



## Speakers' biographies – International Thursday October 16, 2008

**Joseph Humire** joined Atlas in June of 2008 as a Program Manager for the Think Tanks for a Secure Free Society (SFS) program. He studied both Economics and Global Affairs at George Mason University under the tutelage of such prominent free market professors such as Peter Boettke, Walter Williams and Peter Leeson. Prior to his studies, Joseph spent 6 years in the United States Marine Corp, much of which was spent deployed to the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America. For this experience, he brings a unique perspective to our staff and will help develop a global network of think tanks that will engage in issues where economics intersects with security, intelligence and defense. Joseph is fluent in Spanish and English and has a working knowledge of Quechua and Portuguese.

**Peter Brookes** is a Senior Fellow for national security affairs at the Heritage Foundation, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank. He is also a weekly columnist for the New York Post. Brookes frequently appears on cable news such as FOX, CNN, and MSNBC as well as hosts major market radio talk shows. He is the author of: "A Devil's Triangle: Terrorism, Weapons of Mass Destruction and Rogue States." Before coming to Heritage, Brookes served in the Bush administration as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian-Pacific Affairs. Prior to the Pentagon, he worked as a staff member with the Republican staff of the Committee on International Relations in the House of Representatives. Brookes also served with the CIA's Directorate of Operations, and worked on international economic issues for the State Department at the U.N. He also served in the U.S. Navy, including active duty in tours in Panama and Japan in aviation and intelligence/cryptologic billets. He has over 1300 flight hours aboard Navy EP-3 aircraft. Brookes is a Commander in the naval reserves. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy; the Defense Language Institute; the Naval War College; and the Johns Hopkins University.

**Roger Robinson** Roger Robinson is a Co-Founder of the Prague Security Studies Institute, and a President and CEO of Conflict Securities Advisory Group Inc., a Washington, DC-based risk management company specializing in global security risk. For over 30 years, Mr. Robinson has been assessing the intersection of global finance and national security concerns. He was formerly Senior Director of International Economic Affairs at the National Security Council and Executive Secretary of the Cabinet-level Senior Inter-Governmental Group for International Economic Policy (SIG-IEP). Prior to his government service, Mr. Robinson was a Vice President in the International Department of the Chase Manhattan Bank with responsibilities for the bank's loan portfolios in the former Soviet Union, Eastern and Central Europe and Yugoslavia. From 2001 to 2005, Mr. Robinson served as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Congressionally-mandated U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. He co-founded the Prague Security Studies Institute in early 2002 and incorporated PSSI Washington Inc. in October 2006. Mr. Robinson earned his MA in International Affairs at the Elliott School of George Washington University and a BA from Duke University.