



**The Trilateral Commission at 25**

BETWEEN PAST...AND FUTURE

**David Rockefeller** took the lead in the formation of the Trilateral Commission in the early 1970s. He traveled to Japan and Europe (along with Zbigniew Brzezinski and George Franklin) to explore and confirm interest at the highest levels in this new initiative. He hosted the small meeting of key persons from all three areas in July 1972 at which the decision was taken to move forward with Trilateral, launched a year later. Mr. Rockefeller was North American Chairman from 1977 to 1991. He is now Founder and Honorary Chairman.

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**Zbigniew Brzezinski** was the Director of the Trilateral Commission in its first triennium (1973-76) and the primary intellectual dynamo of those early years. After serving as President Carter's National Security Advisor in 1977-81, Dr. Brzezinski returned to membership in the Trilateral Commission and began his long-standing service on the Executive Committee. Zbigniew Brzezinski is Robert Osgood Professor of American Foreign Affairs at the Paul Nitze School of Advanced International Studies of John Hopkins University, and Counselor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. His latest book is *The Grand Chessboard: American Primacy and Its Geostrategic Imperatives* (1997).

**Sadako Ogata** is United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (since 1991). Before taking up these international public service duties, she was a member of the Trilateral Commission and served on the Executive Committee, while Dean of the Faculty of Foreign Studies and Professor of International Relations at Sophia University in Tokyo. In earlier work with the United Nations system, while Minister at the Japanese Mission to the United Nations in New York, Mrs. Ogata was Chairman of the UNICEF Executive Board in 1978-79. She was Japan's Representative to the UN Human Rights Commission in 1982-85.

**Peter Sutherland** is a leading European member of the Trilateral Commission. Born in 1946, he has already served with distinction at the national level (as Attorney General of Ireland in the early 1980s), the European level (as a Member of the Commission of the European Communities in 1984-88), and the broad multilateral level (as Director-General of GATT and then the new World Trade Organization in 1993-95, during the critical last stages of the Uruguay Round). In the realm of business and finance, Mr. Sutherland was Chairman of Allied Irish Banks in 1989-93. He is now Chairman of Goldman Sachs International (based in London) and Chairman of British Petroleum.

*The North American leadership of*  
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The 25th Anniversary Evening will be catered by  
Abigail Kirsch Culinary Productions, Ltd.

The generous contributions of several American members are making this special evening possible and reinforcing the Trilateral Commission's work more generally. The 25th Anniversary Evening souvenir program will recognize with gratitude these contributors along with the wide range of supporters who have made possible Trilateral's first twenty-five years.

Paul A. Volcker,  
North American Chairman,  
*invites you to participate in a special evening*

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*honoring*

David Rockefeller

with creation of the David Rockefeller International Leadership Award,  
to be given occasionally to persons who embody in their outlooks and  
careers the international leadership which Trilateral exists to nurture.

*and*

Zbigniew Brzezinski

Sadako Ogata

Peter Sutherland

recipients of the David Rockefeller International Leadership Award,  
who will speak from their own perspectives about the leadership  
challenges and responsibilities of the United States in the coming years.

**Tuesday, December 1, 1998**  
The New York Historical Society  
2 West 77th Street, at Central Park West  
New York City

Refreshments in Great Hall from 6:00 pm  
Program in Auditorium 6:30 pm  
Cocktails in Great Hall 7:30 pm  
Dinner in Dexter Room 8:00 pm

*Black tie*  
*Reply card enclosed*  
RSVP (212) 661-1180

*Spouses are also invited*  
*An early reply is requested, as space is limited*  
*This invitation is non-transferable*

In October 1973, a distinguished group of private citizens from Europe, North America and Japan gathered in Tokyo for the first meeting of the Trilateral Commission. The central vocation of Trilateral over twenty-five years has been to help think through the common challenges and leadership responsibilities of the principal democratic industrialized areas in the wider world, a world which has changed and is changing in remarkable ways. You are invited to join in a special evening on December 1—sponsored by the U.S. group—to honor David Rockefeller along with Zbigniew Brzezinski, Sadako Ogata and Peter Sutherland, and to think about the leadership challenges of the future.

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