

## Richard E. Feinberg: Bio Sketch

RICHARD E. FEINBERG has enjoyed a distinguished career as diplomat, policy adviser, corporate consultant, university professor, and author of over 200 books and articles on international relations. His four decades of engagement with U.S. foreign policy spans government service (in the White House, Department of State, and U.S. Treasury), numerous Washington, D.C.-based public policy institutes, the Peace Corps (Chile), and now in academia. He earned his B.A. in European history at Brown University and his Ph.D. in international economics at Stanford University.

Among his major accomplishments:

- As Senior Fellow (non-resident) at the Brookings Institution, authored three often-cited monographs assessing Cuban President Raúl Castro's recent economic reforms on foreign investment, private enterprise, and the emergence of the middle classes.
- In the Clinton White House, served as a principal architect of the 1994 Miami Summit of the Americas, setting the inter-American agenda for a generation.
- Since 2005 serving as book reviewer for the Western Hemisphere section of *Foreign Affairs* magazine, the flagship publication of the Council on Foreign Relations.
- As professor since 1997, teaching graduate classes at the University of California, San Diego, on U.S. foreign policy, U.S.-Latin American relations, Cuba economy and politics, and corporate social responsibility.
- Advised the apparel industry in gaining Congressional approval of the U.S.-Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) by linking international trade to high-quality labor standards.
- During the global debt crisis of the 1980s, elaborated the "net resource transfer" concept: the perverse transfer of capital from poor to rich countries, hence the necessity for debt relief.
- In *The Intemperate Zone* (Norton 1982), advanced the prescient thesis that the Soviet Union would fail in the developing world and that the U.S. could best protect its core interests through economic interdependence.
- Joined the Carter administration to upend American foreign policy away from support of authoritarian regimes toward the advancement of human rights and democratic freedoms.
- Representing the Department of State, in 1978 first informed Anastasio "Tacho" Somoza of Nicaragua that the U.S. had lost confidence in him and that he should consider stepping down.
- At age 24, published *The Triumph of Allende*, an acclaimed political analysis of the Chilean martyr's 1970 electoral triumph.