

International Relations

NINTH EDITION

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- Barack Obama, President of the United States
- Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State
- Rahm Emanuel, Chief of Staff
- Susan Rice,

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- James Jones, National Security Advisor
- Robert Gates, Secretary of Defense
- Eric Holder, Attorney General
- Ron Kirk, U.S. Trade Representative
- Timothy Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury
- Gary Locke, Secretary of Commerce
- Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy
- Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security
- Joseph Biden, Vice President of the United States

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- Negotiations with North Korea: Progress Towards Disarmament or Fool's Errand?
- Human Rights: A Hollow Promise to the World?
- Are Free Trade Agreements Good for the Global Economy?
- Foreign Direct Investment: Engine of Growth or Tool of Exploitation?
- Has European Integration Gone As Far As Possible?
- Stopping Global Warming: Who Should Pay?
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- Foreign Aid: A Solution to Development or a Source of Problems?

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