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In this issue, the World Affairs Councils of America highlights the institutes and seminars hosted by local World Affairs Councils during the summer.

SANTA FE SUMMER SEMINAR

June 4 - 6, 2007

The Santa Fe Council for International Relations will host its annual Summer Seminar June 4-6 at the Santa Fe Community College. This year the seminar focuses on "*Bridges to Iran: Persian Art, Culture, and History*" and features John E. Woods, University of Chicago, and Mansour Farhang, former Iranian Ambassador to the United Nations.

Persia, located at a crossroads between Europe and Asia, was a melting pot of diverse civilizations. Through millennia it accepted rich and varied influences and exported the resulting customs to others. Iran continues to exert great influence in the Middle East, and its importance on the world stage is growing. Iran's rich past provides the understanding of present-day Iranian behavior and relations with the West.

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PHILADELPHIA FORUM

June 21, 2007

The World Affairs Council of Philadelphia will be hosting The Philadelphia Forum 2007 on June 21. The program is designed to focus on creative approaches to the challenges and opportunities of a complex world, with discussions on the most significant issues of our time. Keynote speakers and expert discussants will represent many areas of endeavor,

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including business, philanthropy, technology, media and, of course, national politics and global affairs. The forum is co-chaired by George Stephanopoulos, Chief Political Correspondent for ABC News.

Topics and speakers include The National Political Landscape and Election '08 and Stanford Ovshinsky, Time Magazine's 'Hero for the Planet' and leading entrepreneur in alternative energy; Anne Mulcahy, Chairman & CEO, Xerox; Jay Wright, Head Coach, Villanova Men's Basketball; Leon Fuerth, Former National Security Advisor to VP Al Gore; William Easterly, Professor of Economics, NYU; Rebecca Rimel, CEO of the Pew Charitable Trusts.

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PITTSBURGH STUDENT AND TEACHER WORKSHOPS

June 18 - 22, 2007 and June 25 - 29, 2007

Summer Seminar on World Affairs for Students

The World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh will host a summer seminar for students from Western Pennsylvania. The program will focus on *Defining America's Role in the World* as well as explore regions of the world including Central Asia, the Middle East, and Asia. In addition, the seminar emphasizes critical thinking and problem-solving exercises, and allow students to interact with nationally-respected experts in each of the topic areas.

10th Annual Summer Institute for Teachers: Teaching Contemporary Global Issues

In order to address the need to provide educators with the tools to teach their students about current events, the Pittsburgh Council's Summer Institute will give Western Pennsylvania teachers ways of integrating new knowledge into lesson plans and access to new resources.

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INSTITUTE OF WORLD AFFAIRS

June 25 - 27, 2007

The Institute of World Affairs in Milwaukee, WI will offer area teachers a chance to learn about how international conflict affects local communities at the Global Studies Summer Institute. The program will examine numerous historical and contemporary conflicts around the world and explore the diverse economic, social, environmental and other impacts of conflict on societies.

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WASHINGTON, DC SUMMER INSTITUTE

June 25-29, 2007

The World Affairs Council of Washington D.C. will host its 16th Annual Summer Institute on International Affairs for high school and middle school educators the last week in June. This year's topic, "*U.S. and the Arab World*," will focus on U.S. foreign policy in the Arab World. Topics will include Islam, Media and its influence in the Arab world, energy, democracy and reform, demographics and economic development. The program will feature experts from area think tanks, U.S. government and the diplomatic community, in addition to special presentations by organizations involved in curriculum and resource materials for teachers. The Summer Institute is open to teachers from across the council network and dormitory facilities are available for a small number of participants.

Teachers have the opportunity to exchange information and experiences with colleagues, develop new ideas on how to integrate an international component into their curriculum, and can earn 3 graduate credits.

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