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## 2017 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUMMIT



*RESPONDING TO THE NEXT GENERATION OF SECURITY THREATS:  
NATO, RUSSIA, AND CONFLICT IN THE FIFTH DOMAIN*

“Until defense of democracy in the digital era is taken up by governments collectively, both in NATO and outside the alliance, liberal democracies will remain vulnerable to the cyberattacks of the 21st century.”

-**Toomas Hendrick Ilves, Former President of Estonia (2006-2016)**

### PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Wednesday, December 13, 2017  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Fox School of Business at  
Temple University  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

### PROGRAM RESOURCES:



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[International Student Summit on  
North Korea Briefing Paper](#)

The 2017 **International Student Summit** simulated an emergency NATO summit aimed at addressing a developing crisis in the Baltic region—Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania—similar to Russian actions in Ukraine. This meeting took place against a backdrop of increased Russian military concentrations on NATO’s border, support to separatist groups in the form of training and weapons, state-sponsored cyberattacks, and “weaponization” of information.

Representing a NATO member state or partner country, student delegates considered a number of variables as they sought a collective strategy and potential responses, including how to balance diplomatic and military action, whether to impose greater economic sanctions, work efficiently with NATO allies and partners, and send Moscow a strong signal without provoking Russian aggression. The goal of the summit was to find a resolution that would defuse the crisis and restore cooperation and stability to the relationship between NATO and Russia.

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