

JUNE 16TH - 19TH 2021

HARVARD UNDERGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SCHOLARS PROGRAM



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FOREWORD

Represented at this program are three generations:

Leaders of the past. This generation built the very foundations of the modern international system, ushered in an incipient world order, and ultimately allowed successive generations to live in unprecedented peace and prosperity. From their vast archives of wisdom, they retain an unabiding optimism forged by decades of selfless service that their structures will endure, yet remain confident enough in the faculty of their successors that the world they created will be maintained.

Leaders of the present. This generation inherited a world order in transition. To renew and to reinvigorate what their predecessors had begun necessitates a different form of courage—one that recognizes the fragility of what is too often understood as permanent. To preserve the peace amid change rather than create order amid chaos requires the ability to excite others to persist in the construction of what may no longer be apparent.

Leaders of the future. This generation stands before a world changing faster than ever. Facing challenges suited to our own time—some without precedent—we are aware of both the challenges and opportunities that await. We are also mindful, however, that moments of crisis are of immense value. They present the favorable circumstances in which to deploy imagination in delivering change ordinarily far more difficult in times of peace.

Past, present, and future—the youngest among them have now brought these three generations together. We look to the two before our own to strengthen our courage, develop our character, and nurture our minds. Each generation carries with them the responsibility to cultivate the next, but such a process does not happen without proactive initiative and the relentless efforts of all to create what does not currently exist. Seeing what was lacking, we assembled a team and forged ahead into the unknown.

Within four months, we have established what we believe to be an extraordinary four-day program bringing together an inaugural class of 615 exceptional student leaders from 62 countries and more than 100 distinguished guests and experts spread across seven world regions. To our knowledge, this program is already the largest of its kind. But we alone can only do so much. We hope our example propels other students to form cross-generational bonds of their own at the same time that we aspire to continuously evolve our program into the world's leading forum for young leaders in foreign policy.

We are immensely grateful to all of the distinguished experts who have graciously volunteered their time, our participating students who have placed their trust in us, and my outstanding team whose dedication produced a program equal to the standard set by all those experts and students in attendance. I am also indebted to Ms. Sama Kubba for being my indispensable partner and friend in turning this vision into reality through her inexhaustible energy and unmatched devotion to our enterprise.

As much as this program might achieve, we are relentless to do more. Our ultimate ambition is not to bring leaders together for its own sake, but to play a significant role in global affairs by actively generating original ideas with imagination, shared by all three generations.

To achieve this, we are rapidly expanding at home in the United States and abroad, seeking collaborations with students at other top universities around the world who share our vision. We are hopeful that the first of these collaborations will be with our fellow students at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China next year in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of U.S.-China rapprochement. We envision the drafting of a bilateral youth communiqué, articulating proposals to our two respective governments on major global challenges, and establishing an enduring channel of U.S.-China collegiate dialogue between each nation's future decision-makers.

In the decades ahead, if any future global leaders happen to have been alumni of this program—we will have achieved what we set out to do. With time, the relationships formed here could grow into an invaluable network for international cooperation. Climate change is perhaps the one issue that most demonstrates our desperate need for unity, but certainly not the only one; the pandemic was a tragic wake-up call, urgently exposing our vulnerabilities as a world.

This program will remain but one modest contribution toward the eventual solution, and our mission is what matters. Thank you for joining us on this journey and let us honor the past, cherish the present, and work together to build an ever-brighter future.



