



## **BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS/PANELISTS**

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#### **Jill Abramson**

Managing Editor, *The New York Times*, New York

Jill Abramson was appointed managing editor of *The New York Times* in August 2003, after having been Washington, D.C., bureau chief. As bureau chief, a job she assumed in December 2000, she directed the work of the newspaper's 60-member Washington bureau. She joined *The New York Times* in September 1997 and became Washington editor in 1999. Previously, she worked at *The Wall Street Journal* from 1988-97. While there, she served as deputy bureau chief in its Washington bureau and investigative reporter, covering money and politics. From 1986-88, she was editor-in-chief of *Legal Times*, a weekly newspaper in Washington, D.C. Jill Abramson won the National Press Club award for national correspondence in 1992 for her coverage of money and politics.

#### **Anatoly Adamishin**

Former Deputy Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union; former Russian Ambassador to the United Kingdom

Anatoly Adamishin served as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the USSR from 1986-90 before becoming Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Russian Federation. In this capacity, he served in Italy and the United Kingdom during the 1990s. He was First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1992-94 and Minister of the Russian Federation for cooperation with CIS countries in 1997/98. He actively participated in the UN Commission of Human Rights, UNESCO and the OSCE, and is currently a Visiting Professor at the University of Virginia. Ambassador Adamishin's publications include "Fall and Rise of a Great Power" (in Italian, 1995) and "White Sun of Angola" (in Russian, 2002).

### **Peter Bergen**

Print and TV Journalist; Author; Terrorism Analyst for CNN

Peter Bergen is a print and television journalist and author. He has written about al Qaeda, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq and counterterrorism for major U.S. and international newspapers and magazines, and has worked as a correspondent for National Geographic Television, Discovery Television and CNN. Peter Bergen is a Schwartz Senior Fellow at the New America Foundation, a Research Fellow at New York University's Center on Law and Security, and an Adjunct Professor at the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University. In 1997, as a producer for CNN, he famously produced Osama bin Laden's first television interview. He has written several books on terrorism, including the best-selling "The Osama bin Laden I Know: An Oral History of al Qaeda's Leader" (Free Press, 2006) and "Holy War, Inc.: Inside the Secret World of Bin Laden" (Free Press, 2001).

### **Curtis Brainard**

Editor, *The Observatory*, *Columbia Journalism Review*, Columbia University, New York

Curtis Brainard has covered science, environment, and medical news for *Columbia Journalism Review* since 2006. In January 2008, he launched *The Observatory* ([www.cjr.org](http://www.cjr.org)), *Columbia Journalism Review's* first fulltime department dedicated to critically analysing science coverage in the media and the challenges facing science journalists today. The online site includes regular commentary by Mr. Brainard and other contributors on how the media covers science, the environment, medicine, and technology. Peter Brainard's work has been cited in *The New York Times*, *The New Republic*, *The Houston Chronicle* and *Wired*, among others. He has also discussed science journalism on Al-Jazeera English, Greenwire, Sirius satellite radio, local radio stations, and at a host of meetings and conferences.

### **Andrew Brown**

Writer and Journalist, *The Guardian*, London

Andrew Brown is a journalist and writer. He works for *The Guardian* as editor of the Belief section and writes a weekly web column, "Worm's Eye View". A former religious affairs correspondent for *The Independent*, he has also written for *The Times*, *The Sunday Telegraph*, *Daily Mail*, *The Spectator*, *New Statesman*, *News of the World*, *Vogue*, *New York Review of Books*, and *Salon*. In 1995, he won the first annual Templeton Prize for the best religious correspondent in Europe. His most recent book is "Fishing in Utopia: Sweden and the Future That Disappeared" (Granta, 2008).

### **Yuen-Ying Chan**

Director and Professor, Journalism and Media Studies Centre, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Yuen-Ying Chan, an award-winning journalist, established the University of Hong Kong's Journalism and Media Studies Centre in September 1999. She set up the first professional postgraduate journalism programme in Hong Kong, launched Hong Kong's first fellowships for working journalists, and forged extensive ties between HKU and the news industry. Chan's honours include a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard University, a George Polk Award for journalistic excellence and an International Press Freedom Award from the Committee to Protect Journalists. A Hong Kong native, she has also taught at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism.

