



# Progressive Economy

**Edward Gresser**  
Director

Ed Gresser joined the GlobalWorks Foundation as Director of the ProgressiveEconomy project on February 15, 2011. One of America's most influential trade analysts, he has conducted path-breaking research on the American tariff system and its effects on low-income American families and poorer nations, trade relations with the Muslim world, Asian economic integration and other topics. His research has been covered by major media outlets including the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Financial Times*, the *Far Eastern Economic Review* and others, and been cited by leaders of the World Trade Organization, the World Bank, the IMF and other institutions. His first book, *Freedom From Want: American Liberalism and the Gobal Economy*, was published in 2007. He also created and edits ProgressiveEconomy's widely praised "Trade Fact of the Week" electronic information service.

Gresser came to GlobalWorks after two years at the Democratic Leadership Council, where he served as Trade and Global Markets Director and as interim President during the permanent CEO's leave of absence in 2010. Before joining DLC, Mr. Gresser was Trade and Global Markets Director for the Progressive Policy Institute from 2001 to 2009. From April 1998 through the close of the Clinton Administration in 2001, he served as Policy Advisor to U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky. In this position he was the USTR's principal policy advisor, speechwriter and research aide. In a span of three years, Mr. Gresser twice received USTR's prestigious "Special Achievement Award," first for contribution to passage of the African Growth and Opportunity Act and Caribbean Basin Initiative enhancement, and then for accomplishment "far above and beyond the call of duty" in the negotiation of China's WTO accession agreement and passage of permanent Normal Trade Relations.

Earlier, as Legislative Assistant and then Policy Director for Senator Max Baucus (D-MT) between 1993 and 1998, Mr. Gresser was responsible for trade and foreign policy, with a particular focus on relations with China, as well as domestic extremism and "militia" issues. Before joining Baucus' staff, Mr. Gresser worked for the consulting firm Podesta Associates, and as Legislative Assistant for Congressman Silvio Conte of Massachusetts.

Mr. Gresser graduated from Stanford University with Distinction in Political Science in 1984. He earned a Master's Degree from Columbia University and a Certificate from the Averell Harriman Institute for Advanced Study of the Soviet Union in 1987. He is married to Siriporn Gresser, and they have one son.