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Isolation no longer an option, according to de Klerk

In the face of growing globalization, isolation is no longer an option for the United States, according to F.W. de Klerk, who will speak Feb. 10 at the Lied Center for Performing Arts in Lincoln as part of the 2008-09 E.N. Thompson Lectures on World Issues.

The lecture will be simulcast at 7 p.m. in Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, in addition to remote sites in Scottsbluff, North Platte, Kearney, Columbus and Wayne, with financial support from the Cooper Foundation.

“One of the implications of the globalizing world is that no country—and particularly no leading power—can any longer withdraw from the international community,” de Klerk said in a lecture at Murray State University in Kentucky in 2005. “Involvement in the globalized economy will increasingly be the key to growth. No country will be able to withdraw from the commercial, cultural and technological opportunities that globalization presents.”

De Klerk’s lecture is entitled “Bridging the Gap: Globalization without Isolation.” The former president of South Africa, de Klerk founded and is currently chairman of the Global Leadership Foundation, a consortium of former heads of state dedicated to promoting peace, democracy and development worldwide by providing confidential peer-to-peer advice to governments around the world. In 1993, de Klerk and Nelson Mandela shared the Nobel Peace Prize.

Other remote simulcast sites include Room A113 at the Harms Advanced Technology Center at Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff, Room 102 on the North Campus of Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte, Room 101 in the Communications Center at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, Room 205 in the West Education Center at Central Community College in Columbus, and Connell Hall Auditorium at Wayne State College. All simulcasts are free and open to the public.

For more information about the Omaha simulcast, contact Paul Sather at (402) 554-3196 or psather@mail.unomaha.edu.

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