### **Brahma Chellaney**

Professor of Strategic Studies, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi  
Brahma Chellaney is Professor of Strategic Studies at the Centre for Policy Research, a New Delhi-based independent and non-partisan research institute and think tank. He has served as a member of the Policy Advisory Group headed by the Foreign Minister of India. Before that, he was an adviser to India's National Security Council until January 2000, serving as convenor of the External Security Group of the National Security Advisory Board. A specialist on international security and arms control issues, Brahma Chellaney has held appointments at Harvard University, the Brookings Institution, the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, and the Australian National University. He is the author of several books, the latest being "Asian Juggernaut: The Rise of China, India and Japan" (Harper Collins, 2006). He is also a newspaper columnist and television commentator. He regularly contributes opinion articles to the *International Herald Tribune*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Japan Times*, *Asian Age*, *Hindustan Times* and *Times of India*.

### **Jim Clancy**

Anchor, CNN International, Atlanta

Jim Clancy brings the experience of more than 30 years covering the world to every newscast on CNN International. His career includes reporting on the events that have shaped history over the last quarter century, including the fall of the Berlin Wall, the siege of Beirut, the Rwanda Genocide, or all of the Iraq wars. From 1982-96, Jim Clancy was a CNN international correspondent in the Beirut, Frankfurt, Rome and London bureaus. During this time, he won with the George Polk Award for his reporting on the genocide in Rwanda, the Alfred I. duPont Award for coverage of the war in Bosnia and an Emmy Award for reporting on the famine and international intervention in Somalia. Jim Clancy has taken viewers to places all over the world, from Johannesburg, South Africa to Shanghai, China and Beirut, Lebanon, hosting several panels featuring some of the world's most prominent figures. He currently anchors "Your World Today" on CNN, giving viewers updates and context on current affairs through the eyes of the day's top newsmakers and political analysts.

### **Pete Clifton**

Head, Editorial Development, Multi-Media Journalism, BBC News, London  
Pete Clifton is the BBC's Head of Editorial Development, Multi-Media Journalism, which puts him in charge of on demand developments across News, Sport and Weather. Before this, he was Head of BBC News Interactive, the department responsible for the main News site, plus news to mobile phones, text on TV, interactive TV and outdoor spaces. Before joining the BBC, he was a news reporter on the *Chronicle & Echo* evening newspaper in Northampton, and later their cricket correspondent. He went on to be a sports reporter at the Extel national news agency, before becoming the chief sub on the sports desk at the Press Association.

### **Robert Connolly**

Writer, Director and Producer, Melbourne

Robert Connolly is the Australian writer and director of the feature films "The Bank", "Three Dollars", and most recently "Balibo" (2009). He is also the producer of the award-winning films, "The Boys" and "Romulus, My Father". For the last 15 years, Connolly, together with John Maynard, has headed the production company ARENAFILM in Australia. ARENAFILM is dedicated to producing high quality cinema

with a political focus and social themes, and has introduced to world audiences directors such as Jane Campion, Vincent Ward, Rowan Woods and Richard Roxburgh. Connolly received a Centenary Medal for services to the Australian Film Industry in 2001 and was part of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's 2020 ideas summit in 2008 in Canberra. He was recently appointed to the new board of Screen Australia, the pre-eminent screen funding institution in Australia.

### **David Dadge**

Director, International Press Institute, Vienna

The holder of an LLB (hons) law degree, David Dadge is the author of a series of books on press freedom: "Casualty of War: The Bush Administration's Assault on a Free Press"; "Silenced: International Journalists Expose Media Censorship"; and "The War in Iraq and Why the Media Failed Us". The former editor of IPI's *World Press Freedom Review*, he specialises in press freedom on the African sub-continent, as well as various legal issues related to press freedom. David Dadge assumed the directorship of IPI in January 2008.

### **Barkha Dutt**

Editor and Host, NDTV, New Delhi

Barkha Dutt, an award-winning journalist, hosts the popular weekly television programme, "We, the People", and writes a weekly column for the *Hindustan Times* and the *Khaleej Times*. She received wide critical acclaim during her frontline reporting of the Kargil conflict in the summer of 1999. Since then, the focus of her work has been conflict reporting, covering areas ranging from Kashmir to Afghanistan to New York City.

