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### A Note from our President

Dear Colleagues,

Best wishes for the New Year! We are looking forward to an exciting roll out of new programs and initiatives both from the National Office and the National Network as the presidential election year rapidly unfolds. As you can read below, our Six Top Issues discussion throughout the network is also proving to be dynamic and is certainly leveraging our efforts as a National Organization to have an important impact on educating and engaging the American public on the top national security issues facing our nation in the 2012 election that our council leadership selected.

Our national network discussions on our Number One Top National Security Issue, US Education-Competing Globally, are also being complemented by several new WACA National Office initiatives for high schools across the country. Joining our flagship educational program, Academic WorldQuest, is our National High School Outreach Initiative on the European Union and our National High School Essay Contest on the Republic of Azerbaijan. The World Affairs Council of Houston is also inviting up to 5 high school educators from the national network to join educators from Houston on a Study Tour of Saudi Arabia. The WACA Education Committee, which consists of Council CEOs, is also planning to provide a comprehensive road map by late Spring on how to leverage the National Network to address this critical issue.

It is certain to be an historic and dynamic year and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lori E. Murray  
President & CEO, World Affairs Councils of America

[A Call to Action:  
Educating the Next  
Generation of  
Global Citizens](#)

## News from the National Network

### 2011 National Conference Sponsors

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## 49 Councils to Participate in WACA

### National High School Essay Contest

Forty-Nine Councils across the country are participating in **WACA's National High School Essay Contest** on the **Republic of Azerbaijan** in partnership with the **Heydar Aliyev Foundation** for the 2011-2012 year. Ten Student Winners will be invited to participate in a two week-long Study Tour of Azerbaijan. [Click here](#) to see a list of participants. For more information, visit [our website](#) or visit the [WACA Leadership Network/Program Resources](#).



## Academic WorldQuest 2011-2012

### Congrats to our Regional Winners!

The results are starting to come in! Congratulations to our AWQ regional winners to date:



10<sup>th</sup> Annual!!

[Foreign Policy Association-Garden City High School](#)  
[Greater Cincinnati World Affairs Council Summit Country Day](#)  
[The International Institute of Buffalo- Tapestry Charter School](#)  
[Pacific and Asian Affairs Council - Punahou School](#)  
[Richmond World Affairs Council- Maggie L. Walker Governor's School](#)  
[World Affairs Council of Charlotte- Charlotte Latin School](#)  
[World Affairs Council of Greater Hampton Roads - Cox High School](#)  
[World Affairs Council of Jacksonville- Stanton College](#)  
[World Affairs Council of St. Louis-Oakville Senior High School](#)

**Join the Quest!** This year marks the 10th Annual Competition of the World Affairs Councils of America's flagship education program for high school students on global issues, Academic WorldQuest. For more information, visit [our website](#) or visit the [WACA Leadership Network/Program Resources](#).

**Sign the Petition! A Call to Action: Educating  
the Next Generation of Global Citizens**

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Michael Phillip

NATO

Northrop Grumman

Raytheon

Thomson Reuters

Turkish Cultural  
Foundation

## Thank You! We're Halfway to our First Stage Goal - We Need You to Help This Petition Succeed!

Last Spring, our network leadership voted **US Education Competing Globally** as the **Number ONE** National Security issue facing our country. In November at our Annual Membership meeting we voted unanimously for the Call to Action: Educating the Next Generation of Global Citizens.

The World Affairs Councils of America has posted the Call to Action as an online petition, calling on its members and the American public to show support for our network commitment to educating our next generation of global citizens!

[Sign the Petition!](#) [Post to Facebook](#)  
[Get the Widget](#) [Tweet this Petition](#)

### Share this Link:

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/educating-the-next-generation-of-global-citizens/>

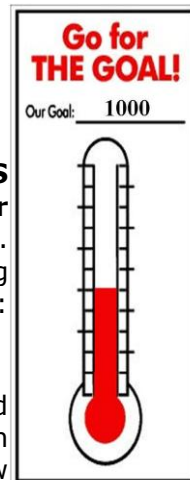
### Videos from the 2011 National Conference available on YouTube!

[View & Share!](#) The discussions were excellent, content rich and engaging, and we recommend them highly. Also, among the ways you can use these videos include:

- As a focal point for discussion group meetings for your membership on any of the Six Top Issues;
- As background information for your members to prepare for any speakers you may host relating to the Six Issues; or
- As a basis for programming ideas for your council events.

With the violence in Syria escalating, this month we are highlighting the [Plenary on the Middle East](#).

**Videos from the Fall Leadership Seminars now available** on [our website](#) and on the [WACA Leadership Network/Share the Best](#). Topics include: Fundraising, Communications & Marketing, Social Media, and Growing



Membership. We hope these sessions will help you strengthen your local councils and leverage the National Network.

## Taiwan Leadership Mission

### [Read the Trip Report!](#)

With the upcoming January 14 **elections in Taiwan** and the political jockeying underway in China for the **18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China meeting** in Fall 2012, the WACA Taiwan Leadership Mission Report from the October 5-11, 2011 trip is a must read on the region!



