

## Program Details

**Schedule:** Delegates depart by bus from Manhattan on Monday, April 9th around 7:15 AM and return to NYC on Friday, April 13th sometime in the afternoon. Conference registration and a welcome reception will take place on Monday evening at the Naval Academy. The first conference session will begin on Tuesday morning, and the final presentations are made on Thursday evening.

**Note:** A mandatory orientation will be held before the conference in Manhattan on Friday, April 6th at 3:30 PM. *Please apply only if you are absolutely sure you will be able to attend the entire conference.*

**Transportation:** One To World delegates will travel as a group by bus to and from the conference. This ticket is included in the application fee. Further transportation details will be provided upon selection.

**Fees:** The delegate conference fee is \$180. This fee covers round-trip transportation from NYC, accommodations, and most meals. Delegates are responsible for any spending money they may require for souvenirs, perhaps one meal, and snacks. **Applicants should submit the program fee with their application.** Conference fees will be returned to those who are not selected. **NOTE: CUNY schools, NJCU, Columbia, FDU, Montclair, and NYU may cover the cost of the program fee for their students, if selected.**

**Mandatory Paper:** Once selected, you will be contacted by the leader of your roundtable to write a 3-4 page paper on your roundtable topic. This will be turned in to your table leader about two weeks before the conference.

**Lodging & Meals:** Student delegates will be housed in a hotel near the conference site. Meals will be provided in the Midshipmen Dining Hall.

**Attire:** Business casual attire is appropriate for working sessions and tours. The banquet is semi-formal; we suggest coat and tie, cocktail dress, or your country's national dress. Rain gear, a jacket or sweater, and comfortable walking shoes are also recommended. All delegates are encouraged to bring sportswear for activities (sailing, sports, etc.).

## About One To World

One To World is a New York City-based not-for-profit organization that creates global citizens and inspires a peaceful world through one-of-a-kind programs in classrooms and communities.

In addition to this foreign affairs conference, One To World has many other programs that bring Americans and international students face-to-face to share their perspectives in life changing ways, including day-long and overnight community visits, New York City community discovery programs, campus-to-career programs, and many social activities.

Another important One To World program is *Global Classroom*, which gives international students the opportunity to teach American K-12 students about their countries and cultures by leading interactive workshops in New York City public schools.

One To World is designated by the United States Department of State as the official Coordinator of Enrichment Programs for visiting Fulbright grantees in the greater New York area.

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## 58th Annual Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference (NAFAC)



**"Guarding Liberty in a World  
of Democratic Undoing"**

*April 9—April 13, 2018*

United States Naval Academy  
Annapolis, Maryland

An application for  
International Students & Scholars

## Conference Theme

Each year since 1960, the U.S. Naval Academy has hosted a gathering of delegates from universities around the U.S. and the world who come together to discuss a theme on current global affairs.

The conference has grown to be one of the leading undergraduate conferences in the country. It welcomes over 150 delegates from countries around the world, and it has heard speakers as notable as former U.S. Presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton, former U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, and former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The 58th annual Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference (NAFAC) invites students from civilian and military institutions to explore issues related to this year's theme of, "Guarding Liberty in a World of Democratic Undoing."

This conference will examine the rise of autocrats democratically elected around the world and invite you to think about what the world's democratic nations, international organizations, civil groups, and individual citizens should do to respond to the present rise of autocracy. Delegates will convene in roundtables to discuss questions such as: Will democracy continue to flourish, or is it once again autocracy's time? Is the world safe for democracy today? You'll discuss economic constraints, the changing nature of warfare, technology's role in great power politics, and much more throughout the conference.

**\*Please note: all delegates are required to write and submit an essay on a topic related to your assigned roundtable & the conference theme, "Guarding Liberty in a World of Democratic Undoing" (minimum of 3 pages).** If you would like more information about the requirements of the paper, contact One To World at (212) 431-1195 ext. 32. If selected, more details will follow.

### **Application Deadline: Wednesday, February 21st**

Please scan & submit your application via email to [msilva@one-to-world.org](mailto:msilva@one-to-world.org).

## Conference Structure

The conference consists of three plenary sessions, four roundtable sessions, and a variety of social activities. The discussions are meant to simulate "real-life" policy making; negotiating disputes, compromises, and successes that policy makers regularly face.

1-3 international delegates will be assigned to each roundtable. Please list your preferences on the application form. We will try to assign delegates to their preferred roundtable, but assignments may be limited by group size and the need to create balanced representation.

Student delegates, who attend civilian and military institutions from around the United States and the world, are joined in these small group sessions by senior participants from the industrial sector, academia, the armed services, and the diplomatic corps. Senior participants will assist student delegates in analyzing contemporary foreign policy issues that affect the long-term interests of the United States.

The plenary sessions provide delegates the opportunity to hear the views of leaders closely involved in the study of international relations and the formulation of U.S. foreign policy. Speakers from recent years have included former U.S. President, George H. Bush; former U.S. Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright; former Director of the CIA, John Deutch; former Australian Ambassador to the U.S., John McCarthy; former Ambassador to China, Jon Huntsman, former Secretary of State, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and former U.S. President, Bill Clinton.

Social opportunities include a welcome reception, a banquet on the conference's last evening, yard-wide activities, free time around Annapolis, as well as the meals throughout the conference.

The entire structure of the conference is designed to provide a premiere educational experience for the student delegates. Not only will the students have the opportunity to interact with experts in national security and foreign policy, they will also learn from each other. As delegates depart Annapolis at the conclusion of NAFAC, they will have a greater understanding of the complexities surrounding foreign policy development.

## One To World's Delegation

One To World's delegation of international undergraduate and graduate students was first invited to participate in this foreign policy debate in 1991.

One To World's delegation plays a special role in this prestigious foreign affairs conference by adding a critical international perspective to the student deliberations on U.S. foreign policy. As international student participants, One To World delegates enrich the conference with their various national and cultural perspectives, as well as their academic experience. In turn, American undergraduate conference participants and midshipmen from the Naval Academy share their cultural, political, and educational views with One To World's delegates in an exciting academic and social setting.

### **ROUNDTABLE TOPICS**

- *The Relentless Hope for Democracy in an Arab Winter*
- *China's Mercenary: State Capitalism and the Struggle for Influence through Trade Dominance*
- *The Uncertain Future of the European Project and the Resurgence of Illiberal Politics*
- *Free Press & Media: State of Journalism as it Relates to Democracy*
- *Democracy Promotion in Africa: An Essential Priority or a Roadblock to Development?*
- *India: A Grass Roots Space Program in an Exploding Republic*
- *Modern Autocracy: The Future of Liberty within the Middle East*
- *Popular Uprisings: The Story of Civil Wars and the Quest for Democracies*
- *Resilience or Repression: Case Studies in the Struggles of Democracies around the World*
- *Return of the Russians: Subversion of Global Democracy*
- *Social Media & Democratization: Citizen's Tool or Dictator's Weapon?*
- *Have the Strong Men Gone Soft? Exploring the Soft Powers of Authoritarian Regimes*
- *Syrian Refugees in Europe: What future for Refugees, Country and the European Union?*
- *A Democratic Debate: Can Venezuela Survive the Struggle?*