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Congressman Tom Lantos to Speak at the Yale Center for International and Area Studies

September 14, 2004. New Haven, CT ♦ Congressman Tom Lantos, the only Holocaust survivor ever elected to serve in the U.S. Congress, will be the speaker at the George Herbert Walker, Jr. Lecture in International Studies on Monday, October 4. His talk, entitled "Libya, Egypt, and Syria: Three Challenges to U.S. Foreign Policy" will be held at 4pm, Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven. It is sponsored by the Yale Center for International and Area Studies and is free and open to the public.

Congressman Lantos has served as a Member of the U.S. Congress since January 3, 1981, and he is currently service his 12th term in the House of Representatives. His congressional district includes San Francisco and San Mateo County.

Born in Hungary in 1928, Congressman Lantos was 16 years old when Nazi Germany occupied his native country and began the extermination of its Jewish population. His experiences during this time were featured in the Academy Award-winning documentary film, *The Last Days*, produced by Steven Spielberg's Shoah Foundation.

Currently serving as the Ranking Democratic Member of the House International Relations Committee, Congressman Lantos leads Democratic participation in foreign affairs. He also has been the leader in Congress for Human Rights. In 1983, he co-founded the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, and he continues to serve as its Co-Chairman.

George Herbert Walker III established this Lecture series in 1986 in memory of his father, a distinguished graduate of the Yale Class of 1927. Previous George Herbert Walker, Jr. lecturers in International Studies have included Jesus Silva-Herzog, David Lange, Bruce Gelb, Strobe Talbott, Paul Wolfowitz, Edward Jaycox, George Schultz, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Madeleine Albright, Brent Scowcroft, James Baker III, George Mitchell, Richard Holbrooke, Carla Hills and Richard Haass.

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