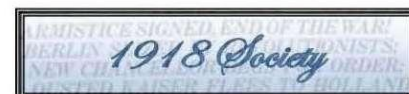
## Hot Topics Conference Call on the Taiwan Elections

WACA will be hosting a **Hot Topics Conference call** open to the National Network with the WACA Taiwan Leadership Delegation on the **Taiwan Elections on January 13, 2012 at 3pm**. Join us for what is certain to be an insightful and very timely discussion. **Michael Phillip**, Board Chair, World Affairs Council of California Central Coast and WACA National Board Member, and **Jay Bruns**, Board Member, World Affairs Council of Connecticut and WACA National Board Member, will be leading the discussion moderated by **Lori Murray**, WACA President & CEO. Other delegation members participating in the call will be: **Wally Stimpson**, President & CEO, Naples Council on World Affairs; **Robyn Meadows**, Secretary of the Board, World Affairs Council of Harrisburg; **Richard Crepage**, Senior Director of Outreach & Education, Cleveland Council on World Affairs and WACA National Board Member; **Carlos Juarez**, Secretary of the Board, Pacific and Asian Affairs Council; **Aaron Brown**, Vice Chair of the Board, World Affairs Council of Seattle; **Ellen Levey**, Board Member, World Affairs Council of Western Michigan; **Angela Bisig**, Board Member, World Affairs Council of Kentucky and Southern Indiana; and **Annette Whiteside**, President, World Affairs Council of Las Vegas. Call-in information coming soon.



## Hot Topics - 1918 Society

On **December 15**, the World Affairs Councils of America hosted a **1918 Society**, off the record **Hot Topics Conference Call on The Eurozone Crisis: What it Means for the US**



**Economy**, with **Ambassador Robert Kimmitt**, Senior International Counsel at WilmerHale, Chairman of the Deloitte Center for Cross-Border Investment, former US Ambassador to Germany, and former Deputy Secretary of the US Treasury.

[Join the 1918 Society](#) and become an individual national sponsor of the World Affairs Councils of America and its mission of educating the American public on global issues.

### **World Affairs Council of Houston Offers March 10-18, 2012 Teacher Travel to Saudi Arabia**

The World Affairs Council of Houston is inviting up to five (5) educators, curriculum coordinators, and administrators from the national network to apply for a trip to **Saudi Arabia**. The five teachers from the national network will join 15 teachers from Houston on the trip. Interested teachers should send a brief email to [edu@wachouston.org](mailto:edu@wachouston.org) by **January 20, 2012** explaining how they fulfill the selection criteria. To view the selection criteria and for more information, [click here](#).



### **WACA Logos - Building a National Brand**

It is our pleasure to provide you with the Six Issues Logo and the WACA logo. Please use these logos on your website or other materials when promoting events that are related to the Six Issues or are co-sponsored by WACA. We also ask that you use the WACA logo on your website, with the indication that your organization is an affiliate or member of the World Affairs Councils of America.



[Six Top Issues Logo](#) [WACA Logo-Rectangle](#) [WACA Logo-Square](#)

The purpose of sharing these logos is to provide the World Affairs Councils of America's national network with a more recognizable brand and to help promote the Six Issues Discussion as an influential one that reaches across the network and demonstrates the significant impact of our national network programming.

### **WACs in the News!**

**Mimi Gregory Awarded Rank of Commander in the French National Order of Merit!**

October 12th, 2011, **Mimi Chapin Gregory**, Program Chair of the [Naples Council on World Affairs](#), was awarded the **Rank of Commander in the French National Order of Merit** by decree of **President Nicolas Sarkozy of France**. The award was presented by Consul General of France, Gael de Maisonneuve, at an event in Naples on December 7th. In a congratulatory letter from the



Ambassador of France, Francois Delattre, it was noted that "this is an exceptional honor, whose bestowal illustrates France's profound gratitude as expressed by President Sarkozy, and it acknowledges your exceptional career and exemplary personal commitment to French-American relations". Mimi is a former member of the WACA National Board of Directors.

### **Dallas Morning News Editorial: Thanksgiving Toasts!**

The [World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth](#) was recognized in the **Dallas Morning News Editorial:**



**Thanksgiving Toasts!** The Editorial gave thanks for "the World Affairs Council of Dallas-Fort Worth and the Tate Lecture Series at SMU, whose prestige and world renown serve as magnets for A-list speakers from around the world."

[Click here to view the Editorial!](#)

### **WAC Atlanta Academic WorldQuest Competition!**

**Subaru of America Foundation** has recently



publicized its grant to the [World Affairs Council of Atlanta](#) for their Academic WorldQuest Competition! Subaru highlighted its support for the initiative "to help Atlanta area high school students bridge the gap in international education and prepare them for study abroad, student exchanges, and international college internships." [Read the full article!](#)

### **WAC Op-Eds**

#### **World Affairs Council of California Central Coast**

**Michael Phillip**, Board Chair of the World Affairs Council of California Central Coast and WACA National Board Member, writes on Learning from the European Model. This op-ed appeared in the Ventura County Star. [Read the op-ed!](#)

## Engage America Series

### European Union National High School Series

The **World Affairs Councils of America** has been awarded a contract by the **Delegation of the European Union to the United States** to conduct educational outreach to American high schools. WACA will be working with 12 local World Affairs Councils to implement the program in their communities as part of our Six Top National Security Issues programming- - US Education, Competing Globally.



