



WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL
of Philadelphia

2019 Summer Global Leadership Seminar

The Rise of Political Populism
Monday, July 8 – Friday, July 12, 2018

Monday, July 8

- 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.** **Welcome Breakfast, Introduction, and Icebreakers**
Welcome by World Affairs Council of Philadelphia staff, followed by student introductions and a team building activity.
- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.** **Activity – Populism and Nationalism: An Introduction**
Group activities introducing the concept of populism, mapping the growth of populist movements around the world, and an introspective look at our own nationalist leanings.
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.** **Expert Speaker Briefing – Populism Throughout History**
Exploring the timeline of major historical events in modern history... American Revolution; Tiananmen Square; Arab Spring; Brexit; events in Latin America
- Speaker: TBA**
- The discussion will begin with a conversation on the ebb and flow of populist movements, differences and commonalities among populist activities, and recent global trends.
- 11:45 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.** **Wrap-up**
Opportunity for questions and group reflection on the day's topics.

Tuesday, July 9

- 9:00 – 9:10 a.m.** **Opening**
Opening and preview of the day.
- 9:10 – 10:10 a.m.** **Expert Speaker Briefing – Populism in America: Rebranding Social and Political Issues**
- Expert-facilitated discussion focusing on the groups and movements that are influencing politics, redefining the two party tradition, and challenging America's global reputation. A review of populist movements from the American Revolution to the Know Nothings of the 19th Century to the current wave of nationalists in the U.S.
- Speaker: TBA**

- 10:10 – 10:20 a.m. **Break**
- 10:25 – 11:15 a.m. **Activity** – *When Nationalism Becomes Racism: The Psychology of “Groupthink”*
Activity centered on populist perceptions of immigration trends
- 11:15 a.m. –12:15 p.m. **Expert Speaker Briefing or Roundtable Discussion** – *The Shifting World Stage: Can Nationalism and Globalism Co-exist?*
Speaker / Roundtable Participants: TBA
- Discussion on the political, social and economic repercussions of nationalist movements like Brexit, Europe’s response to the refugee crisis, U.S. trade and tariff reforms, and instability in Latin America. What are the effects and economic realities of nationalist movements like Brexit?
- 12:15 – 12:30 p.m. **Wrap-up**
Opportunity for questions and group reflection on the day’s topics.

Wednesday, July 11

- 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. **Opening**
Opening and preview of the day.
- 9:10 – 10:15 a.m. **Expert Speaker Briefing** – *NATO, the WTO, and the EU... Will Political Populism and Nationalism Bring Them Down?*
Speaker: TBA
- Expert-facilitated discussion exploring how the rise of political populism and increased nationalism in Europe have changed regional dynamics and relations with longtime allies. This session will highlight how recent movements in European countries are reawakening social and political tensions of the past, including anti-Semitism and Islamophobia.
- 10:15 – 10:20 a.m. **Break**
- 10:20 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Debate**
Formal debate centered on the following question:
“Will Populism Kill Democracy?”
- 12:15 – 12:30 p.m. **Wrap-up**
Opportunity for questions, group reflection on the day’s topics, and logistics for crisis simulation.
- 12:30 – 2:30pm **Optional Event – Visit to the Museum of the American Revolution**
Possible briefing with Museum historian - TBA
Travel with the World Affairs Council Education Staff to the Museum of the American Revolution, where we will enjoy lunch and a briefing from one of the Museum’s historians on, undoubtedly, the most significant populist movement in our nation’s history, defined by the war for independence from Great Britain. Pickup or public transportation will be from the Museum.

Thursday, July 12

- 9:00 – 9:10 a.m.** **Opening**
Opening and preview of the day
- 9:10 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** **Crisis Simulation** – Using online resources, one-on-one negotiation skills, and a newly acquired understanding of the challenges and disagreements presented by the rise of political populism in Latin America, students - acting as representatives of Latin American countries - work together to seek solutions to an unfolding crisis centered on a fictitious emergent issue in Central America.
- 12:15 – 12:30 p.m.** **Wrap-up**
Opportunity for questions and group reflection on the day’s topics and review of logistics for the trip to Washington, D.C.

Friday, July 13

Trip to Washington, D.C.

Trip Schedule

- 7:00 a.m. **Departure from Philadelphia**
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One South Broad Street, Philadelphia PA, 19107
- 10:00 a.m. **Arrival in Washington, D.C.**
- 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. **Briefing with policymakers, ambassadors or academics:**
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- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch at D.C. Restaurant**
- 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. **Briefing with policymakers, ambassadors or academics. Potential for visit to
Museum or other cultural institution:**

TBA
- 3:15 p.m. **Departure from Washington, D.C.**
- 7:00 p.m. (approx.) **Arrival in Philadelphia / Parent Pick-up**
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