### **Damon Gameau**

Actor; Cast Member, "Balibo"

Since graduating from the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) in 1999, Australian actor Damon Gameau has starred in the critically acclaimed feature film, "The Tracker", directed by Rolf de Heer, "Thunderstruck" and "Razzle Dazzle", both directed by Darren Ashton, and the upcoming release, "Balibo", directed by Robert Connolly and also starring Anthony LaPaglia. In 2005, he performed in the sell-out season of "Ray's Tempest" at the Belvoir St Theatre, directed by Richard Roxburgh. His television credits include "The Micallef Program", "Going Home", the award-winning Foxtel drama, "Love My Way", the British mini-series for Ecosse Films, "Raw", and the highest rating Australian drama series, "Underbelly: A Tale of Two Cities".

### **Tarja Halonen**

President of the Republic of Finland

Tarja Halonen is the 11th President of the Republic of Finland and Finland's first female head of state. She began her first six-year term on 1 March 2001, and was re-elected in January 2006. President Halonen started her professional career as a lawyer in the Central Organization of Finnish Trade Unions in 1970. In 1971, she joined the Social Democratic Party and in 1974 was first appointed parliamentary secretary to the Prime Minister. She was elected to the Parliament for the first time in 1979 and re-elected four times until she assumed the office of the President of Finland. During her parliamentary career, she served as Chair of the Social Affairs Committee, Deputy-Chair of the Legal Affairs Committee and Chair of the Grand Committee. She has served in three cabinets as Minister of Social Affairs and Health

(1987-90), Minister of Justice (1990-91), and Minister of Foreign Affairs (1995-2000). She has also played an active role at the Council of Europe, first as Deputy-Chair of the Finnish Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly and later in the Ministerial Committee. During her presidency, she also served as co-chair of the ILO World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalisation. Issues concerning human rights, democracy, civil society and the promotion of equality and social justice have been central themes throughout President Halonen's political career.

### **Egill Helgason**

Presenter, "Silfur Egils", Icelandic National Broadcasting Service (RUV), Reykjavik  
Egill Helgason has been a journalist, newspaper columnist and television personality for more than 20 years. A pioneer in Iceland's internet community, he has managed "Silfur Egils", a website dedicated to politics and society, since February 2000. It is now the most popular blog in Iceland. His award-winning current affairs programme, also called "Silfur Egils", is now in its ninth consecutive year. Egill Helgason is the winner of numerous awards in Iceland, including an Edda award for "TV Personality of the Year" in 2008.

### **Atte Jääskeläinen**

Director of News, Sport and Regional Programming, Finish Broadcasting Company (YLE), Helsinki

Atte Jääskeläinen joined YLE News as an executive editor in 2007 and was appointed Director of News on 1 June 2007. From 2004-06, he served as managing director and editor-in-chief of the Finnish News Agency, STT. He worked in different positions at *Helsingin Sanomat*, the leading daily newspaper in Finland, for 10 years: as a senior political editor from 2001-04, a senior business and economic editor from 1995-2001, and as a reporter from 1990-95. He began his career as a junior judge at the City Court of Helsinki in 1993.

### **Alan Johnston**

Correspondent, BBC World Service, London

Alan Johnston joined the BBC in 1991 as a sub-editor in the BBC World Service Newsroom before becoming the BBC's correspondent in Tashkent from 1993-95. In 1997, he began a year-long spell as the BBC's Kabul correspondent at the time when the Taliban movement was fighting to take complete control of Afghanistan. He returned to London and the BBC World Service to be a programme editor of "The World Today" before becoming a general reporter in the BBC World Service Newsroom. Alan Johnston started a three-year posting to Gaza as BBC correspondent there in April 2004. Just two weeks before his contract was due to end, he was kidnapped and held for nearly four months by a Jihadi organisation. The BBC mounted a major international campaign to try to secure his release, and he was eventually freed unharmed on 4 July 2007.

### **Charles Kolstad**

Professor of Environmental Economics and Policy, Donald Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA  
Charles Kolstad is an internationally known economist who taught at universities in the U.S, Russia, and Belgium. He is currently teaching environmental economics at the University of California. His main field of study concerns the role of information in environmental decision-making and regulation with a focus on climate change and energy markets. He heads the National Science Foundation and is a lead author for

the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and a member of the Academy of National Sciences committee charged with evaluating the U.S. Climate Change Research Program. He is a former president of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists and co-editor of the *Review of Environmental Economics & Policy*.

