



THE FLETCHER SCHOOL

TUFTS UNIVERSITY



LUNCHEON LECTURE

Tuesday, March 4, 2008 - 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
The Coolidge Room at Ballou Hall
Tufts University

“Russia - US Relations”

Dr. Mark Pomar, President of IREX (International Research and Exchanges Board) in Washington, D.C. will speak at Tufts University on **March 4, from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.** in the Coolidge Room at Ballou Hall. Dr. Pomar will discuss key aspects in the US - Russia relationship in light of the upcoming presidential elections and his own recent visit to Russia, which included meetings with leading political figures and experts. He will focus specifically on how Russians view the US and how they perceive their overall relationship with the West. Dr. Pomar plans to facilitate an open discussion and explore ways of improving the US-Russia relationship.

IREX is an international nonprofit organization providing leadership and innovative programs to improve the quality of education, strengthen independent media, and foster pluralistic civil society development.

Mark Pomar served as Executive Director for the Board for International Broadcasting, Washington, DC (1986 -- 1993), was chief of the USSR Division, Voice of America, Washington, DC (1983 – 1986), and acted as the Assistant Director of the Russian Service, Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty, Munich, Germany (1982 – 1983). Pomar holds a Ph.D. from Columbia University, and a B.A. from Tufts University.

Please **RSVP** for this luncheon on the sign-up sheet in **Cabot 603** by Monday, February 25, 2008. Business attire.

*This event is organized by **N.I.S.E (Newly Independent States of Eurasia Club)** at The Fletcher School, whose mission it is to provide a forum for discussion and reflection on political and economic issues pertaining to the countries of the former Soviet Union, and to promote a better understanding at Fletcher of the region, its people, and its diverse cultures.*

The event is also generously co-sponsored by the following organizations:

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