The Summit

on

War & Politics

4-6 November

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at

India Habitat Centre

&

Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses

New Delhi

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my pleasure to invite you to **The Summit on War & Politics** to be held from the 4th to 6thof November 2016which is a collaborative effort of the Indian Debating League and the Indian Youth Economic Association.A first of its kind conference, The Summit will include a series of academic simulations of historical and modern-day events of significant strategic and political importance.

At the Summit, contextualized debating simulations will comprise of crisis situations that will require participants to don roles of influential actors such as monarchs, bishops, generals, and pollsters as they debate, negotiate for and make important decisions that would be unparalleled in their impact on humanity. From role-playing Indian leaders such as Nehru, Patel, Bose and Gandhi in the context of forming the idea of India, to filling in the shoes of political campaign managers to Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, students will have the opportunity to research, debate as and play the roles of a wide variety of historical and contemporary personalities.

I am proud to announce that we are working under the guidance of some esteemed individuals who form our Board of Advisers. Mr. Deepak Verma, President of the Debating Society of India, Prof. Srinath Raghavan, historian and author, Prof. Gilles Verniers, political scientist, have been instrumental in helping us shape the vision of the conference as it stands today. It is also pertinent that I announce that we have an accomplished Executive Board panel that comprises of experts in their respective fields of study as well as in the activity that we are pursuing. These gifted debaters and scholars will guide debate and create study materials for those participating at The Summit.

As a founder of both the Indian Youth Economic Association and the Indian Debating League, I am proud to say that both these organizations are working towards raising awareness, broadening horizons, promoting research, inspiring debate and enhancing the dialogue amongst the youth of the county.

The Indian Youth Economic Association focuses on promoting economic research and has a history of strong tie-ups with over 40 esteemed academic and non-academic institutions. The University of Chicago, St. Stephens’ and Hindu Colleges and the Indian Debating Union include some of these partners. The Indian Debating League with similar ambitions is a recent endeavour that aims to redefine debating norms and create a new platform for sophisticated professional debating.

Understanding the requirement for a suitable venue for a conference of this stature, we have decided upon the India Habitat Centre at Lodhi Road which has been considered an ideal physical environment for such a conference and revered as a venue by many among the student community.

The Summit aims to involve hundreds of students from schools and colleges across the sub-continent as well as the Middle East, Europe & Americas. Not only will this be an intellectually enriching experience for students but it will also aim to spread the message of debate and dialogue among the larger targeted audiences across the world. I, along with my team, will work towards making this conference a fruitful and engaging experience for all participants.

Looking forward to seeing you at the opening ceremony on Friday, 4th November 2016.

Please feel free to contact us on [war.politics.2016@gmail.com](mailto:war.politics.2016@gmail.com) or +919818303780 for any queries that you may have.

**Ajay Sabharwal**

Convenor

**Annexure-I: Advisory Panel**

The Organizing Committee & Executive Board of the Summit are guided by a panel of distinguished personalities. Our mentors are:

**Mr.** **Deepak Verma** is the President of the Debating Society of India and an eminent business personality. Vice Chairman, Americas at Sheffield Haworth Inc., Mr. Verma has banking, finance and insurance as primary areas of focus. An avid debater during his days at Hindu College, Mr. Verma keeps his passion for debating alive till date and was adjudged the Best Speaker at the Titan’s Cup Alumni Debate. He mentors various debating societies and is the visionary behind the Indian Debating League.

# Prof. Gilles Verniers is Assistant Professor of Political Science and heads the Trivedi Centre for Political Data at Ashoka University. Since 2000, he has been conducting research on the Indian political system, political sociology and electoral politics. He specializes in the rise and institutionalization of regional parties. Prof. Verniers has been guiding us from the inception of the idea of the conference and has helped us shape committee dynamics.

**Prof. Srinath Raghavan** is Senior Fellow at the Centre for Policy Research. Prof. Raghavan’s research includes international relations & foreign policy, war history, strategic studies and Indian security policy. Three of his recent publications include War and Peace in Modern India: A Strategic History of the Nehru Years, 1971: A Global History of the Creation of Bangladesh, and India’s War: The Making of Modern South Asia, 1939-45. He taught at King’s College London where he also took his MA and PhD in War Studies, prior to which he studied Physics from Madras University. He has also served on the National Security Advisory Board of the Government of India and as an Infantry Officer in the Indian Army.