### **Sixten Korkman**

Managing Director, Research Institute of the Finnish Economy (ETLA) and the Finnish Business and Policy Forum (EVA), Helsinki

Sixten Korkman has previously worked as director general of the economic department of the Ministry of Finance, and as director general (directorate for economic and social affairs) at the secretariat of the Council of the European Union. He is an economist, with a doctoral degree from the University of Helsinki, and has written extensively on economic policy issues, including the book, "Economic Policy in the European Union" (Palgrave Macmillan, 2005).

### **Alexander Lebedev**

Businessman and Politician, Moscow

Alexander Lebedev is a Russian businessman, philanthropist and politician. After graduating from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations, he joined the KGB's foreign intelligence arm, where he rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel. After retiring in 1992, he created his first company, the Russian Investment-Finance Company. In 1995, the company bought the small National Reserve Bank, which soon grew into one of Russia's biggest banks. Alexander Lebedev's bank assets now include a 30 per cent share of Aeroflot, Russia's largest airline, and significant shares in Gazprom and other companies. In 2003, he ran for mayor of Moscow against the incumbent Yury Luzhkov and lost. He was a member of the Russian Duma from 2003-07. In March 2009, he announced that he would be running for the post of mayor of Sochi, the city that will host the 2014 Olympics, but a court ruling declared his candidacy invalid. Together with former Russian president Mikhail Gorbachev, he is the main shareholder of the Moscow-based newspaper, Novaya Gazeta. In January 2009, his company Evening Press Ltd, part of Lebedev Holdings Ltd, acquired a majority stake in the British daily newspaper, the Evening Standard. Alexander Lebedev has a long history of supporting cultural and charitable activities, and is the founder and president of the Charitable Reserve Fund.

### **Edward Lucas**

Deputy Editor, International Section, and Central and Eastern Europe Correspondent, *The Economist*, London

As central and eastern European correspondent for *The Economist*, Edward Lucas has been covering the region for over 20 years. His postings included stringing for *The Economist* in Czechoslovakia and the Baltic States, and editorial director of the Economist Intelligence Unit in Vienna. In 1996, he became Berlin correspondent, and in 1998, Moscow bureau chief. After leaving Russia in 2002, he covered education and transport for the Britain section until 2005, when he started his current job, covering the region from the Baltic to the Black Sea. Since October 2006, he has also been deputy editor of the International section. "The New Cold War: How the Kremlin Menaces Russia and the West" (Palgrave Macmillan, 2008) is his first book.

### **Anthony Milner**

Basham Professor of History, Centre for Asian Societies and Histories, Australian National University, Canberra

Anthony Milner is Basham Professor of Asian History, Australian National University, Canberra, and a Professorial Fellow, University of Melbourne. A Visiting Professor at the Research Institute for the Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa (Tokyo) from 2006-07, he has held appointments as Dean, Faculty of Asian Studies, Australian National University (1996-2005); Raffles Visiting Professor of History, National University of Singapore (2002); and Director, Australian-Asian Perceptions Project, Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (1991-94). He has written numerous data papers, reports and articles on Asia, and is the author of several books, including "The Malays" (Blackwell, 2008) and "The Invention of Politics: Expanding the Public Sphere in Colonial Malaya" (Cambridge University Press, 2002).

### **Hamid Mir**

Executive Editor, Geo TV, Islamabad

Hamid Mir, a Pakistani journalist, editor, terrorism expert and security analyst, has hosted the popular political talk show "Capital Talk" on Geo TV since November 2002. He began his career in journalism in 1987 as a sub-editor, then reporter, for the *Daily Jang* in Lahore. In 1996, he became the youngest editor of a national newspaper (*Daily Pakistan*) at the age of 30. He joined Geo TV as the Northern Region editor in 2002. Hamid Mir has interviewed Osama bin Laden three times – for the *Daily Pakistan* in 1997, for the *Daily Ausaf* in 1998, and for the *Daily Dawn* in 2001. The third interview was the first bin Laden gave to any journalist after 9/11.

### **Tim Modise**

Presenter, "AM Live", SAfm, South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC), Johannesburg

Timothy Molefe Modise is the presenter of "AM Live", a current affairs programme on SAfm, the SABC's national English-language public radio station. He was the television anchor for South Africa's election debates in 2009, a function he already held in 2004, 1999 and 1994. From 1997 to 2002, he was host of the award-winning current affairs programme "Carte Blanche" on MNET. The presenter of his own radio talk show on Talk Radio 702 and Cape Talk 567 from 2003-07, he was also a columnist for *The Sowetan* (2007-08) and *City Press* (1997-99). In 2007-08, he was the Chief Marketing Officer of the Local Organizing Committee of the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa.