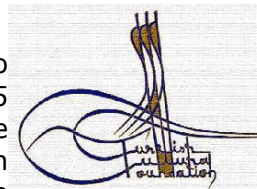
**EUROPEAN UNION**  
DELEGATION TO THE USA

The program consists of visits and classroom presentations to secondary school students, primarily grades 9-12, by European officials in metropolitan regions of the United States. The objective of the program is to engage American students and teachers on a personal level to deepen their understanding and knowledge of the European Union.

The program will occur in the Spring and Fall of 2012 and will be structured around important time periods in European and EU History which compliments high school European History curricula. [Click here](#) to see a list of participants. For more information, visit [our website](#) or visit the [WACA Leadership Network/Program Resources](#).

### 2012 Spotlight on Turkey

We are pleased to announce that 25 councils will be participating in the **2012 Spotlight on**



**Turkish  
Cultural  
Foundation**

**Turkey program,** supported by the **Turkish Cultural Foundation**. This program runs a full calendar year and focuses on giving an overview of Turkish history and culture in a broad context. With a spring Teachers Workshop and a Teachers Study Tour in the summer, and public cultural programs in the fall, the program emphasizes classroom learning and public education about Turkey and its contributions to the global community. [Click here](#) to see a list of participants. For more information, visit [our website](#) or visit the [WACA Leadership Network/Program Resources](#).

## Understanding Muslim Societies

The **World Affairs Councils of America** has been awarded a grant from **Carnegie Corporation of New York** for a new and very timely **Engage America Series** entitled, **Understanding Muslim Societies**.



The National speaker series provides for up to 35 local World Affairs Council events featuring experts from the Carnegie Scholars Program who will address Understanding Muslim Societies. Drawing from WACA's Six Top National Security Issues for the 2012 Election, the series will focus on countries in the Middle East, as well as Afghanistan/Pakistan, and those relevant rising economic powers that are competing globally with the United States, such as Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore. [Click here](#) for details on the program and for a list of Carnegie Experts. For more information, visit [our website](#) or visit the [WACA Leadership Network/Program Resources](#).

### Share: The Best

This column features a guest short essay from a Council CEO on a range of best practices topics, in an effort to help strengthen our council network and more broadly share our network expertise. Please feel free to contact the author directly with any further questions. This month's topic focuses on the Minnesota International Center's *Great Decisions* Program.

### *Great Decisions*

By Carol Byrne, President, Minnesota International Center

One of the Minnesota International Center's (MIC's) fastest growing programs is a WACA flagship program, *Great Decisions*. During the past year, MIC has coordinated 57 *Great Decisions* groups throughout the state, convening 373 meetings with an attendance of 8,780. Participants come from all walks of life - from students to business people to retirees. Discussions are held in private homes, libraries, corporations, places of worship, and educational institutions.

Coordinating the *Great Decisions* program is a great fit for our statewide council because it serves our mission, is relatively



inexpensive, flexible (groups can choose how to organize), and portable (it can be implemented throughout the state).

The annual *Great Decisions* briefing book provides essential context, policy options and impartial analyses to help readers assess the topic and challenges ahead. We recruit an impressive cadre of experts (retired Foreign Service officers, academics, non-profit leaders, business people and foreign nationals) who speak to our *Great Decisions* groups, usually for a modest \$50-\$100 stipend.

MIC makes participating in *Great Decisions* easy by providing the *Great Decisions* Briefing Book, a group directory, a speaker directory, and orientation by MIC staff for new group leaders.

Another strength of the *Great Decisions* program in Minnesota is our annual fall *Great Decisions* conference, hosted by MIC. This year's theme was **Foreign Policy & the Media**, keynoted by a noted editorial writer for Minnesota's largest daily newspaper, the *Star Tribune*. There was also a panel with the Dean of the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, a member of the Foreign Policy Association's board of directors and a local journalist, moderated by a former U.S. Foreign Service Officer. Approximately 130 attendees participated in this daylong conference which included breakout sessions on Responsible Journalism, *Great Decisions* in the Schools and Organizing Effectively to Discuss Foreign Policy Issues in the Community.

This year we have launched a partnership with the *Star Tribune* (approximately 360,000 subscribers). This partnership will broaden *Great Decisions'* reach and visibility throughout Minnesota and create more members and financial support for MIC. The *Star Tribune's* editorial staff tackles one of the *Great Decisions* topics every month by writing an article. MIC then invites an MIC member or *Great Decisions* speaker to create a guest commentary on the same topic. Attached please find links to the most recent topics:

#### **October 2011 Foreign Policy**

<http://www.startribune.com/opinion/otherviews/132353853.html>

<http://www.startribune.com/opinion/otherviews/132353878.html>

#### **November 2011 Horn of Africa**

<http://www.startribune.com/opinion/otherviews/134509883.html>

<http://www.startribune.com/opinion/otherviews/134509848.html>

This is a very exciting collaboration that could be replicated across the U.S. with other WACA councils and their local newspapers. Should you want to know more about this MIC/*Star*

*Tribune* media collaboration or about MIC's *Great Decisions* program, please visit [www.micglobe.org](http://www.micglobe.org) or call us at 612-625-4421.

