

## Curriculum Vitae



### **Geneive Abdo**

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Before joining The Century Foundation, she was the Liaison for the United Nations' Alliance of Civilizations, a project created by the UN Secretary General to improve relations between Western and Islamic societies. She was a foreign correspondent for many years in the Middle East and the broader Islamic world. From 1998 to 2001, she was the Iran correspondent for the British newspaper, the Guardian, and a regular contributor to the Economist. She was the first American journalist to be based in Tehran since the United States cut off ties with Iran in the aftermath of the 1979 Islamic Revolution. She is the author of *No God But God: Egypt and the Triumph of Islam* (Oxford University Press, 2000) and the co-author of *Answering Only to God: Faith and Freedom of Twenty-First Century Iran* (Henry Holt, 2003). Her latest book is *Mecca and Main Street: Muslim Life in America After 9/11* (Oxford University Press, 2006).



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Sebastian Gräfe joined the Washington DC office of the Heinrich Böll Stiftung in June 2007 as Program Director for Foreign & Security Policy and Transatlantic Issues.

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