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pleased to invite you to a lecture-discussion on

# American Exceptionalism and the Struggle to Define US Foreign Policy

to be conducted by

**Dr. William C. Vocke (USA)**

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Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs**

**Date:** January 25, 2010  
**Time:** 12.00 - 14.00  
**Location:** Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, entrance from the corner of Toumanyan and Saryan street,  
**Language:** English

**Overview:** America developed as a distinctive experiment. It was a refuge for religious dissidents fleeing oppression in Europe. Ideas about participation and took deep root, as did the heritage of British parliamentary democracy. Self-defined as the “first new nation” America often saw itself as separate and above the corrupt policies of old Europe. Concepts like “Manifest Destiny” and “self-determination of peoples” have underscored US foreign policy. Today these ideas influence the extended debate over the direction and character of US foreign policy, as Neo-liberals, Neo-cons, and Realists struggle for control of America’s destiny.

### **Who should attend?**

The lecture-discussion is designed for YSLU students, researchers, faculty members, NGO and think-tank representatives and others interested in contemporary American politics and American foreign policy.

### **Lecturer Bio:**

Dr William C. Vocke Jr. is a Senior Program Director, Senior Fellow at Carnegie Council for Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs in New York. He has been professor and Director of the Institute of World Affairs at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, and recently resigned his position as a Professor at Taiwan’s top international affairs program at National Cheng Chi university. Dr. Vocke’s PhD is from the Department of Government and International Relations at the University of South Carolina under Charles Kegley, and he emphasizes public diplomacy and the domestic sources of U.S. foreign policy. He has taught at SUNY Geneseo, Juniata College, UWM, and, on sabbaticals, in Germany, France, and South Carolina.

If interested, please confirm your attendance by writing to [intrel@brusov.am](mailto:intrel@brusov.am).

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