*Contributed by Carol Byrne, President, Minnesota International Center.*

## WACA Leadership Network

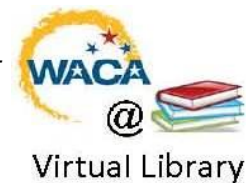
To access the WACA Leadership Network, go to [our homepage](#) and click on WACA Leadership Network on the right-hand side. The WACA Leadership Network is a forum for sharing best practices and ideas among council members. It includes: program resource materials, best practices, available authors and speaker recommendations, as well as a host of other information.



## The Virtual Library

### WACA's Virtual Library

contains video and audio from our monthly *Hot Topic* Discussions, our National Conference, and hearings and speeches from around Washington, DC. [Click here](#) to access the Virtual Library!



### Latest from the Capitol:



#### US Energy Policy

House Committee on Foreign Affairs on Energy Markets and U.S. National Security 12/16/11 [Watch Video](#)



#### US Economic Competitiveness

Presidential Remarks on the Economy 12/6/11 [Watch Video](#)



#### Afghanistan/Pakistan

Remarks at Breakfast with Afghan Civil Society Representatives, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton 12/5/11 [Read Remarks](#)



## The Middle East

U.S. Forces-Iraq End of Mission Ceremony, Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta, Baghdad, Iraq 12/16/11 [Watch Video](#)

U.S. Troop Withdrawal from Iraq 12/14/11 [Watch Video](#)

House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia on Confronting Damascus: U.S. Policy toward the Evolving Situation in Syria 12/14/11 [Watch Video](#)

U.S.-Iraq Relations: President Obama and Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki 12/12/11 [Watch Video](#)



## General Interest

Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on African Affairs on Improving Governance in the Democratic Republic of the Congo 12/15/11 [Watch Video](#)

Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, and Global Narcotics Affairs on the U.S.-Caribbean Shared Security Partnership: Responding to the Growth of Trafficking and Narcotics in the Caribbean 12/15/11 [Watch Video](#)

Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on European Affairs on the State of Human Rights and the Rule of Law in Russia: U.S. Policy Options 12/14/11 [Watch Video](#)

House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights on Fighting Malaria: Progress and Challenges 12/5/11 [Watch Video](#)

## Available Authors

Working with the publishing houses, WACA has prepared a listing of authors who are available to receive invitations from World Affairs Councils around the country.

**Latest Additions:** Among the latest additions to the Available Authors are **Barnett Rubin**, author of *Afghanistan in the Post-Cold War Era*, and **James Galbraith**, author of *Inequality and Instability: A Study of the World Economy Just Before the Great Crisis*.

We have specifically highlighted authors who can speak to one of the Six Top National Security Issues voted on by our Council

Leaders. These authors will help us in our effort to conduct a national conversation and debate on these six top issues in the run up to the 2012 elections. We also have a listing of authors who can speak on other foreign policy topics under General Interest.

To access the listing, go to our [homepage](#), then click on WACA Leadership Network. Once logged in, click on "Available Authors"

## What's Happening in the Network

The following updates from around the network include programs you can attend, participate in virtually, get ideas about speakers, or model format. We encourage you, as you read through the programs, to follow-up with the sponsoring council for more information.

### San Francisco



On **March 30-31, 2012**, the [World Affairs Council of Northern California](#) will host its annual conference, **WorldAffairs 2012:**



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of Northern California

**Navigating in a Shifting Global Landscape** at the St. Regis San Francisco. Over the course of a day and a half, we will examine key shifts in the global landscape and how the US and the international community may respond. Our main topics include: global security, the global economy and long-term developmental and environmental issues.

WorldAffairs 2012 provides the opportunity to hear key thought leaders speak on today's pressing global concerns. Our extensive roster of speakers includes: **Charles Bolden**, NASA Administrator; **Karl Eikenberry**, Former US Ambassador to Afghanistan; **Michael Mandelbaum**, Professor and Director of the American Foreign Policy program, Johns Hopkins University, SAIS; **David Rothkopf**, Visiting Scholar, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; and **Gillian Tett**, US Managing Editor, The Financial Times. For a full list of speakers and for more information on the conference, please visit [worldaffairs.org](http://worldaffairs.org).

**Register by January 15** to take advantage of the Early Bird discount. You can register online at [worldaffairs.org](http://worldaffairs.org); by phone: 415-293-4600; or by printing the online registration form and mailing or faxing to: World Affairs Council of Northern California, 312 Sutter Street, Suite 200, San Francisco, CA 94108, Fax: 415.982.5028.

