The World Affairs Council of Philadelphia is a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization dedicated to informing and engaging people of all ages on matters of national and international significance. The Council’s top educational goal is to develop core global competencies, including: (1) expanding students’ knowledge of world geography, cultures, economics and international affairs; (2) increasing students’ ability to understand and recognize emerging transnational issues from a range of perspectives; (3) helping students develop the critical thinking, problem solving and leadership skills needed to succeed in a competitive global economy; and (4) enhancing students’ opportunities to work creatively and collaboratively across local and global borders.

Program Spotlight

2018 Global Economic Forum
Monday, March 5, 2018—Registration Now Open!

Complex and interconnected global challenges call for creative and collaborative action, with all global stakeholders participating in a multinational, collective process. Working in teams, students will advocate on behalf of a critical global issue in a simulated World Bank competition, centered on a fictitious $2 billion Global Risk Fund. This year’s long-term global risks, as well as specific details surrounding the program’s format, will be announced in late December.

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We create global citizens
Global Stability and Insecurity Series: Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa
Monday, January 22, 2018 — 5:15 - 7:15 p.m.

Featuring Mathilde Mukantabana, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Rwanda to the United States of America

The World Affairs Council of Philadelphia continues its “Global Stability & Insecurity” discussions, this time delving into the topic of economic growth in the Sub-Saharan Africa region. A panel of diplomats from several African nations will discuss trade and economic growth in Sub-Saharan Africa.

2018 Academic WorldQuest: A Philadelphia Regional Competition
Thursday, February 8, 2018 — 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

The World Affairs Council is pleased to host, for the second year, its Academic WorldQuest International Trivia Competition and Education Fundraiser. Don’t miss out on this fun, fast-paced, interactive, Quizzo-style competition testing your global knowledge! Teams of four will compete for prizes...and, of course, bragging rights! The first place high school team will represent the Philadelphia Council at the national competition on April 27 and 28, 2018 in Washington, D.C.

A Conversation with The Honorable John Kerry, 68th Secretary of State of the United States
Tuesday, March 27, 2018 — 5:30 - 7:35 p.m.

Featuring The Honorable John Kerry, 68th Secretary of State of the United States

The Honorable John Kerry, who served as Secretary of State from 2013—2017, will present his optimistic path for the future of diplomacy and leadership, despite increasing instability in world affairs. Some of Kerry’s biggest accomplishments include his becoming the first Secretary of State to meet with Iran’s Foreign Minister since the Iranian revolution of 1979 and his role as a key architect of the Paris Climate Accord, signing the agreement to reduce carbon emissions in 2016.

To register for these events, please visit www.wacphila.org/education
The 2017 International Student Summit will simulate an emergency NATO summit aiming to address a developing crisis in the Baltic region—Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania—similar to Russian actions in Ukraine. This meeting will take 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.

For more than four decades, The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the Soviet Union were locked in the Cold War, an era defined by proxy wars, military buildups, and diplomatic standoffs. The end of the Cold War in 1991 ushered in a period of peaceful dialogue and cooperation between NATO and Russia, but now the future of this newfound stability appears to be in serious jeopardy. Ever since Russia’s seizure of the Ukrainian peninsula of Crimea in 2014, and its military support for insurgencies in eastern Ukraine, Western governments have become increasingly concerned by Moscow’s continued pattern of threatening military activities and aggressive rhetoric.

Representing a NATO member state or partner country, student delegates will need to consider a number of variables as they meet to find a collective strategy and potential response, 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 is to find a resolution that will defuse the crisis and restore cooperation and stability to the relationship between NATO and Russia.
**PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS**

