Former U.S. Deputy Trade Representative Alan Wolff to Lead Monterey Institute’s International Trade Policy Initiative
Longtime Trade Policy Leader to Serve as Distinguished Research Professor

Monterey, CA – The Monterey Institute of International Studies today announced the appointment of former Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Alan Wolff as Distinguished Research Professor in the Institute’s Graduate School of International Policy and Management. Ambassador Wolff will also serve as director of the Institute’s International Trade and Development Policy Initiative (ITDPI). The ITDPI is expected to be the first phase of an effort to consolidate and enhance the Institute’s research and academic programs addressing the policy challenges of international trade and development.

“We’re delighted to welcome Alan Wolff and look forward to the exciting work he plans to do with our students and faculty,” commented Institute President Sunder Ramaswamy. “His remarkable record of service in government and the private sector makes him ideally suited to lead our current efforts in the area of international trade policy,”

Ambassador Wolff’s post at the Institute will be part-time, allowing him to continue in his current role leading the international trade practice of Washington, D.C. law firm Dewey & LeBoeuf. Wolff served as United States deputy special representative for trade negotiations from 1977 to 1979, holding the rank of ambassador, after having served as general counsel of the agency from 1974 through 1977.

Ambassador Wolff has co-authored books and published numerous papers on trade and U.S. trade law. His current professional affiliations include director and chairman of the Advisory Committee, Institute for Trade and Commercial Diplomacy (1998 - present); member, board of trustees, United States Council for International Business (1997 - present); member, U.S. Department of State Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy (1996 - present); and member, Council on Foreign Relations (1979 - present). Ambassador Wolff received his Juris Doctor degree from Columbia University and his B. A. from Harvard College.

Ambassador Wolff, a longtime friend of the Institute and parent of an alumnus, served on its board of trustees from 1992 through 2001. He will assume his new role in January, where his focus will include:

• Teaching an intensive trade policy workshop from the practitioner’s point of view.
• Encouraging development of student resources for international trade policy, including the annual student-organized trade policy conference scheduled for March 12, 2010.

• Helping to develop relevant professional opportunities, such as those offered through internships, consulting projects, and research activities, for Monterey Institute students and faculty in the arena of international trade and development.

• Considering the possibility of creating a center for trade and development policy at the Monterey Institute.

• Inviting senior current and former trade policy officials to the Institute campus as guest lecturers.

Ambassador Wolff will report directly to the president and will work in consultation with the provost, the dean of the Graduate School of International Policy and Management, and appropriate faculty.

Ambassador Wolff’s full curriculum vitae is available on the Institute’s Web site at http://www.miis.edu/media/view/16271/original/alan_wolff_cv.pdf.

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