## Colorado Springs



As part of WACA's "Top Six" national security challenges, the **Colorado Springs World Affairs Council** hosted on **December 8** its "**Presidents' Panel on Education and Global**



**Competitiveness,"** featuring leaders of four local colleges and universities. This unique program engaged a broad spectrum of the Colorado Springs community in a wide-ranging discussion on the challenges and opportunities of higher education in the U.S. While there remained general optimism that U.S. colleges and universities remained some of the best in the world, there was also a stark recognition, as one panelist put it, that "education was being transformed from a 'public good' to a 'private commodity.'"

To watch discussion, see <http://vimeo.com/33554896>.

To read a press account of the event from the Air Force Academy's newspaper,

see <http://www.usafa.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123283178>.

## Philadelphia

**The World Affairs Council of Philadelphia** would like to highlight the following **Travel The World** tour:



**April 24-May 6, 2012 - Santiago to Havana, Cuba with Dr. Frank Argote-Freyre:**

Curious about Cuba? Through our legal travel to Cuba learn about historic changes taking place on this comprehensive 12-night, 5-city journey. Our December people-to-people program was a huge success with members returning with a deeper understanding of Cubans' lives and our hosts gaining insights about America. Lecturer **Dr. Frank Argote Freyre** accompanies as we learn through panel discussions with political scientists and economists; visits to artists' homes, a dance studio, school, medical clinic and urban farming cooperative. Shorter 7-night fall Cuba programs also available.

Call Joan Russell at 800-942-5004 x 209 or email us at [travel@wacphila.org](mailto:travel@wacphila.org)

Visit our website <http://www.wacphila.org/travel/>

## Foreign Policy Association



### Great Decisions 2012 materials now available!

The [Foreign Policy Association's](#) (FPA) Great Decisions 2012 materials - used nationwide to stimulate thought-provoking debate on key global challenges of concern to U.S. policymakers and voters - are now available.



### The 2012 topics are:

- 1.) Middle East realignment
- 2.) Promoting democracy
- 3.) Mexico
- 4.) Cybersecurity
- 5.) Exit from Afghanistan & Iraq
- 6.) State of the oceans
- 7.) Indonesia
- 8.) Energy geopolitics

**Learn more about the Great Decisions 2012 materials** - including the briefing book and Television Series on DVD - online at [www.greatdecisions.org](http://www.greatdecisions.org). You can also visit the Great Decisions web page to access free materials and resources related to each of the Great Decisions 2012 topics.

In the spring of 2011 populations throughout the Middle East and North Africa rebelled against decades of autocratic rule. What implications does this have for U.S. foreign policy in the year ahead? Join the FPA for its **Mary L. Belknap Memorial Lecture** in the **Great Decisions Lecture Series** with **Shibley Telhami**, Anwar Sadat Professor of Peace and Development at the University of Maryland, who will discuss developments in this critical region. The event will be held at BNP Paribas at 787 Seventh Avenue (between 51st and 52nd Streets) in their 9th floor auditorium. Registration begins at 5:30 pm and the lecture is at 6:00 pm. Anyone interested in attending should send an email to [eventsdepartment@fpa.org](mailto:eventsdepartment@fpa.org) to register.



## Dallas/Ft. Worth



On **Tuesday, January 24, 2012**, the [World Affairs Council of Dallas/Ft. Worth](#), in partnership with The Economist, would like to invite all those interested to its





monthly online audiocast entitled Global I.Q. The first Global I.Q. of the year features **Andrew Palmer**, finance editor for The Economist who will discuss his forthcoming special report on State Capitalism. Go beyond the pages with the World Affairs Council and The Economist as you submit your questions live for Jim and Andrew, helping to guide the conversation in this free, online webinar.

Andrew Palmer joined The Economist as Management Correspondent in February 2007, became Banking Correspondent in September 2007 and Finance Editor in June 2009. Prior to this he was at the Economist Intelligence Unit, a sister company, where, among other roles, he led the editorial team conducting bespoke research programmes, surveys and reports. Mr Palmer is a frequent commentator on radio and television.

Participants will have the opportunity to submit questions through an online form. Register as you would any other event, and a link will be provided on the day before the audiocast that will enable you to connect to the program. [Register now.](#)

## Santa Fe

 On **January 21, 2012**, the **Santa Fe Council on International Relations**, kicks off its **Spring 2012 International Lecture Series** entitled "**Critical Countries, Critical Issues We Do Not Understand**". The series includes four lectures on Turkey, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Egypt and begins with a lecture by **Professor Jenny White** of Boston University on "The New Ottomans: Turkey's Muslim Nationalists". Professor White will discuss whether Turkey can continue to bridge the gulf between the West and the East or if it might be drawn increasingly into the Islamic world; and whether the long ties between Turkey and the U.S. can continue. Saturday, January 21, 3:00 p.m., The Forum, SF University of Art & Design, 1600 St. Michael's Dr.; \$20 Non-members, \$15 CIR Members (Members may purchase admission to the entire series of 4 lectures for \$48). Register: [www.sfcir.org](http://www.sfcir.org), or call (505) 982-4931.