### **Dmitry Muratov**

Editor-in-Chief, *Novaya Gazeta*, Moscow

Dimitry Muratov is the editor-in-chief of the Moscow-based daily *Novaya Gazeta*. After graduating from the philology department of Samara State University in 1983, he worked for the newspaper *Volzhskiy Komsomolets*, then served in the army from 1984-86. In 1987, he joined *Komsomolskaya Pravda* in Moscow, where he served as department editor and as a member of the editorial board. In 1993, he and several other journalists left *Komsomolskaya Pravda* to launch *Novaya Gazeta*, which quickly became known for its critical and investigative coverage of Russian political and social affairs. He has been its editor-in-chief since 1995.

### **Sauli Niinistö**

Speaker of the Parliament of Finland

Sauli Väinämö Niinistö is currently Speaker of the Finnish Parliament. He began his career as senior secretary at the Turku Court of Appeal from 1976-87 and ran his own law firm in Salo from 1978-88. In 1994, he became a Court of Appeal Judge and in 1987 was elected Member of the Finnish Parliament for the National Coalition Party. In 1995, he became Justice Minister in Prime Minister Paavo Lipponen's first cabinet. Switching portfolios, he became Finance Minister in 1996, a post he also held in Lipponen's second cabinet from 1999–2003. After his term as a cabinet minister, he went on to become vice president of the European Investment Bank (EIB) until 2007.

### **Pär Nuder**

Former Minister of Finance, Stockholm

Pär Nuder began his political career as an advisor in the Ministry of Justice in 1986. He was political advisor to Prime Ministers Ingvar Carlsson and Göran Persson, before assuming the post of a State Secretary and Chief of Staff from 1997-2002. He was Minister for Policy Coordination from 2002-04, Minister for Culture in 2004, and Minister of Finance from 2004-06. In 2007, he was a Visiting Fellow at Harvard University's Centre for European Studies. A Member of Parliament (Social Democratic Party) until March 2009, he is currently a senior adviser and professional lecturer on the Swedish Model.

### **Jorma Ollila**

Chairman of Nokia; Chairman of Royal Dutch Shell

Chairman of Royal Dutch Shell in June 2006. Prior to joining Nokia in 1985, he worked in corporate banking at Citibank's London and Helsinki offices. He was appointed President and CEO of Nokia in 1992, and acted as CEO and Chairman from 1999 to 2006. Mr. Ollila is also a member of the board of directors of Ford Motor Company.

### **Mikael Pentikäinen**

President, Sanoma News Ltd, Helsinki

Mikael Pentikäinen has been a member of the Executive Management Group of Sanoma, the leading newspaper publisher in Finland, since 2004. He is also Director of the Sanoma News division. From 1999–2004, he served as editor-in-chief and president of the Finnish News Agency. Before that, he was editor-in-chief of *Etelä-Saimaa* (1996-99) and editor of political news at *Helsingin Sanomat* (1992-96).

### **Xiao Qiang**

Founder and Editor-in-Chief, China Digital Times; Director, China Internet Project, Graduate School of Journalism, University of California at Berkeley

Xiao Qiang is the founder and editor-in-chief of China Digital Times, an interactive China news website. Trained as a theoretical physicist, he became a human rights activist after Tiananmen in 1989 and was executive director of Human Rights in China from 1991-2002. Xiao Qiang is now director of the China Internet Project and an adjunct professor at the Graduate School of Journalism, University of California at Berkeley. He has published numerous articles in the *International Herald Tribune*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Le Monde*, *Der Spiegel*, *Los Angeles Times*, *South China Morning Post* and other major publications. He is also a weekly commentator for Radio Free Asia.

### **Ali Sayigh**

Director-General, World Renewable Energy Network (WREN), Brighton, UK  
The founder and chairman of the World Renewable Energy Congress (WREC) and the director-general of the World Renewable Energy Network (WREN), Ali Sayigh was born in Kufa, Iraq, and is a British citizen. WREN is a major non-profit organisation registered in the United Kingdom and affiliated to UNESCO. Established in 1992, during the second WREC Congress in Reading, UK, WREN is an organisation dedicated to supporting and enhancing the utilisation and implementation of renewable energy sources that are both environmentally safe and economically sustainable. A graduate of London University and Imperial College London, Ali Sayigh is currently a professor at the University of Hertfordshire. He is the editor of several international journals, including *Renewable Energy*.