JOHN A. FERGUSON

Founding Director & President

Harvard Undergraduate Foreign Policy Initiative

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

WHAT IS THIS CONFERENCE? The Harvard Undergraduate International Relations Scholars Program is an undergraduate-run conference from June 16th to 19th for high school students looking to pursue a career in foreign policy. Featuring a range of professionals and academics, this equal-opportunity conference aims to reach students all across the world, of different nationalities, socioeconomic classes, and lived experiences. This program seeks to expose high schoolers to current foreign policy questions with prominent leaders in the field. Programming will consist of discussions with professors, experienced policymakers, government officials, and regional experts. Students will have the opportunity to learn real-world policy writing skills, cross-cultural leadership, and how to address global challenges from all sectors of international relations.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE? When we (HUFPI members) were high school students, we were frustrated that there wasn't much to accommodate our interests in foreign policy, specifically in relation to diplomacy, defense, development and intelligence. This conference is our way of meeting the interests of high school students in foreign policy and introduce them to the wide range of careers and academic opportunities possible. We hope to inspire the next generation of foreign policy leaders in diplomacy, defense, development, and intelligence.

WHAT DO THE FUNDS GENERATED FROM THIS CONFERENCE SUPPORT? First and foremost, program fees are allocated for the costs associated with running the conference. Besides immediate costs from the conference, as a nonprofit, additional revenue generated from this conference is poured back into educational endeavors for our organization. Overall, in addition to covering the costs of the high school conference, revenue generated from this conference supports the educational mission of HUFPI by allowing our organization to continue to engage in impactful research and dialogue with domestic and international mentors and peers.

HOW IS THIS CONFERENCE STRUCTURED? The conference is from late evening June 16th to early evening June 19th. We expect you to attend all planned activities including your regional workshops, keynotes, presentations, trivia, and lunch roundtables. Programming is scheduled in U.S. Eastern Time Zone (ET) because we have structured this conference around experts mainly located in Washington D.C.; we apologize for any inconveniences caused by the online nature of our program.

Students are divided according to the regional group they selected in the application and will be exposed to a variety of topics within their regional room. Some regions have two different groups due to high demand with different sets of speakers. Regional workshops are 50 minutes long and are structured differently depending on the preference of the speaker(s). There will be a 10 minute grace period between speakers to allow for exiting and entry as speakers transition. You are expected to stay in your regional session throughout the sessions and even during the 10 minute transitions, unless you are attending a lunch roundtable or going to a main session event for a keynote speech, conference-wide workshop or panel event. In addition, some students will be chosen for a one-on-one with experts during this 10 minute transitional period to interview the speaker for a videotaped testimonial on youth engagement in foreign policy.

The evening of June 16th will be an "opening" to the conference. Informational sessions will take up all of Day 1 (17th) and half of Day 2 (18th). The second half of Day 2 (18th) and Day 3 (19th) will be devoted to the policy hackathon, in addition to other programming such as

keynotes and panels. Students will be divided into their policy hackathon teams within each of their regional rooms and present their policy hackathon findings to their group. Winners of each region will present to the entire conference.

WHAT IS THE POLICY HACKATHON? A policy hackathon is a compressed window of time where you and the members of your team will put your heads together to come up with innovative policy solutions to a theoretical foreign policy crisis. We'll throw a scenario at you and you will come up with two things: #1—Draft something called a policy memo, which is a short document that briefly analyzes the situation and gives your policy recommendations and #2—Come up with a presentation to showcase to your regional groups for judging and potentially to the entire conference that lays out your policy recommendations. You can be as creative as you want with the policies and presentation style in delivering your recommendations.

The second half of Day 2 and all of Day 3 will be spent on the policy hackathon. Each region will receive a different scenario. You will be given several working sessions and will first present to your regional groups. Winners at the regional group level will then go on to present to the entire conference and will compete to be the final winners. The situations for each region, accompanying readings lists and policy memo instructions will be provided at the conference.

HOW CAN STUDENTS MAKE THE MOST OF THIS CONFERENCE? Show up! And we don't just mean show up to the zoom sessions, we mean be an active listener and participate. These experts work IN the fields you want to enter, so impress them! Show them you're someone who should intern or work for them in the next couple of years when you're in college. Also, and this is a big one, take advantage of the office hours, lunch roundtables, and extra activities we're putting together. We're trying to create opportunities for you all to have more intimate conversations with these professionals for advice and candid conversations. Some of the best advice we have ever received was in office hours or lunch roundtable sessions. Don't waste those unique opportunities.