**Annexure-II: Simulations**

At the Summit, we intend to host simulations that are both interesting for students and relevant as areas of study. This year, we are hosting the following simulations:

**American Presidential Elections: Donald Trump’s Campaign Committee**

**American** **Presidential Elections: Hillary Clinton’s Campaign Committee**

**The German Reich Cabinet, 1933-1945**

**Indian Independence Movement, 1925-1947**

**European Great Powers, 1444-1822 (Double Delegation)**

**Annexure-III: Executive Board**

The members of the Executive Board for the conference are as follows:

**Donald Trump’s Campaign Committee**

Presidential Candidate: Karn Mamgain

Campaign Manager: Vasundhara Bakhru

**Hillary Clinton’s Campaign Committee**

Presidential Candidate: Indraneil Chaudhury

Campaign Manager: Anusuiya Radhika

**The German Reich Cabinet, 1933-1945**

Chancellor: Vijay Shah

Deputy Chancellor: Satvik Issar

**Indian Independence Movement, 1925-1947**

Moderator: Siddhant Bajaj

Moderator: Ashita Alag

**European Great Powers, 1444-1822**

Chief Moderator: Shayer Majumdar

Moderator: Sahil Bhargava

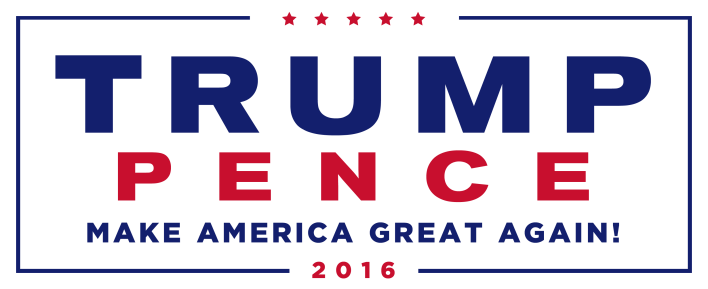
Moderator: Ishan Bhattacharya

Moderator: Pulkit Shahi

**Annexure-IV: Portfolios**

The portfolios that will be allotted to participants along with brief overviews for each of the simulations are provided below:

**Joint Crisis Campaigns: American Presidential Elections**

Overview: The Campaign Committees of Presidential Candidates of the Republican and Democrat Parties run as parallel simulations. The purpose of the committees will be to handle electoral strategy, alliance building, legal issues, raising finance and handing public relations.

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*Mike Pence, Nominee for Vice President*

*Michael Glassner, Deputy Campaign Manager*

*Jim Murphy, National Political Advisor*

*Ken McKay, Senior Advisor*

*John Mashburn, Policy Director*

*Ed Brookover, Senior Advisor*

*Barry Bennett, Strategist*

*Daniel Scavino, Director of Social Media*

*Hope Hicks, Communication Director*

*Justin McConney, Director of New Media*

*Katrina Pierson, National Spokesperson*

*Sam Clovis, Co-chair, Policy Advisor*

*Carter Page, Foreign Policy Advisor*

*Joseph Schmitz, Foreign Policy Advisor*

*Walid Phares, Foreign Policy Advisor*

*Karen Giorno, Chief Strategist for Florida*

*Ivanka Trump*

**The German Reich Cabinet, 1933-1945**

Overview: The German Cabinet will hold key discussions about rebuilding the German economy, developing new technology, conducting diplomacy, creating military doctrines, mobilizing resources and strategizing for the war. This cabinet will primarily function as a pre-war and war-cabinet that will have debate primarily driven by military strategy.

*Alfred Hugenberg, Reich Minister*

*Franz Gurtner, Minister of Justice,*

*Franz Seldte, Minister for Labour*

*Heinrich Himmler, Reichsführer for SS*

*Hermann Goring, Minister without Portfolio*

*Joseph Goebbels, Reich Minister of Public Enlightenment and Propaganda*

*Konstantin von Neurath, Foreign Minister*

*Lutz Graf Schwerin von Krosigk, Minister of Finance*

*Paul Freiherr von Eltz Rubenach, Minister of Mail, Minister of Transport*

*Werner von Blomberg, Ministry of Defence*

*Wilhelm Frick, Reich Minister of the Interior*

**Indian Independence Movement, 1925-1947**

Overview: In this simulation, participants will partake in envisioning different ideas of and for independence. Students will don the roles of the founding fathers of India as they build political coalitions, debate ideologies and perhaps the change the course of history in creating a different India.

*Abul Kalam Azad, Indian National Congress*

*Mohandas Gandhi, Indian National Congress*

*Sarojini Naidu, Indian National Congress*

*Motilal Nehru, Indian National Congress*

*Jawaharlal Nehru, Indian National Congress*

*Vallabhbhai Patel, Indian National Congress*

*Subhas Chandra Bose, Indian National Congress*

*Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Indian National Congress*

*Lala Lajpat Rai, Indian National Congress/Hindu Mahasabha*

*Madan Mohan Malaviya, Indian National Congress/Hindu Mahasabha*

*Balakrishna Shivram Moonje, Indian National Congress/Hindu Mahasabha*

*Swami Shraddhanand, Hindu Mahasabha*

*Keshav Baliram Hedgewar, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh*

*Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Muslim League*

*Sir Muhammad Iqbal, Muslim League*

*Muhammad Ali Jauhar, Muslim League*

**European Great Powers, 1444-1822**

Overview: This simulation will bring to the table the most powerful rulers to decide not just the fate of Europe but that of the entire world. From the might of Ottomans to Oldenburg, From the Habsburg dynasty to Hessian mercenaries, From French cavalry to Florentine trade and from the evolution of the Papacy to the creation of Prussia, this simulation will deal with the most minuscule and the most important events in Europe. Trade, Colonization, Warfare, Diplomacy, Religion and Revolutions will be the dominating themes in this simulation.

