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SE WORLD AFFAIRS INSTITUTE  
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2008 SOUTHEASTERN WORLD AFFAIRS INSTITUTE

## The Transatlantic Relationship from a Global Perspective

Friday, July 25 – Sunday, July 29, 2008

YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, NC

Come for a weekend vacation in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. Expand your horizons on world issues. Meet old friends and make new ones as you share the challenge of exploring new ideas. The historic and extensive campus of the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly conference center provides comfortable meeting space, motel-style rooms, tennis courts, hiking trails, a large swimming pool and playgrounds as well as rocking chairs for comfortable views of the mountains from the veranda of the ante-bellum style Robert E. Lee Hall. The Institute offers stimulation for the mind and spirit along with relaxation for the body.

### **Speakers on the subject of “The Transatlantic Relationship from a Global Perspective”**

Dr. Theo Sommer, Publisher of Die Zeit – Highly regarded intellectual weekly newspaper in Germany

Scott Denham, Professor of German and Director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies at Davidson College in Davidson, NC

Amabassador Richard Burt, Former Ambassador from the United States to the Federal Republic of Germany

Anthony Smallwood, Spokesman, Head of Press and Public Diplomacy Section, Delegation of the European Commission

For more information contact: Program Chairman, Klaus Becker (704) 843-9350  
9564 Grayson Heights Drive, Charlotte, NC 28277 [Klaus.becker@amsspecialtysteel.com](mailto:Klaus.becker@amsspecialtysteel.com)

### **Other Presenters:**

Jay Williams, Wachovia, Photo Safari from East Africa

Jon Sawyer, Director, Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, World Security Institute, Washington, DC

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**The 55th year of the American Freedom Association – SE World Affairs Institute  
THE TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP FROM A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE**

**Directions to the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly**

The YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly is an all-season conference center near Black Mountain, NC and about 17 miles east of Asheville, NC. Take Interstate 40 to the Black Mountain Exit; turn South on Hwy 9 and go ½ mile. Bear right at the first YMCA Blue Ridge sign and go 0.9 mile. The next YMCA Blue Ridge sign will be on your left – turn into the campus and follow the road to the main building for check-in.

YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly 84 Blue Ridge Circle Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711

tel: 828.669.8422

[www.blueridgeassembly.org](http://www.blueridgeassembly.org)

**Map of Black Mountain, N.C. and Environs**



**Suggested Web Sites to Visit for Background Information**

- [http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi\\_m1079/is\\_v84/ai\\_3200093](http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m1079/is_v84/ai_3200093)
- <http://www.ies.be/node/9>
- <http://www.imf.org/external/np/speeches/2005/111005.htm>
- <http://www.da-vienna.ac.at/userfiles/reden/mccaw.pdf>
- [http://www.europa-eu-un.org/articles/en/article\\_6274\\_en.htm](http://www.europa-eu-un.org/articles/en/article_6274_en.htm)
- <http://washingtonrealist.blogspot.com/2007/12/future-of-trans-atlantic-relationship.html>
- <http://www.state.gov/s/p/rem/10968.htm>
- <http://www.coleurop.be/file/content/studyprogrammes/ird/research/pdf/EDP%202-2006%20Burghardt.pdf>
- [http://www.gmfus.org/event/detail.cfm?parent\\_type=E&id=462](http://www.gmfus.org/event/detail.cfm?parent_type=E&id=462)
- [http://www.swp-berlin.org/common/get\\_document.php?asset\\_id=3883](http://www.swp-berlin.org/common/get_document.php?asset_id=3883)
- <http://cps.ceu.hu/download.php?oid=Te182f544e0555622a8b8802cff3078c;aid=Te162d5445015b6e288433b5bf79ae04;file=>
- [http://www.twq.com/04winter/docs/04winter\\_bereuter.pdf](http://www.twq.com/04winter/docs/04winter_bereuter.pdf)
- <http://www.greeninstitute.net/node/52>

**Friday, July 25**

- 2:00 p.m. Registration opens
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **UNA Western NC Chapter Workshop**
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. **Opening of Conference** by **Carol Burke**, President of the AFA  
**Announcements and Introductions** by **Klaus Becker**, Conference Moderator  
Opening Presentation
- 8:30 p.m. The Cellar Door in Black Mountain

**Saturday, July 26**

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Presentation with Questions
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Presentation with Questions
- 11:30 a.m. **AFA Membership Meeting**, followed by **AFA Board Meeting**
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch at Blue Ridge Assembly or Lunch and Tour of Biltmore House and Gardens – to sign up for this, contact Klaus Becker at 704-843-9350 or Klaus.becker@amsspecialtysteel.com

**AFTERNOON FREE**

- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. **High School Global Issues Program**, **Bill Dinkins**, VP, Student Essay Contest, presentation of one of the winning Oscar Merritt Essay
- 7:30 p.m. **Miriam & Sam Levering Lecture** with Questions
- 9:00 p.m. **Social Hour** with Refreshments and Music

**Sunday, July 27**

- 7:30 a.m. **Worship Opportunity**
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- (Room check-out before 10am)**
- 9:15 a.m. Presentation with Questions
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. **Panel Discussion with Speakers**, moderated by **Klaus Becker**
- 11:30 a.m. **Conference Summary** by **Jon Sawyer**
- 12 Noon **Closing of Conference** by **Carol Burke**
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch

**SEE YOU NEXT YEAR ON JULY 24, 2009**

The American Freedom Association wishes to thank the **co-sponsors** of the 2008 Institute:

- **YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly**
- **Citizens for Global Solutions/WNC**
- **N.C. Chapter of the German-American Chamber of Commerce of the Southern United States**
- **League of Women Voters of NC**
- **United Nations Association – USA (North Carolina Chapters)**
- **Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Univ. Center of Int'l Studies**
- **Univ. of North Carolina, Charlotte, Office of Int'l Programs**
- **World Affairs Council of Charlotte**
- **North Carolina World Trade Association – Charlotte Chapter**

## Registration Form for the 2008 Southeastern World Affairs Institute

*Full Registration includes room with bath, program, and all (6) meals, Friday dinner - Sunday lunch.*

**Please return this form with your check payable to the American Freedom Association to:  
June Kimmel, Registrar, SE World Affairs Institute, PO Box 595, Davidson, NC 28036  
by June 30, 2008.**

### Registration Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Child care wanted: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If you need a special room or other assistance,

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please explain; otherwise, first come, first assigned:

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### Registration Categories and Fees:

Single Room, adult @ \$215 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Double Room, adults @\$200 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children ages 3-11 @ \$80 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Commuters (Program & Meals)  
@ \$125 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Commuters (Program only)  
@\$80 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DUE FOR REGISTRATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Optional tax-deductible contributions:

Miriam & Sam Levering Memorial  
Lecture Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

High School Essay Contest and UN/DC \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Educational Trip  
(Sponsorship for one student is \$450.)

AFA Annual Membership dues  
(\$55 per person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

AFA General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION DUE BY JUNE 30  
CANCELLATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO JULY 15**

**Many participants at past Institutes have asked for information about other attendees (name, address and other contact information). Please indicate whether you agree to share your information with other participants:**

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_