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I NEED HELP/HAVE QUESTIONS? On the schedule, each region will have one Harvard undergraduate from our team who will be serving as your room moderator. If you have technical difficulties or questions pertaining to your region, contact the people listed on your region's schedule. You can reach out to our team email with any questions (info@harvardforeignpolicy.org). If you have a question pertaining to the logistics of the conference or any problems or concerns arise regarding programming or interactions with peers or experts, contact our Conference Director, Lexa Brenner (alexabrenner@college.harvard.edu).

CODE OF CONDUCT: For the duration of the program, students are expected to be courteous and appropriate in discussions with both peers and speakers. We expect professional behavior at all times when interacting with experts. Be respectful of their time by asking questions, engaging with content, etc. Please remember that these experts are taking time out of their very busy schedules to speak at this event. Show experts that you appreciate their efforts by demonstrating interest. The expected dress code is "business casual: professional and appropriate".

PLEASE NOTE: Anything said by experts in the workshops is OFF THE RECORD. This means that you cannot record or share what experts say at the conference. This includes posting on social media or other public platforms. The privacy of our experts is fundamental to our operations. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in expulsion from the conference.

No form of discrimination or harassment will be tolerated. This can include, but is not limited to racial, ethnic, sexual, or socioeconomic discrimination and harassment. Please report any occurrence of this kind of behavior or direct any questions about our code of conduct to Conference Director Lexa Brenner at alexabrenner@college.harvard.edu. Violation of these guidelines may result in dismissal from the program. Students who are dismissed for inappropriate behavior will not be issued a program fee refund.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Participants in The Harvard Undergraduate International Relations Scholars Program include 461 American students and 154 International Students.



Argentina	2	Japan	2	Philippines	4
Australia	1	Kazakhstan	2	Poland	1
Austria	2	Kyrgyzstan	1	Romania	1
Bangladesh	6	Israel	2	Russia	2
Barbados	3	Italy	3	Rwanda	1
Bolivia	1	Japan	2	Singapore	1
Brazil	25	Kazakhstan	2	South Africa	3
Bulgaria	1	Kyrgyzstan	1	South Korea	5
Cambodia	1	Liberia	1	Spain	1
Canada	4	Malaysia	1	Tunisia	2
China	5	Mauritius	1	Turkey	3
Colombia	1	Mexico	12	Uganda	1
Denmark	1	Moldova	1	Ukraine	1
Dominican Republic	1	Mongolia	2	United Arab Emirates	1
Egypt	3	Morocco	1	United Kingdom	10
Ethiopia	2	Nepal	2	United States	461
Guatemala	1	Nigeria	1	Uzbekistan	2
Hungary	1	Norway	1	Venezuela	1
India	7	Pakistan	1	Vietnam	3
Israel	2	Paraguay	6	Zimbabwe	1
Italy	3	Peru	2		

MASTER SCHEDULE

This schedule showcases events open to everyone. Specific regional and lunchtable schedules can be found later in the packet, under each region.

JUNE 16TH—THE OPENING: PRELIMINARY INTRODUCTION					
TIME (ET)	ZOOM	EVENT	EXPERT(S)	POSITION	TOPIC
7:30–8pm	Main Zoom	Introductory Ceremony			
8–8:50pm	Main Zoom	Foreign Policy 101			
9–10pm	Main Zoom	Meet the Harvard Foreign Policy Team			