## Boston

 Join **WorldBoston** for its **Chat & Chowda Author Series: "The Future of Value: How Sustainability Creates Value"**



**through Competitive Differentiation" on Tuesday, January 24, 2012.**

Can companies grow faster and become more profitable than their rivals using a strategy that requires little cash, causes nominal disruption, and is easily understandable by its employees? How can leaders use this principle to help their companies outperform the competition?

***The Future of Value*** reveals what it takes to enhance performance using sustainability principles. The boundaries of competition have been altered, contends the author, by sustainability's emergence as the newest dimension of corporate strategy. In this practical and highly accessible read, informed by interviews with more than 25 Global Fortune 500 companies, business and thought leader **Eric Lowitt** shows executives, private enthusiasts, and students alike how to use sustainability as a means to success.

**Time:** Tuesday, January 24, 2012, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, at WorldBoston's Offices and Conference Space.

**RSVP:** Contact James Nadel at [wb@worldboston.org](mailto:wb@worldboston.org) or 617-542-8995 x104

## Florida Palm Beaches



On **January 12, 2012**, the **World Affairs Council of the Florida Palm Beaches** will present **Stephen Hadley** who will discuss **National Security Issues to be Debated in the 2012 Presidential Elections**.

Stephen Hadley, Senior Advisor for International Affairs, completed four years as the assistant to the president for National Security Affairs on January 20, 2009. In that capacity he was the principal White House foreign policy adviser to then President George W. Bush, directed the National Security Council staff, and ran the inter-agency national security policy development and execution process. From January 20, 2001, to January 20, 2005, Steve was the assistant to the president and deputy national security adviser, serving under then National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, in addition to covering the full range of national security issues, including U.S. relations with Russia, the Israeli disengagement from Gaza, developing a strategic relationship with India and ballistic missile defense.



On **January 25, 2012**, the World Affairs Council of the Florida Palm Beaches will present **Dr. Peter Vincent Pry** who will discuss **Turmoil in the Middle East: A Nuclear Iran & Electronic Armageddon**. Dr. Pry is President of EMPact



America, citizens group dedicated to educating the public on the threat from nuclear and natural electromagnetic pulse (EMP) and to advancing policies for protecting the United States from EMP. He is also Director of the United States Nuclear Strategy Forum, an advisory body to Congress on policies to counter Weapons of Mass Destruction. Pry has just been appointed Director, Task Force on Homeland Security and Terrorism. As an Intelligence Officer with the Central Intelligence Agency for 10 years, Dr. Pry was responsible for analyzing Soviet and Russian nuclear strategy and operational plans. He has also worked closely with the senior scientists who first discovered the nuclear EMP phenomenon and its possible threat from terrorists and rogue states.

## Greater Hampton Roads



In **2012**, the **World Affairs Council of Greater Hampton Roads** will present



several **Great Decisions Topics**. On Saturday, **January 14, 2012**, Greater Hampton Roads presents **Exit from Afghanistan & Iraq and What It Means for Joint & Coalition Warfighting** with **MG Fred Rudesheim**, Deputy Director Joint Staff J7 Joint & Coalition Warfighting. Ten years after September 11, 2001, the U.S. is winding down its military commitment in Iraq and slowly pulling out of Afghanistan. What exit strategy will help Afghanistan and Iraq build stable democratic nations? How can the U.S. continue to achieve its counterterrorism goals? What is the role of the U.S. in the future of the Middle East? [Register now!](#) To see more **Great Decisions 2012 Topics and Dates**, please visit [www.hrwac.org/Great\\_Decisions.html](http://www.hrwac.org/Great_Decisions.html)

On **February 9, 2012**, the World Affairs Council of Greater Hampton Roads will host its **3rd annual Ryan C. Crocker Global Citizen of the Year Award**. This is an award for public service and will be given this year to **Robin Wright**. For more information on this and other programs, please visit [www.hrwac.org](http://www.hrwac.org).

## Pittsburgh



The **World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh** is pleased to announce its January 2012



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programs. On **January 5**, the Council will explore **The U.S.-Canada Energy Relationship: Why You Should Care** with **Dale Eisler**, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Task Force on Energy Security, Prosperity and Sustainability at

Natural Resources Canada, at a public policy discussion and luncheon. On **January 18**, the Council will have a Breakfast Briefing with **Ambassador François Delattre**, Ambassador of France to the United States, and **Olivier Serot** Alméras, Consul General of France in Washington, DC. Later the same day, the Council will host **Dr. Daniel Byman**, Professor in the Security Studies Program at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and Research Director of the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution for a **Political Salon** discussing **Redefining Security? Israel, Counterterrorism, and the Arab Awakening.**

On **Thursday, December 8, 2011**, students across Pennsylvania gathered at Baldwin High School and Temple University for the first joint event offered by the World Affairs Councils of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. The **International Student Summit** focused on Somalia and over 500 students participated onsite, via video conference, and via webcast from over 36 schools. For more details on this event and others, please visit [worldpittsburgh.org](http://worldpittsburgh.org) for more details.

