

**The Center for Transatlantic Relations  
at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies,  
Johns Hopkins University  
and the  
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Invites you to a

**Roundtable Discussion**

With

**Anne C. Richard**

*Author of*

***Role Reversal:***

***Offers of Help From Other Countries in Response to  
Hurricane Katrina***

and

**Julia Taft**

*Interim President and C.E.O. of Interaction*

*Discussant*

After Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast of the United States on the morning of August 29, 2005, offers of help from other countries poured in to the US Government. Not used to being a recipient of foreign aid, the federal government replied slowly and with mixed signals. *Role Reversal* tells the story of these generous foreign contributions and slow U.S. response. Anne Richard summarizes lessons from this experience and makes recommendations to improve crisis response, arguing that the US emergency management system needs to get in sync with the rest of the world. US policymakers must recognize that effective crisis response is an important part of international security and that America could suffer catastrophic disaster in which foreign help might be necessary or useful.

Anne C. Richard is non-resident Fellow of the Center for Transatlantic Relations and Vice-President for Government Relations and Advocacy for the International Rescue Committee in Washington, D.C. She is an expert on how the United States and other donors mobilize resources in response to crises.

**When: Thursday September 7, 2006**

**Time: 9:00 am- 10:30 am**

**Where: Conference Room 500, 1717 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, D.C.**

Copies of *Role Reversal: Offers of Help From Other Countries in Response to Hurricane Katrina*, will be available at the roundtable discussion.

Copies of the book can also be obtained through the Brookings Institution Bookstore at [www.brookings.edu/press](http://www.brookings.edu/press) or call 1-800-275-1477

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