JUNE 17TH—DAY ONE					
TIME (ET)	ZOOM	EVENT	EXPERT(S)	POSITION	TOPIC
9–9:50am	Main Zoom	Panel	Joshua C. Ramo & Stephen Schwarzman	Vice Chairman, Co-CEO of Kissinger Associates & CEO of the Blackstone Group	A New Era in U.S.-China Relations
10–10:50am	Regional Zoom	Regional Workshop #1			
11–11:50am	Regional Zoom	Regional Workshop #2			
12–12:50 pm	Main Zoom	Panel	Tamir Pardo & John O. Brennan	Former Director of the Mossad & Former Director of the CIA	Spycraft & Statecraft: A Look to the Future of Intelligence
1–1:50 pm	Main Zoom	Lunch Roundtable [choose ONE]			
2–2:50pm	Regional Zoom	Regional Workshop #3			
3–3:50pm	Regional Zoom	Regional Workshop #4			
4–5pm	Main Zoom	Keynote	Leon E. Panetta	Former Secretary of Defense & CIA Director	The Challenges of Crafting a Responsible U.S. Foreign Policy
9–10pm	Main Zoom	Foreign Policy Trivia Competition			

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JUNE 18TH—DAY TWO

TIME (ET)	ZOOM	EVENT	EXPERT(S)	POSITION	TOPIC
9–9:50am	Main Zoom	Keynote	General John R. Allen	President of Brookings	American Leadership in the 21st Century
10–10:50am	Regional Zoom	Regional Workshop #5			
11–11:50am	Regional Zoom	Regional Workshop #6			
12–12:50pm	Main Zoom	Lunch Roundtable [choose ONE]			
1–1:50pm	Regional Zoom	Regional Workshop #7			
2–2:50pm	Regional Zoom	Regional Workshop #8			
3–3:50pm	Main Zoom	Policy Hackathon Introduction + Work Session #1			
4–4:50pm	Regional Zoom	Policy Hackathon Work Session #2			
5–6pm	Main Zoom	Keynote	Robert O'Brien	Former U.S. National Security Advisor	Supporting the President's Foreign Policy Agenda in a Time of Change
9–10pm	Main Zoom	The Rise of China [choose ONE]			

JUNE 19TH—DAY THREE

TIME (ET)	ZOOM	EVENT	EXPERT(S)	POSITION	TOPIC
9–9:50am	Main Zoom	Keynote	Michèle Flournoy	Former U.S. Under Secretary of Defense for Policy	Restraint Without Retrenchment
10–10:50am	Regional Zoom	Policy Hackathon Working Session #3			
11–11:50am	Regional Zoom	Policy Hackathon Working Session #4			
12–12:50pm	Main Zoom	Lunch Roundtable [choose ONE]			
1–1:50pm	Regional Zoom	Regional Presentations			
2–2:50pm	Main Zoom	Panel	Gina Abercromie-Winstanley & Bishop A. Garrison	Inaugural Chief Diversity Officer at State; Inaugural Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Defense for Human Capital, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion	Past, Present, Future: The Changing Face of America's Public Servants in Foreign Policy
3–3:50pm	Main Zoom	Conference-Wide Policy Hackathon Presentations			
4–4:50pm	Main Zoom	Keynote	Dr. Henry A. Kissinger & Graham Allison	Former U.S. Secretary of State & U.S. National Security Advisor; Founding Dean of the Harvard Kennedy School	The Assembly of a New World Order: Dr. Henry Kissinger's Perspectives for the Next Generation
5–6pm	Main Zoom	Closing Ceremony			

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS & PANELISTS

HENRY A. KISSINGER is an American statesman, international relations scholar, and geopolitical consultant that served as U.S. Secretary of State and National Security Advisor in the Nixon and Ford administrations. He shaped the history of the 20th century by orchestrating the opening of relations with China, pioneering the policy of détente with the Soviet Union, and negotiating the Paris Peace Accords ending American involvement in the Vietnam War. He remains the world's leading advisor on foreign policy as Chairman of Kissinger Associates Inc.

LEON E. PANETTA served as the 23rd Secretary of Defense from 2011 to 2013. Before joining the Department of Defense, Secretary Panetta served as the Director of the CIA from 2009–2011. Panetta co-founded The Panetta Institute for Public Policy with his wife Sylvia in 1997.