## Western Massachusetts



The **World Affairs Council of Western Massachusetts** will present **Ambassador Mark Hambley** at an **Instant Issues event** on **"The Arab Spring One Year On: The Prospects for Positive Transition in the Broader Middle East"** on **Tuesday, January 17, 2012** at noon in the Community Room at 1350 Main Street-3rd Floor (Sovereign Bank), downtown Springfield, Massachusetts.



Ambassador Mark Hambley is a veteran of over 30 years in the US diplomatic service including posts as US Ambassador in Qatar and Lebanon and US Consul General in Sana'a, Alexandria, and Jeddah. After September 11, 2001, he served as Political Advisor to the commander of US Air Force deployment in the Middle East against "al-Qa'ida" and the Taliban in Afghanistan. He then became director of the Media Outreach Center, a specialized unit established to improve dialog with and monitor coverage by pan-Arab media. Hambley is a Trustee of the Next Century Foundation and is also Senior Managing Director for International Matters at Apollo Security.

The cost for Council members is \$5 without a lunch, \$15 with lunch provided. Nonmembers cost is \$10 without a lunch, \$20 with lunch provided. Reserve on line at [www.worldaffairsCouncil.com](http://www.worldaffairsCouncil.com) or call 413-733-0110. The RSVP deadline is January 13

## Western Michigan



On **Thursday, January 12, 2012**, the **World Affairs Council of Western Michigan** will



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present a **Global Executive Briefing, "Europe: Breakthrough or on the Brink?"** featuring **Dr. Jackson Janes**, American Institute for Contemporary German Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC. The growing European sovereign debt crisis has many looking to Germany, the largest economy in the euro area and the fifth largest in the world, for a solution. Should EU countries abandon the currency altogether? How far are Germany and France willing to go to defend the euro? Is the EU on the brink of implosion or will the debt crisis deepen European integration? Join us at the University Club, Fifth Third Center from 12:00 - 1:30 pm for answers to these questions and more.

## South Dakota

On **January 27, 2012**, the **South Dakota World Affairs Council** will present **Korea: A Power in the New Global Order**.



This symposium is the fourth in a series devoted to examining nations with increasingly important positions of power in the global order. Korea (officially the Republic of Korea) was chosen for the 2012 symposium because the country espoused democracy after WW II and emerged as a vibrant economy and dominant force in Asia. This transformation occurred in the shadow of a divided peninsula with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the north under Communist rule. The United States has played a significant role in events involving the two countries.

The Republic of Korea is linked to South Dakota through trade relationships and interchange of people ranging from Korean babies adopted by Midwestern families, university exchanges of faculty and students, to the presence of American military forces in the Republic of Korea.

The Rising Powers series was developed by The Stanley Foundation of Muscatine Iowa and adapted by the South Dakota World Affairs Council for a program on Brazil in 2009. India was featured in 2010 and China in 2011. The symposium is offered to educate, develop understanding, and stimulate discussion about the Republic of Korea and its relationships with the United

States and other nations in its Asian sphere and around the world.


Sponsored by the South Dakota World Affairs Council, the Korea Economic Institute, the Stanley Foundation, South Dakota State University, and the Brookings Visitors Commission. For more information, please contact Harriet Swedlund at (605) 688-5416 or via email at [harriet.swedlund@sdstate.edu](mailto:harriet.swedlund@sdstate.edu). This program is free and open to the public.

### Connecticut

On **March 6, 2012**, [The World Affairs Council of Connecticut](#) will host its eighth **Luminary Award** celebration at the Hartford Marriott Downtown. Each year, the World Affairs Council of Connecticut (WACCT) celebrates the contribution of a recognized global leader(s) by honoring one or more individuals or an organization from Connecticut that has profoundly influenced global affairs, with a strong emphasis on achieving the overall betterment of the world. In 2012 the council will be honoring the **Norwegian Nobel Peace Prize Committee**.



### Sonoma

 On **Friday, January 20, 2012**, the [World Affairs Council of Sonoma County](#) will host its **Annual Dinner, "Afghanistan, Pakistan, India: The Challenge of Achieving Good Governance in Asia,"** this year featuring **David Arnold**, President of the Asia Foundation.



David Arnold will share his observations from his recent trip to Asia, his hopes and recommendations for U.S. foreign policy, and then describe what direction the work of the Asia Foundation will take for the coming years. Mr. Arnold became the sixth president of The Asia Foundation on January 1, 2011. Previously he had served as president of the American University in Cairo for seven years, and as executive vice-president of the Institute of International Education the six years prior.

Social hour (no-host cocktails) 5:30; Dinner 6:30 pm. This event will take place at the FountainGrove Inn Hotel, Camelot Room, 101 Fountaingrove Parkway, Santa Rosa. Members \$35; Visitors \$40. Reservation required by January 13. For more information, please visit [www.wacsc.org](http://www.wacsc.org).