### **Giuliana Sgrena**

Correspondent, *Il Manifesto*, Rome

Giuliana Sgrena works for the Italian communist newspaper, *Il Manifesto*, and the German weekly, *Die Zeit*. At the start of the Iraq war in 2003, she went to Baghdad to cover the bombing of Baghdad, where she was abducted by insurgents in February 2005. She was released one month later, when she and the two Italian military intelligence officers, who had helped secure her release, came under fire from U.S. forces. One Italian intelligence officer was killed in the incident, and Sgrena and the other officer were wounded. She later wrote a book on these events, "Friendly Fire" (Haymarket, 2006). For her work in Iraq, she was awarded the Italian order of merit, the "Cavaliere del Lavoro". As a war correspondent since 1988, Ms. Sgrena has covered such conflicts as the Algerian civil war, and the Somalia and the Afghanistan conflicts. During her travels, she has reported extensively on topics from the Horn of Africa, the Maghreb and the Middle East.

### **Kerry Skyring**

Editor, "Reality Check", Radio FM4, Vienna

Kerry Skyring is the editor of "Reality Check", a current affairs magazine broadcast by the Austrian public radio station, FM4. He began his career in radio in 1972 and worked for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) in various positions, including Manager, ABC Radio Queensland, for 22 years. In 1995, he moved to Vienna, Austria, to work for Radio FM4 and Blue Danube Radio. From 2001-03, he was editor for Radio Austria International's English Service and, from 2003-08, editor of "Report from Austria" and "Insight Central Europe". He has also worked as a freelancer for numerous media outlets, including Deutsche Welle, BBC, CBC and NPR.

### **Matt Steinglass**

Correspondent, DPA-German News Agency, Hanoi

Matt Steinglass has been reporting from Vietnam since 2003. He has served as Hanoi correspondent for the English-language wire service of the German news agency, Deutsche Presse-Agentur-DPA, as a Hanoi-based stringer for the *Boston Globe*, and as a freelance Vietnam correspondent for the Voice of America. He has also worked from West Africa and the Netherlands. His articles have appeared in the *Washington Post* and *The New York Times*, among other publications.

**Gillian Tett**

Assistant Editor, *Financial Times*, London

Gillian Tett is an assistant editor of the *Financial Times* and oversees the global coverage of the financial markets. In 2007, she was awarded the Wincott Prize, the premier British award for financial journalism, for her capital markets coverage. She was named “British Business Journalist of the Year” in 2008. Gillian Tett joined the *Financial Times* in 1993 and worked in the former Soviet Union and Europe, and in the economics team. In 1997, she was posted to Tokyo where she became bureau chief, before returning in 2003 to become deputy head of the “Lex” column.

**Janne Virkkunen**

Senior Editor-in-Chief, Helsingin Sanomat, Helsinki

Janne Virkkunen studied at the University of Helsinki, Faculty of Political Science, and at the Sanoma School of Journalism. He began his career in journalism in 1972 as a staff writer for domestic news, politics and parliament at the leading Finnish newspaper, *Helsingin Sanomat*. In 1977, he became the daily’s assistant editor for politics and parliament and, in 1985, its managing editor. From 1989-90, he was editor-in-chief (news). In 1991, he was appointed senior editor-in-chief. Mr. Virkkunen served as chairman of the Association of Political Journalists in Finland from 1981-83, and has been a member of the Editorial Committee of the Finnish Newspaper Association since 1994. In 1999-2006, he was a member of the board of Sanoma Corporation. A member of IPI since 1989, he was named IPI chairman in June 2008.

**Jacob Weisberg**

Chairman and Editor-in-Chief, Slate Group, New York

Jacob Weisberg is chairman and editor-in-chief of the Slate Group, a unit of the Washington Post Co. devoted to developing Web-based publications. He joined Slate shortly after its founding in 1996 as chief political correspondent. He succeeded Michael Kinsley to become Slate’s second editor from 2002 until 2008, when he handed the job over to David Plotz. Before joining Slate, Weisberg wrote about politics for magazines, including the *New Republic*, *Newsweek*, *New York Magazine*, *Vanity Fair* and the *New York Times Magazine*. His most recent book, “The Bush Tragedy”, was a *New York Times* bestseller in 2008. He is the co-author, with Robert E. Rubin, of “In an Uncertain World” (2003).