

Frozen Assets: Winter Symposia Look at the Economy, Failed States

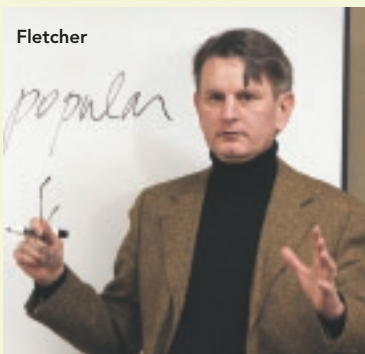
At the annual February and March symposia in Aspen, Society of Fellows donors examined the roots of the current economic crisis, and the nature of failed states. In February, economic expert **Clive Crook** of *The Atlantic* and *Financial Times* led timely discussions on the causes, nature, and opportunities of “Mending the Economy.” Participants examined the sub-prime mortgage and housing crisis, a comparison of European and American responses, and an exploration of restoring financial stability. Then, in March, **Clare Lockhart**, director of the Institute’s Market Building Initiative, and **David Thorpe**, senior advisor to the Institute, led a compelling discussion on “Fixing Failed States: Building States and Markets.” Participants examined the functions and priorities of the state with topical case-studies in Afghanistan, Haiti, and Pakistan.



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Summer Series



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Society of Fellows donors will have a full summer ahead. The Harman-Eisner Program in the Arts Director **Dana Gioia** and Egyptian Writers’ Union President **Mohamed Salmawy** will lead the first seminar June 22–25, offering an in-depth look at the intersection of literature, culture, and democracy. Then, July 13–16, trustee **Elaine Pagels** and Princeton Islamic religion scholar **Ali S. Asani** will explore themes of war and peace within the Bible and the Koran. July 26–27, Aspen Music

Festival and School President **Alan Fletcher**, Russian culture expert **Suzanne Massey**, and renowned conductor **James Conlon** will share their expertise on Russian Romanticism in collaboration with the Aspen Festival Orchestra’s performance of Tchaikovsky’s *Pathétique*. Finally, August 3–6, a fourth symposium will probe contemporary Russia.

THE SOCIAL CALENDAR

Also coming this summer in Aspen are several Evening Discussion Receptions, hosted by Society of Fellows donors in their homes, and luncheons in the Doerr-Hosier Center—each featuring a distinguished guest speaker and allowing ample opportunity for questions and discussion. Institute CEO **Walter Isaacson** and Harman-Eisner Program Director **Dana Gioia** will host the opening luncheon June 26.



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