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Speaker Spotlight: Stephen Kinzer **by Jacob G. Hornberger**

I can't begin to tell you how excited we were when Stephen Kinzer accepted our invitation to speak at our upcoming June 6-8 conference "Restoring the Republic 2008: Foreign Policy & Civil Liberties." His books provide one of the finest histories of the interventionist foreign policy that holds our nation in its grip and the adverse consequences that have resulted from that policy.

Kinzer's book [*All the Shah's Men: An American Coup and the Roots of Middle East Terror*](#) is, in my opinion, the finest historical account of the CIA's surreptitious overthrow of Iran's democratically elected prime minister, Mohammed Mossadegh, and his replacement by the cruel and brutal Shah of Iran. This book gives the reader a deeper understanding into anger and resentment among Iranians that ultimately exploded into the Iranian Revolution in 1979.

In another great book, [*Bitter Fruit: The Story of the American Coup in Guatemala*](#), Kinzer gives another insightful historical account into another "regime change" operation that the CIA engaged in, this time in Latin America. In this operation, the CIA once again ousted a democratically elected government in order to replace it with a brutal military dictatorship, which ultimately led to civil war and the deaths of more than a million Guatemalans.

Kinzer's book [*Overthrow: America's Century of Regime Change from Hawaii to Iraq*](#) is one of the best, easily readable summaries of the regime-change operations in which the U.S. government has engaged in foreign countries. This is one of the books I recommend to people who are beginning to explore the U.S. government's embrace of empire and interventionism.

Stephen Kinzer is an award-winning foreign correspondent who has covered more than 50 countries on 5 continents. He spent more than 20 years working for the *New York Times*. The *Washington Post* has placed him "among the best in popular foreign policy storytelling."

Kinzer is one of the primary reasons that I keep telling people that this is going to be a conference they do not want to miss. My hunch is that it might well go down as the finest conference in the history of the libertarian movement, especially given that it is covering the most important and the most burning issues of our time — foreign policy and civil liberties.

The conference will be held on June 6-8 (Friday morning through Sunday night) at the Hyatt Regency Reston in Reston, Virginia, one of the nicest areas of northern Virginia. (It's best to fly into Dulles Airport.) The conference price is \$495, which includes all Hyatt Regency meals — breakfast, lunch, and dinner — during the 3 days of the conference plus admission to all 19 speeches.

To register for the conference, go to our [conference website](#) or call us at 703-934-6101. Remember to make your hotel reservations at the Hyatt Regency Reston after you register for the conference; be sure to mention the FFF conference to secure the special discounted rate of \$149 per night.

Sincerely,

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Articles by Stephen Kinzer

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“[In Politics and in Baseball](#)” by Stephen Kinzer

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