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Betting on a Rising India

Date: Thursday, February 5, 2009
Venue: Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland
Time: Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. Presentation: 8:00 a.m.
Admission: \$25 members/students; \$40 non-members

As part of the International Breakfast Series, the World Affairs Council of Maine is pleased to offer Barbara Crossette, the former United Nations bureau chief and correspondent of The Nation and New York Times, in her presentation about India's dazzling rise as one of the emerging global powers. With its population of 1.1 billion, India is the second most populous nation in the world. Some experts have projected that India is now poised to become an industrialized, developed nation by the year 2028, just 12 years after China is expected to do the same. Ms. Crossette will discuss the distractions that India faces within its own society even as it celebrates the biggest investment-led boom in India's history. She will also examine the journey it has taken to become a nuclear power. Following the presentation, there will be a brief question and answer session.

Ms. Crossette will also visit Southern Maine Community College and conduct a panel discussion on India and International relations with student panelists.

In partnership with the Stanley Foundation, the World Affairs Council of Maine is pleased to offer this program as part of a series highlighting shifting paradigms of power stemming from the rise of Brazil, China, India, South Korea, Russia, Turkey, South Africa, the EU and Japan. The series will examine these new global powers in the intersecting context of political, military, cultural, social, and economic power. For information regarding the complete Rising Powers series, please visit the Stanley Foundation's Rising Powers web site.

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Barbara Crossette is the United Nations correspondent of The Nation. From 1984 to 2001, she was the New York Times chief correspondent, first in Southeast Asia, then South Asia and at the U.N. She is the author of So Close to Heaven: The Vanishing Buddhist Kingdoms of the Himalayas and The Great Hill Stations of Asia as well as a Foreign Policy Association study, India: Old Civilization in a New World. Ms. Crossette's works on India also include an essay co-authored with George Perkovich for the Stanley Foundation titled, India: The Ultimate Test of Free-Market Democracy. Ms. Crossette won a George Polk award for her coverage in India of the assassination in 1991 of Rajiv Gandhi, and an Interaction award in 1998 for coverage of international humanitarian issues. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and is on the board of the Carnegie Council on Ethics in Foreign Affairs.

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