



Department of Operations & Registration

World Affairs Conference
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November 1, 2013

Dear Faculty Advisors and Students,

We are pleased to invite you to the 31st annual World Affairs Conference (WAC) at Upper Canada College in Toronto, Canada. The theme of this year's conference is "The People's Regime: Individual Liberties vs Government Authority." During our 31st session, we will discuss the extent to which government authority should interfere with individual liberties. It promises to inspire exciting and thought provoking debate. We encourage you to review the enclosed brochure or visit our website at www.world.ac to learn more about this exciting conference.

This year's WAC will take place on February 3rd and 4th, 2014. The event begins on the night of February 3rd with the Lionel Gelber Keynote Address. Past speakers have included the Honourable Marc Garneau, Ralph Nader, Stephen Lewis, Dr. Izzeldin Abuelais, Dr. Jeremy Sachs, John Stackhouse, and Dambisa Moyo. On February 4th, students will attend two morning and two afternoon plenary sessions. WAC provides students with a unique opportunity to explore a range of international issues. Through a combination of intriguing discourse and inter-student dialogue, it affords each student the chance to develop his or her own informed opinions.

Enclosed in this package is the conference brochure, which includes a list of plenary sessions, an itinerary, registration forms, letters from the conference's faculty advisers, the head of accommodations, and the department of registration.

Please register your students as soon as possible to ensure delegate spots.

We look forward to your participation in WAC!

Yours truly,

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Conference Chair

Eamon Okeefe
Conference Chair

Christopher Taylor
Conference Chair

Vanessa Li
Conference Chair

Safa Majeed
Conference Chair

Conference Plenaries



**The Changing Face of
Healthcare**
Should the state play a larger role?



Government Surveillance Programs
Targeting Terrorism or violating privacy?



Euthanasia
The Right to Die?



Carbon Tax
Can it stop climate change?



Organ Trade
Could legalization save lives?



Gun Control
Too much or not enough?



Foreign Intervention
Does the west have a responsibility to protect?



Sweatshops in Developing Countries
Do they help or harm the world's poor?

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Letter from Faculty Advisors

Dear Faculty Adviser,

An entirely student-organized and student-run event, the World Affairs Conference brings together young people from across Canada and around the world and provides them with a unique opportunity to listen and talk to experts linked to a particular current affairs topic. Just as important, it allows delegates to exchange views with those who may have backgrounds quite different from their own.

As you can imagine, the challenges of defining a topic, booking appropriate speakers, and organizing, feeding, entertaining, and accommodating approximately seven hundred delegates are enormous. Each year, those who attend compliment the professional approach of the student organizers and their commitment to ensuring the best possible experience for their guests. The organizing committee tries to anticipate the needs of our delegates: if there are significant oversights, please bring them to our attention. We are always open to constructive suggestions.

Students and faculty who attend the conference contribute significantly to its success through their enthusiasm, cooperation, and—at times—their patience and understanding. There are certain things that we do request of teachers who bring students to WAC:

- Please register as quickly as possible, providing full information and payment. We realize the timing of the conference presents a challenge for semestered schools and we apologize for the inconvenience.
- The student organizers collect a range of research articles relating to the conference topic; these materials are available on our website (www.world.ac). The more fully prepared delegates are before the conference, the more they gain from it.
- The faculty advisers for WAC are delighted to assist you and your students in any way possible. Our primary focus is to support the students running the conference—as a result, we are unable to supervise delegates closely. This is the responsibility of the faculty advisers who accompany them.
- Please review with your students the expectations you (and we) have of them. Those staying in the hotel should display courtesy for other guests. During the actual conference, it is important for students to follow instructions, to be punctual, minimize the use of electronics, and to remember that talking and unnecessary movement are very distracting for speakers and other delegates. In addition, please ensure that your students follow a business-casual dress code.

Should you have any questions about the conference, or, as the conference draws nearer, any concerns about the registration process or other logistics, please do not hesitate to contact one of us by phone or email.