JOHN O. BRENNAN served as director of the Central Intelligence Agency from March 2013 to January 2017. From January 2009 to March 2013, Mr. Brennan was Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and counter-terrorism.

STEPHEN SCHWARZMAN is Chairman, CEO and Co-Founder of Blackstone and Founding Trustee of Schwarzman Scholars based at Tsinghua University in Beijing.

GRAHAM ALLISON is the Founding Dean of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, Former Director of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, and the Douglas Dillon Professor of Government.

JOHN R. ALLEN is president of the Brookings Institution, and previously Chair of Security and Strategy and as a distinguished fellow in the Foreign Policy Program at Brookings. Allen is a retired U.S. Marine Corps four-star general and former commander of the NATO International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and U.S. Forces in Afghanistan.

ROBERT O'BRIEN served as the 28th United States National Security Advisor from 2019 to 2021 under President Trump. O'Brien previously served as the Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs at the U.S. Department of State.

MICHÈLE FLOURNOY is Co-Founder and Managing Partner of WestExec Advisors, and former Co-Founder and CEO of the Center for a New American Security (CNAS). Mrs. Flournoy previously served as the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense with regard to security and defense policy, oversight of military plans and operations, and in NSC deliberations.

JOSHUA C. RAMO serves as vice-chairman and Co-CEO of Kissinger Associates, the consulting firm of former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. Ramo previously was the foreign editor at TIME Magazine.

TAMIR PARDO served as the 11th Director of the Mossad, the National Intelligence Agency of Israel from 2011 to 2016. He recently co-founded XM Cyber.

GINA ABERCROMBIE-WINSTANLEY is currently the first Chief Diversity Officer at the U.S. Department of State.

BISHOP M. GARRISON, JR. currently serves as the first Senior Adviser to Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin for Human Capital, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

LUNCH ROUNDTABLES & NIGHT SESSIONS

Students can choose one workshop per session. Workshops are open to all students and are held in the Main Zoom Session.

JUNE 16 TH				
TIME (ET)	ZOOM	EVENT/TOPIC	EXPERT(S)	POSITION
8–8:50pm	Main Zoom	Foreign Policy 101	Nitin Chadda	WestExec Co-Founder

JUNE 17 TH				
TIME (ET)	ZOOM	EVENT/TOPIC	EXPERT(S)	POSITION
1–1:50pm	Main Zoom (choose ONE)	Lunch Option #1–U.S.-UAE Relations: More than Meets the Eye	Yasmeen Hibrawi	Head of Public Affairs at U.S. Consulate Dubai
		Lunch Option #2	Craig Cloud	U.S. Ambassador to Botswana
		Lunch Option #3–Inside Look at <i>The New York Times</i>	Laurie Goodstein	Deputy International Editor, <i>The New York Times</i>
		Lunch Option #4	Henry R. Haggard	Political Counselor in Seoul, Korea
		Lunch Option #5	William Popp	U.S. Ambassador to Guatemala

JUNE 18 TH				
TIME (ET)	ZOOM	EVENT/TOPIC	EXPERT(S)	POSITION
12–12:50pm	Main Zoom (choose ONE)	Lunch Option #1–U.S.-Mexico Bi-Lateral Relations	Dana Brown	Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico
		Lunch Option #2–Great Power Competition: Tools of Diplomacy	Christopher Anderson	U.S. Political FSO on Ukraine, the Caucasus & Central Asia
		Lunch Option #3–Corruption in Lebanon	Kelly Stedem	Harvard Kennedy School MEI Fellow
		Lunch Option #4–Child Labor Exploitation & Trafficking	Tanya Shugar	Africa Division Chief at U.S. Department of Labor
		Lunch Option #5–Work of the INL Bureau at the Department of State	Heide Fulton	Deputy Asst. Secretary of State for the Bureau of Intl Narcotics & Law Enforcement at the State Dept
		Lunch Option #6–U.S.'s work with the OSCE	Bahram M. Rajae	U.S. Mission to the Organization for Security & Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)
9–9:50pm	Main Zoom (choose ONE)	Night Session #1–Transatlantic Cooperation & Asia	Niclas Kvarnstrom	Swedish Ambassador to Singapore
		Night Session #2–Chinese Business Goes Global	Jonathan Woetzel	Senior Partner at McKinsey & Co based in China
		Night Session #3–Covering China for <i>The New York Times</i>	Steven Lee Meyers	NYT Beijing Bureau Chief