*King Alfons V de Trastámara and Joan de Trastámara of the Kingdom of Aragon*

*King Friedrich III and Archbishop of the Kingdom of Austria*

*King Albrecht III and Johann von Wittelsbach of the Kingdom of Bavaria*

*King George and Prince Victor of the Kingdom of Bohemia*

*Frederick II and Albrecht III Achilles of the Electorate of Brandenburg*

*King Philippe III de Bourgogne and Charles de Bourgogne of the Kingdom of Burgundy*

*Emperor Ioannes VIII and Konstantinos Palaiologos of the Byzantine Empire*

*King Juan II de Trastámara and Enrique de Trastámara of the Kingdom of Castile*

*Archbishop Dietrich von Mőrs and Bishop Rupecht I of the Archbishopric Electorate of Cologne*

*King Henry VI Lancaster and Edward IV York of the Kingdom of England*

*King Charles VII de Valois and Louis de Valois of the Kingdom of France*

*King Filippo Maria I Visconti and the Archbishop of the Kingdom of Milan*

*King Alfons V de Trastámara of the Kingdom of Naples*

*Sultan Mehmet II Fatih and Bayezid Osmanoglu of the Ottoman Empire*

*Pope Eugenius IV and Cardinal Nicholaus V of the Papal State*

*Władysław III of Poland of the Kingdom of Poland*

*King Infante Pedro de Avis and Alfonso de Avis of the Kingdom of Portugal*

*King Friedrich II von Wettin and Albrecht von Wettin of the Electorate of Saxony*

*Doge Francesco Foscarini of the Merchant Republic of Venice*

**Annexure-V: Logistics & Hospitality**

Understanding the requirement for a suitable venue for a conference of this stature, we surveyed several locations across the country and eventually decided upon the India Habitat Centre. It is considered an ideal physical environment with a range of facilities that would maximize the effectiveness of the participants. Spread over nine acres in the heart of New Delhi, the venue has a built up area of approximately one million square feet. It incorporates innovative new technologies 4 in building management systems, conference systems, communication and energy conservation, creating probably the most intelligent building in the country.

We will be serving exemplary food comprising of different cuisines throughout the conference, to set a precedent of immaculate warmth. The menu will be chosen to mirror the cultural assimilation that will otherwise be reflected in the conference, in principle. In order to privilege the floor time available to each session, each committee will have its lunch and tea right outside the committee rooms. Furthermore, flexible timings will be adopted on a case to case basis for each committee, creating a sense of order and prioritization.

Each simulation will have its own staffers whose job will be to manage and coordinate with the logistics team. The prepared schedule will be strictly followed and every possible step will be taken to maximize the comfort level of not just the delegates but of their accompanying faculty members too.

Out-stationed participants will be provided with premium accommodation at affordable rates near the conference venue. The cost for a double sharing room with basic facilities will be approximately INR 4000 per night. Variety in accommodation and costing is available as per the request of the visiting delegation. Transport will be provided to and from the conference venue(s).

**Annexure-VI: Conference Fee & Payment**

The conference fee structure is as follows:

**INR 4000 per delegate (student)**

**INR 4000 per delegation (school)**

**INR 4000 per faculty adviser (teacher)**

All cheques/DDsare to be made in favour of- **Indian Youth Economic Association Trust**, payable at New Delhi and are to be delivered to **31 Ring Road Lajpat Nagar-4, New Dlehi-110024.**

A late fee will be charged for payments received after 45 days from allotment of portfolios.

**Annexure-VII: Tentative Schedule**

**Friday, 4th November 2016**

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| **Time** | **Event** | **Location** |
| 5pm | Registration | TBA |
| 6pm | Opening Ceremony |
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| **Saturday, 5th November 2016** | |  |
| **Time** | **Event** | **Location** |
| 9am | Tea | India Habitat Centre |
| 9.30am | Committee Session I |
| 1.30pm | Lunch |
| 2pm | Committee Session II |
| 6pm | Tea |
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| **Sunday, 6th November 2016** | |  |
| **Time** | **Event** | **Location** |
| 9am | Tea | India Habitat Centre |
| 9.30am | Committee Session III |
| 1.30pm | Lunch |
| 2pm | Committee Session IV |
| 5.30pm | Tea |
| 6.00pm | Closing Ceremony | TBA |

**Orchestrated By:**

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