

International Conflict Resolution Focus Of Conference At UCSD, Nobel Laureate Thomas Schelling Is Keynote Speaker March 20

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Thomas Schelling, who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics in 2005, will deliver the keynote address of a two-day conference on the future of global conflict and cooperation at the University of California, San Diego, at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 20. The public is invited to attend the talk which will be delivered at Hojel Auditorium of the Institute of the Americas on the UCSD campus.

Schelling created many of the analytic concepts underlying nuclear deterrence policy while doing the studies of strategy, conflict and cooperation that earned him the Nobel Prize. He is a professor at the University of Maryland School of Public Affairs and previously had been on the faculty at Harvard's Kennedy School. In 1991 he was president of the American Economic Association, of which he is a Distinguished Fellow. Professor Schelling has written widely on such topics as military strategy and arms control, energy and environmental policy, climate change, nuclear proliferation, terrorism, organized crime, foreign aid and international trade, conflict and bargaining theory, racial segregation and integration, the military draft, health policy, tobacco and drugs policy, and ethical issues in public policy and in business.

The overall conference is being organized by the University of California's Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC), a system-wide research unit dedicated to educating the next generation of conflict resolution policy-makers. Leading scholars are being brought together to assess the state of current research and to lay foundations for future work to meet the needs of policymakers in critical areas, including the environment, international economics, immigration, intelligence, failed states, law, trade, security and other fields.

Peter Cowhey, dean of UCSD's Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies and director of IGCC will convene the conference in remarks prior to Schelling's address. The conference will continue in an all-day plenary session on Tuesday, March 21 and will feature eight presentations by internationally-renowned scholars, with follow-up discussions on each of the topics.

Conference chair is Clark Gibson, professor of political science and director of the International Studies Program at UCSD.

Members of the press who wish to attend are asked to contact Barry Jagoda, (858) 534-8567 or bjagoda@ucsd.edu

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