Abington Senior High School · Abington, Pennsylvania
Academy de Notre Dame de Namur · Villanova, Pennsylvania
The Agnes Irwin School · Rosemont, Pennsylvania
Bishop Shanahan High School · Downingtown, Pennsylvania
Bodine High School for International Affairs · Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Cardinal O’Hara High School · Springfield, Pennsylvania
Central High School · Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Cherokee High School · Evesham Township, New Jersey
Cinnaminson High School · Cinnaminson, New Jersey
Friends’ Central School · Wynnewood, Pennsylvania
Garden State Home Educators · Medford, New Jersey
Germantown Academy · Fort Washington, Pennsylvania
Haddon Township High School · Westmont, New Jersey
Haverford High School · Havertown, Pennsylvania
Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy · Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania
Jenkintown High School · Jenkintown, Pennsylvania
Julia R. Masterman High School · Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Malvern Preparatory School · Malvern, Pennsylvania
Penncrest High School · Media, Pennsylvania
Ridley High School · Ridley, Pennsylvania
Roman Catholic High School · Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Spring-Ford Senior High School · Royersford, Pennsylvania
The Episcopal Academy · Newtown Square, Pennsylvania
Upper Darby High School · Upper Darby, Pennsylvania
Willingboro High School · Willingboro, New Jersey

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*Breakout Session II: Committee Group Convening 10:55 — 11:35 a.m.*

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Sarah Gruber  
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| Speakman 113 | Cyber Defense         | Matthew Brahms  
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Sophia Skorup  |
| Alter 032   | Diplomatic            | Kate Jursca  
Zachary Patterson  
Caroline Voegele  |
| Alter 034   | Economic              | Solomon Boukman  
Steven Chen  
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| Alter 033   | Military              | Brendan Chen  
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Breakout Session III: Regional Bloc Convening · 11:50 a.m.—12:20 p.m.
Breakout Session IV: Regional Bloc Convening · 1:00—1:25 p.m.

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AGENDA

8:15 – 9:00 a.m. | Registration
Main Auditorium Lobby

9:00 – 9:55 a.m. | Opening Plenary Session
Main Auditorium

9:00 – 9:05 a.m. | Introduction
Denise Bala, Vice President of Education,
World Affairs Council of Philadelphia

9:05 – 9:10 a.m. | Welcoming Remarks
Craig Snyder, President and CEO,
World Affairs Council of Philadelphia

9:10 – 9:30 a.m. | Expert Speaker
Mitchell Orenstein, Professor & Chair of Russian and East European Studies,
University of Pennsylvania

9:30 – 9:40 a.m. | Student Q&A

9:40 – 9:45 a.m. | Announcements & Dismissal
Kristin Hutchinson, Associate Director of Student Programs,
World Affairs Council of Philadelphia

9:50 – 10:20 a.m. | Regional Bloc Convening – Breakout Session I
Various Classrooms

10:25 – 10:50 a.m. | North Atlantic Council – Plenary Session I
Main Auditorium

10:55 – 11:35 a.m. | Committee Group Convening – Breakout Session II
Various Classrooms

11:35 – 11:50 a.m. | Break & Working Lunch
Regional Bloc Classroom

11:50 a.m. –12:20 p.m. | Regional Bloc Convening/Multinational Negotiations – Breakout Session III
Various Classrooms

12:25 - 12:55 p.m. | North Atlantic Council – Plenary Session II
Main Auditorium

1:00 – 1:25 p.m. | Regional Bloc Convening/Multinational Negotiations – Breakout Session IV
Various Classrooms

1:30 – 1:50 p.m. | North Atlantic Council – Plenary Session III & Final Vote
Main Auditorium
Mitchell Orenstein

Professor & Chair of Russian and Eastern European Studies, Political Science Department, University of Pennsylvania

Mitchell Orenstein is Professor and Chair of Russian and East European Studies at University of Pennsylvania. He is also associate of the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University. His published work focuses on the political economy and international affairs of Central and Eastern Europe.

Orenstein’s teaching encompasses the fields of comparative politics, European studies, and international political economy. He teaches an elective course on Russia and Eastern Europe in International Affairs at the undergraduate level, which analyzes the geopolitical competition between the European Union and Russia over the countries in between. Orenstein also teaches political economy courses on communism and globalization at Penn.

Prior to joining the faculty of University of Pennsylvania in 2015, Orenstein held appointments at Harvard, Yale, Brown, Northeastern, Syracuse, Johns Hopkins, and Moscow State Universities. His research has been recognized with fellowships from the MacArthur Foundation, American Council of Learned Societies, and Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Additionally, he has consulted for the World Bank, USAID, the government of Slovakia, and other organizations. Orenstein has lived in Britain, France,