JUNE 19 TH				
TIME (ET)	ZOOM	EVENT/TOPIC	EXPERT(S)	POSITION
12–12:50pm	Main Zoom (choose ONE)	Lunch Option #1–Considering a Career in Government	Alison Bouwmeester	28-years CIA in Clandestine Services & Founder of Futurity
		Lunch Option #2–Transforming the State Department	Maryum Saifee	Foreign Service Officer at State; Truman National Security Project
		Lunch Option #3–Israel/Gaza Tension	Luis Moreno	Former DCM in Israel
		Lunch Option #4–China's Rise & the Threat it Poses to Taiwan	Larry Diamond	Bass Fellow at Stanford University

ROUNDTABLE & NIGHT SESSION EXPERTS

NITIN CHADDA is Co-Founder and Managing Partner at WestExec Advisors. Prior to WestExec, Chadda served as Senior Advisor for Strategy to former Secretary of Defense Ash Carter.

YASMEEN HIBRAWI is the daughter of a Syrian-American immigrant and is currently the Head of Public Affairs and Outreach at the U.S. Consulate in Dubai. She has served overseas in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia and Stockholm, Sweden and in the State Department in Washington, D.C.

CRAIG CLOUD is the U.S. Ambassador to Botswana. A career member of the Senior Foreign Service and class of Minister-Counselor, he most recently served as Management Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan.

LAURIE GOODSTEIN is an International News Editor for the New York Times. Prior, Ms. Goodstein was the national religion correspondent for The New York Times. She joined The Times in 1997, after working as a National reporter at The Washington Post for eight years.

HENRY R. HAGGARD is Political Counselor in Seoul, Korea (July 1st). He previously served as the Director for the Eastern Mediterranean in the European Affairs Directorate at the National Security Council and as Political Counselor at the U.S. Mission to the EU, in Iraq and on Syria.

WILLIAM POPP is the current U.S. Ambassador to Guatemala. Mr. Popp previously served as the Deputy Chief of Mission of the U.S. Embassy in Brazil where he was also the Chargé d'affaires.

DANA BROWN is currently the Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico. Since joining the Foreign Service, Ms. Brown has also served as the Political and Economic Counselor in Havana, Cuba and Deputy Director of the State Department's Office of Andean Affairs.

CHRISTOPHER ANDERSON is a career Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State who has worked as the Special Advisor for Ukraine Negotiations supporting Ambassador Kurt Volker's efforts from August 2017 until July 2019.

KELLY STEDEM is a postdoctoral research fellow with the Middle East Initiative at the Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center.

TANYA SHUGAR is the Africa Division Chief of the Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor and Human Trafficking within the Bureau of International Labor Affairs at the U.S. Department of Labor. She has over 22 years of experience working in the area of international labor rights.

HEIDE FULTON is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Programs in the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement. Prior, she was Director of the Office of Mexican Affairs.

BAHRAM M. RAJAEI is a Political Foreign Service Officer in the U.S. Mission to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Vienna, Austria. Previously, he served in Kabul (2019-2020); Washington, DC (2017-2019); and Jerusalem (2015-2017).