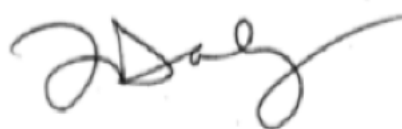
Thank you for your consideration,



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Dear Faculty Advisor,

Welcome to the 2014 World Affairs Conference!

For your convenience, we have compiled a list of hotels close to the conference venue, UCC, where you may book your accommodations. These include:

Holiday Inn Toronto Bloor Yorkville
280 Bloor Street West, Toronto, ON M5S 1V8
(416) 968-0010
3.5 km from UCC

Howard Johnson Hotel Toronto Yorkville
89 Avenue Road, Toronto, ON M5R 2G3
(416) 964-1220
2.5 km from UCC

Intercontinental Toronto Yorkville
220 Bloor Street West, Toronto, ON M5S 1T8
(416) 960-5200
3.1 km from UCC

Marriot Toronto Bloor Yorkville
90 Bloor Street East, Toronto, ON M4W 1A7
(416) 961-8000
3.5 km from UCC

Park Hyatt Toronto
4 Avenue Road, Toronto, ON M5R 2E8
(416) 925-1234
2.8 km from UCC

If you have any questions regarding your hotel accommodations, please don't hesitate to email me at yash.tukrel@ucc.on.ca.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2014 World Affairs Conference. On behalf of the conference executive, I hope you enjoy your stay in Toronto.

Sincerely,

Yash Tukrel
Head of Accommodations
Upper Canada College

Letter from the Department of Registration

November 1, 2013

Dear Faculty Advisor,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the head of registration for the 31st annual World Affairs Conference (WAC). I would also like to inform you of the conference website, www.world.ac, which contains directions, dates, times, information and announcements pertaining to the conference. I encourage you to check the website regularly as additional information will be posted in the months leading up to this year's conference, including resources related to the conference theme. These materials are recommended as preliminary reading for students planning to attend the conference.

To register, please complete the form attached. Registration is \$50 CAD for Canadian delegates and \$50 USD for American delegates. The deadline is **Friday January 24, 2014**. WAC begins the evening of February 3rd and continues through the day of February 4th, 2014.

Annually, WAC hosts over 700 delegates from across the country. WAC has also previously hosted international students from the United World College of the Adriatic in Duino, Italy. This year we have seen more international interest from different schools; particularly in the United States of America. Following the successful 31st annual conference, it is likely that delegate participation will be in demand. It is suggested that you complete your registration forms early to avoid disappointment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at your convenience

I look forward to welcoming you at this year's conference!

Sincerely,



George Ren
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Registration Form

Please complete this registration form for the 2014 World Affairs Conference. In order for your registration form to be processed, all information fields must be complete. Please be advised that **registration without payment cannot be processed**. Cash and cheques payable to Upper Canada College are acceptable (please note that your cheque that is intended for World Affairs Conference registration). Please check the website at <www.world.ac> for regularly updated information. Registration is \$50 CAD for Canadian delegates and \$50 USD for international delegates. The registration deadline is Friday January 24, 2014. WAC begins the evening of February 3rd and continues through the day of February 4th 2014.

School Name: _____

School Advisor Name: _____

School Advisor Email: _____

School Mailing Address: _____

School Telephone: _____

Number of Delegates Attending: _____

Number of Faculty Advisors Attending: _____

The theme for the upcoming conference is “The People’s Regime: Individual Liberties vs Government Authority.” Please use the following list of plenary topics to fill in the Delegate Registration Form. Each delegate should choose 3 plenary sessions by number in order of preference (each delegate will attend 4 sessions):

Morning Plenaries	Afternoon Plenaries
A. Gun control	E. Sweatshops in the developing world
B. Carbon tax	F. Organ Trade
C. Euthanasia	G. Government Surveillance Programs
D. Private vs Public Healthcare	H. Foreign Intervention



Please mark plenary choices with the following legend:

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