



## *Embassy Series*

WFPG cordially invites you to join us at a special event at the Embassy of Finland.

The evening will include a reception and discussion on:

### *The European Union: Present Challenges*



*A conversation with the Ambassador of Finland*

*H.E. Ritva Koukku-Ronde*

*Moderated by:*

*Howard Schneider*

*Washington Post International Economics Correspondent*

**Ambassador Ritva Koukku-Ronde** became Ambassador of Finland to the United States in September 2011. Ambassador Koukku-Ronde arrived in Washington after working at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs for almost three decades. Before her posting as Ambassador, she was Under-Secretary of State for global development issues at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Helsinki. She also served as Director General at the Department for Development Policy and Deputy Director General at the Department for Europe. Furthermore, she has held the position of Minister and Deputy Head of Mission at the Finnish Embassy in Bonn and Berlin and earlier as deputy head of mission in the Hague and Nairobi. Ambassador Koukku-Ronde has held numerous governing positions in her previous positions, for instance she was the Finnish Governor to the Regional Development Banks (Africa, Asia, Latin America). Ambassador Koukku-Ronde was the Chairman for the Board of Directors of Finnfund (Finnish Fund for Industrial Cooperation), the Board of the Institute for African Leadership for Sustainable Development and the Executive Board of Finnish Water Forum. Prior to joining the Ministry in 1985, Koukku-Ronde worked as a journalist. She holds a Master's degree in History.

**Howard Schneider (Moderator)** has been a reporter at *The Washington Post* since 1988, including tours abroad as bureau chief in Egypt and Israel. He currently serves as the paper's international economics correspondent with recent focus on the sovereign debt crisis in Europe and the response to it.

**Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 6 p.m.**

Reception and Program

**Embassy of Finland**

3301 Massachusetts Ave, NW

Washington, DC

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Space is limited. Advance registration is required.

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