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WORLD AFFAIRS CONFERENCE

World Affairs Conference
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September 30, 2011

Dear Faculty Advisors and Students,

We are pleased to invite you to the twenty-ninth annual World Affairs Conference (WAC) at Upper Canada College in Toronto, Canada. The theme of this year's conference is The Great Divide. During our 29th session, we hope to explore the ways in which political, humanitarian, and cultural issues are divided under a changing global horizon. It promises to inspire exciting and thought-provoking debate. We encourage you to review the enclosed brochure or visit our website at www.waconline.org to learn more about this exciting conference.

This year's WAC will take place on February 6 and 7, 2012. The event begins on the night of February 6 with the Lionel Gelber Keynote Address. Past speakers have included Ralph Nader, Stephen Lewis, Izzeldin Abuelaish, Jeffrey Sachs, and Dambisa Moyo. On February 7, students will attend a morning panel discussion, two of eight plenary sessions, and small group discussions. 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,

Omar Abboud
Conference Chair

Kaleem Hawa
Conference Chair

Sarah Fadel
Conference Chair

Sara Franklin-White
Conference Chair

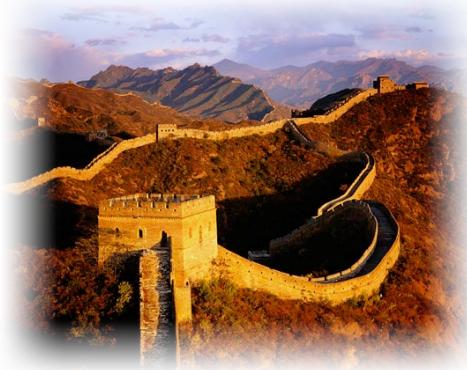


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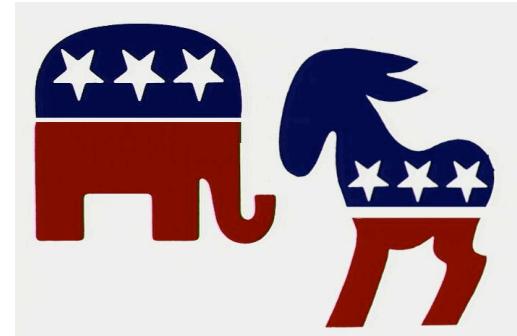
Conference Plenaries



China: Friend or Foe?



The Future of Nuclear Power:
Are We at Risk?



The American Election:
Its Impact on the World



Dictatorships:
The Global Rebellion



Drug War: The Crisis
in the Americas



Prostitution: Shining a Light on
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Feminism: Strong or Stagnant?



Labour Rights: Protecting
Workers in a Corporate World



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Conference Itinerary

Monday, February 6, 2012

18:00 - 19:00	Registration
19:00 - 19:15	Conference Opening and Introduction
19:15 - 20:00	Lionel Gerber Keynote Address
20:00 - 20:45	Question and Answer Period

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

08:00 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 10:15	Morning Panel
10:15 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 11:30	Plenary Session #1
11:30 - 12:00	Small Group Discussion #1
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch
13:00 - 14:00	Plenary Session #2
14:00 - 14:30	Small Group Discussion #2
14:30 - 15:15	Closing Session



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Letter from the Faculty Advisors

30 September 2011

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 (in some cases) 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.waconline.org). 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; those staying with billets should respect the requests of their hosts. During the actual conference, it is important for students to follow instructions, to be punctual, and to remember that talking and unnecessary movement are very distracting for speakers and other delegates.

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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Letter from the Department of Accommodations

30 September 2011

Dear Faculty Adviser,

Welcome to the 2012 World Affairs Conference!

For your convenience, we are organizing special rates at hotels close to the conference venue, UCC. The hotels will be finalized in the coming week and upon registration the rates and hotel will be provided. To book the rooms, delegations must contact and make payments to the hotel directly after they have confirmed registration for the conference. Please budget approx. \$85/person per night based on double occupancy. If you are interested in hotel accommodations, please email pranit.tukrel@ucc.on.ca or call (416) 488-1125 ext. 1-2280 for details and special conference rates.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2012 World Affairs Conference. On behalf of the conference executive, I hope you enjoy your stay in Toronto!

Sincerely,

Pranit Tukrel
Head of Accommodations
Upper Canada College



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Letter from the Department of Registration

28 September 2011

Dear Faculty Advisor,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves as the heads of registration for the 29th annual World Affairs Conference (WAC). We would also like to inform you of the conference website, www.waconline.org, which contains directions, dates, times, information and announcements pertaining to the conference. We 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 \$45 CAD for Canadian delegates and \$45 USD for American delegates per person before **December 10, 2011** and \$55 CAD for Canadians and \$55 USD for Americans after this date. The deadline for registration is **January 20, 2012**. WAC begins the evening of February 6th and continues through the day of February 7th, 2012.

Annually, WAC hosts over 800 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 in the United States of America. Following the successful 28th 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 at 416-488-1125 ext. 1-2280 or e-mail us at wac@waconline.org.

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

Yours truly,

Vincent Lam
Director of Registration
and Special Events

Benjamin Fickling
Assistant Director of Registration
and Special Events

SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

World Affairs Conference 2012: The Great Divide
 February 6-7, 2012

Please complete this registration form for the 2012 World Affairs Conference. In order for your registration form to be processed, all information fields must be completed. Please be advised that **registration without payment cannot be processed**. Cash and cheques payable to Upper Canada College are accepted (please note on your cheque that it is intended for World Affairs Conference registration). Please check the website at <www.waconline.org> for regularly updated information. Registration is \$45 CAD for Canadian delegates and \$45 USD for American delegates per student before December 15, 2011 and \$55 CAD/USD after this date. The deadline for registration is January 20, 2012. WAC begins the evening of February 6 and continues through the day of February 7, 2012.

SCHOOL NAME: _____

SCHOOL ADVISOR NAME: _____

SCHOOL MAILING ADDRESS: _____

SCHOOL TELEPHONE: _____

NUMBER OF DELEGATES ATTENDING: _____

NUMBER OF FACULTY ADVISORS ATTENDING: _____

The theme for the upcoming conference is "*The Great Divide*". Please use the following list of plenary topics to fill in the delegates' registration form. Each delegate should choose **3** plenary sessions **by number** in order of preference (each delegate will attend **2** sessions):

1. China: Friend or Foe?	2. The Future of Nuclear Power: Are We at Risk?
3. The American Election: Its Impact on the World	4. Labour Rights: Protecting Workers in a Corporate World
5. Dictatorships: The Global Rebellion	6. Drug War: The Crisis in the Americas
7. Feminism: Strong or Stagnant?	8. Prostitution: Shining a Light on the World's Oldest Profession



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DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM

	Full Name [Please PRINT clearly]	Email Address	Plenary Choices [1st 2nd 3rd]			Grade	Sex [M/ F]	Dietary Restrictions [Please specify]
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Please mark plenary choices
with the following legend:

A: China
B: Nuclear Power

C: American Election
D: Dictatorships

E: Drug War
F: Prostitution

G: Feminism
H: Labour Rights