## Mid-Hudson Valley



A delegation of nine college professors left for the **Sultanate of Oman** on **January 2nd, 2012** and will spend 11 days in Oman visiting schools, colleges, universities and meeting with government officials and academics in Oman. The return is scheduled for January 13th. The program, entitled **'Educators to Oman'** is fully funded by the Sultanate and is the first of its kind for the **World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley**. The nine academics are from Vassar College, Bard College, Marist College, SUNY New Paltz and the three community colleges in Dutchess, Ulster and Orange counties.



Upon their return, the academics will be expected to share their experiences with their classes, their colleague and their community. Oman has made spectacular progress since Sultan Qaboos assumed power in 1970, and the Omani's are very proud of that progress. This program is one way in which that remarkable story will be told and shared.

## Montana

On **January 28th**, the **World Affairs Council of Montana** will hold its first **WorldQuest: Global Team Trivia Fundraiser** event in support of WAC Montana's community and classroom education programs. This festive evening will include a silent/live auction, dinner, and team trivia modeled after Academic WorldQuest, a flagship education program for high school students across the country and WAC Montana's most popular global education initiative. For more information visit [www.montanaworldaffairs.org](http://www.montanaworldaffairs.org)



## Harrisburg

Join the **World Affairs Council of Harrisburg** in the **2012 Executive Lecture Series!**

**January 19, 2012 6:30 p.m.** "**The History of Globalization**" to be presented at The Radisson Hotel and Convention Center, Camp Hill, PA. Keynote Opening Dinner will feature **Dr. Carl Strikwerda**, President of Elizabethtown College.



Series Lecturers include: **Dr. Mehdi Noorbaksh**, Associate

Professor of International Affairs and Coordinator of General Education, Harrisburg University; **Dr. Oya Ozkanca**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Elizabethtown College; **Dr. Hossein Varamini**, Professor of Finance and International Business, Elizabethtown College; and **Harry L. Witte**, Esq., Prof., Widener University School of Law. [Purchase tickets now.](#)



**January 28, 2012 *Globalization and International Economic Order:*** Understand international trade and the global market place, including how global demographics impacts international business and economics. What's good and what's bad about the new globalized marketplace. Venue: Harrisburg University

**February 9, 2012 *Understanding World Politics:*** An overview off the issues, philosophies and debates shaping international political thought. Venue: Cumberland Valley High School

**February 23, 2012 *Armed Aggression and Global Peace:*** Understanding the pursuit of military power among nations around the globe, as well as approaches to conflict resolution to prevent wars and promote international stability. Venue: Harrisburg University

**March 8, 2012 *Non State Actors in International Politics:*** The roles that nongovernmental organizations play in international affairs, including an overview of the United Nations, World Trade organization, the European Union, as well as the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Venue: Cumberland Valley High School

**March 22, 2012 *Promoting Human Development and Economic Well-Being:*** An overview of issues involving human rights, economic rights, and international efforts to protect the environment. Venue: Harrisburg University

## Minnesota



On **Tuesday, January 24, 2012**, the [Minnesota International Center](#) will host a **Business Roundtable: Doing Business with Turkey**. Planned as a business companion program to MIC's **Celebration of Turkiye gala**, the latest in this series of business workshops presented in collaboration with Dorsey & Whitney and KPMG, presenters will explore economic and political developments, the climate for foreign investment, legal and tax issues, cross cultural issues,



and experiences of Minnesota companies in the region. Confirmed speakers include: **Hakan Aytekin**, Managing Director of Advisory Practice, KPMG; **Dr. Sinan Ciddi**, Executive Director, Institute of Turkish studies, Georgetown University; **Dr. Trevor Gunn**, Senior Director- International Relations, Medtronic; **Can Okandan**, Corporate Supply Chain, Cummins Power; **Consul General Fatih Yildiz**, Consul General of Turkey in Chicago; and moderator **Chris Bercaw**, Partner, Dorsey & Whitney. This free event will take place at Dorsey & Whitney, 50 South 6th Street, 15th Floor, Minneapolis from 8:00 - 10:00 am. Registration will begin at 7:30 am.

On **Monday, January 30, 2012**, the Minnesota International Center will host a luncheon forum with British Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office **Alistair Burt, MP**. The minister's presentation entitled, "**Britain and Minnesota: Partners in Turbulent Times**," will address the important UK-MN trade and investment partnerships. Minister Burt's main responsibilities include Afghanistan, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Maldives, North America, Middle East, North Africa, Counter Terrorism and Counter Proliferation. In early December 2011, the Minister completed a three day trip to Libya - the first visit by a UK Minister since the formation of the new Libyan Government.

This event will take place at Windows on Minnesota, 50th Floor, IDS Tower, 80 South 8th Street, Minneapolis, from 12:00 - 1:30 pm, with registration beginning at 11:30 am. MIC members, students, and cosponsors \$35; Corporate tables available for \$350 (10 seats). Non-members \$50. Information about these and other exciting programs is available on MIC's website [www.micglobe.org](http://www.micglobe.org).

## Be Part of the WACA Newsletter!

If you would like to highlight an upcoming program, [email Kelsey Compton](mailto:kelsey.compton@worldaffairsCouncils.org) with the relevant information (a 200 words or less description and a graphic). Of course, if there is anything else we can do to help promote your programs within the network, please let us know!

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