iraq thrust into the open questions about the UN's role providing global security and its relation to the United States. Public discussions focus on scandals such as the massive diversion of funds under Iraq's "oil-for-food" program in the 1990s, or the systemic abuse of refugees by UN peacekeepers in Congo and elsewhere. The Bush Administration has named as its Ambassador to the UN John Bolton, one of that body's fiercest critics.

In this troubled time, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan has released an ambitious [blueprint for wide-ranging reform](#). The [Stanley Foundation](#) commissioned a [high level panel](#) of some of the world's leading scholars and statespersons to clarify the challenges and to make recommendations that were integrated into Annan's blueprint. The Foundation now is working with [Americans for Informed Democracy](#) and the [United Nations Foundation](#) to convene a town hall series that bring world leaders and scholars together with students and concerned citizens for nonpartisan, open-minded discussions of the UN's future.

The public conversation April 5 has been organized by the [Sagamore Institute for Policy Research](#) and is hosted by the [Franciscan Center for Global Studies](#) at Marian College. It will feature four experts with very diverse experience and perspectives. [Bruce Rashkow](#) is Director of Legal Affairs at the UN. [Phebe Marr](#), a leading expert on Iraq, has seen the UN at its best and its worst. [Edward DeLaney](#) is an Indianapolis attorney who has worked with the UN in Bosnia and Kosovo. Prof. [William Bradford](#) is author of the first casebook of military and humanitarian law, and despite being an ambassador to the UN for the Miami tribe of Indiana, is a frequent critic of the UN. These experts will join with the audience to discuss the threats facing the US and the world, serious problems the UN currently experiences, and possible reforms to solve these problems.

This important event is free of charge and open to all. If you have any questions, please contact John Clark at [john@sipr.org](mailto:john@sipr.org) or 317-472-2050, ext. 307.



Phebe Marr, a Senior Research Fellow at the US Institute for Peace, is America's foremost historian of modern Iraqi politics. She was research professor at the National Defense University, and a professor of history at the University of Tennessee and at Stanislaus State University in California. In 1999–2000, Marr was a senior scholar at the Wilson Center. She frequently contributes to media discussions about Iraq, has written numerous articles on Iraq, and has testified before many congressional committees in recent years.

Bruce Rashkow is the UN's top lawyer, serving as Director of the United Nations' Office of Legal Affairs since 1995. Among the duties of this office are providing a unified central legal service for the Secretariat and the principal and other organs of the United Nation and contributing to the progressive development and codification of international public and trade law. Prior to holding this position he was an Assistant Legal Adviser for United Nations Affairs at the US Department of State. Rashkow was Legal Adviser for Diplomatic Law and Practice at the State Department from 1984 to 1987.

William Bradford, professor of law at Indiana University-Indianapolis, is one of the country's leading experts on national security and foreign relations law and the law governing war and international conflicts. Bradford served in the US Army from 1990 to 2001, and was legal advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff General John Shalikashvili. He is the author of *The Laws of Armed Conflict and Transnational Security in the Age of Terror*, the first casebook of military law. Bradford has written on the legal justification for the Bush Administration's doctrine of preemptive war, on American Indians' claims for reparations, and on the proposal of a new post-9/11 framework for the law governing war. One of fewer than fifteen Native Americans who are tenured law professors in the US, he was recently appointed United Nations Ambassador from the Miami tribe of Indiana.

Ed DeLaney is a trial lawyer and currently a partner at DeLaney & DeLaney in Indianapolis. DeLaney has been active in international trade work throughout his career, especially as relates to the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. He represented the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in an arbitration hearing under the Dayton Peace Accords. He is an adjunct fellow with the Hudson Institute and an adjunct professor of law at Indiana University–Bloomington. DeLaney has written, in collaboration with John Clark, on the United Nations and how it can be used most effectively to rebuild Iraq.

John Clark, Senior Fellow at the Sagamore Institute for Policy Research, will moderate this discussion. Clark researches global security, international development, European issues, and civil society at the local, national, and international levels. He has written on a wide range of topics, including organized crime in the former USSR, Polish political economy, Northeast Asian international security, and United States intervention in Central Asia. He has written reports on the potential of “preventative development” in Kazakhstan for the United Nations Development Programme.