NICLAS KVARNSTROM is the Swedish Ambassador to Singapore. He previously served as the Director and Deputy Head of Department for Eastern Europe and Central Asia at Sweden's Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Mr. Kvarnstrom led the Campaign Secretariat for Sweden's Candidature for the UN Security Council from 2017 to 2018.

JONATHAN WOETZEL is a director of the McKinsey Global Institute (MGI), McKinsey's business and economics research arm. He is a co-chair of the not-for-profit think tank, the Urban China Initiative—a joint venture of Tsinghua University and McKinsey—that aims to develop and implement solutions to China's urbanization challenges.

STEVEN LEE MYERS is the New York Times (NYT) Beijing Bureau Chief. He has worked at The NYT since 1989 and has focused most of his career on international affairs. He has spent more than seven years based in Moscow where he covered the rise of Vladimir Putin.

ALISON BOUWMEESTER spent a 28-year career as a senior leader in the Central Intelligence Agency's Directorate of Operations (Clandestine Service), where she received the Career Intelligence Medal and the National Intelligence Certificate of Distinction.

MARYUM SAIFEE is a career Foreign Service Officer contributing in her personal capacity and her views do not represent the U.S. Department of State. She recently led the Truman Center for National Policy task force on "Transforming the State Department into a More Just, Equitable, and Innovative Institution."

LUIS MORENO was Ambassador to Jamaica. From 2010 to 2011, he served as the Political-Military Minister Counselor in Baghdad, Iraq. From 2007 to 2010, Ambassador Moreno served as the Deputy Chief of Mission in Tel Aviv, Israel.

LARRY DIAMOND is a Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution and at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI) and a Bass Fellow at Stanford University.



EUROPE SERIES I [LAST NAMES A-K]

DATE	TIME (ET)	SESSION	EXPERT	POSITION
6/17	10-10:50am	Regional #1—Multilateral Diplomach: The Nuts & Bolts of Diplomatic Work & the Inter-agency Nature of the OPCW	Joseph Manso	U.S. Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)
	11-11:50am	Regional #2—The importance of Economics & Climate Change in Diplomacy	Virginia Murray	Deputy Chief of Mission at U.S. Embassy in Germany
	2-2:50pm	Regional #3—Transatlantic Defense Relations: A View from the Pentagon	Alton V. Buland	Director for Southern & Central European Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense
	3-3:50pm	Regional #4—Crisis Management & International Organizations	Bruce Turner	Senior Bureau Official for the Bureau of Arms Control, Verification & Compliance at the Department of State
6/18	10-10:50am	Regional #5—Six years after the migrant crisis of 2015: Swedish & European border management	Patrik Engstrom	Head of National Border Policing at the Swedish Police Authority
	11-11:50am	Regional #6—An Overview of the U.S. Mission to the EU	Mark Libby	Chargé of the U.S. Mission to the EU
	1-1:50pm	Regional #7—Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction & Pandemics	Andrew Weber	Former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical & Biological Defense Programs; Senior Fellow at the Council on Strategic Risks
	2-2:50pm	Regional #8—The Importance of European-Sino Relations	Torrey Taussig	Research Director on Europe for the Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center

JOSEPH MANSO is the U.S. Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. Prior, he was the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs.

VIRGINIA MURRAY is a career Foreign Service Officer who has served since February 2020 as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Berlin, where she is assigned as Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs.

ALTON V. BULAND serves as director for European Policy (Southern and Central) in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), where he has responsibility for defense policy regarding twenty European Ally and partner countries. Prior to this, Alton served on the National Security Council staff.

BRUCE TURNER is the Senior Bureau Official for the Bureau of Arms Control, Verification and Compliance (AVC) in the U.S. State Department. Previously, he was U.S. Consul General in St. Petersburg.

PATRIK ENGSTRÖM is the Head of the National Border Policing Section of the Swedish Police Authority (since January 2015). Prior to his current post, Mr. Engström served as International Law Enforcement Advisor to the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in South Africa.

MARK LIBBY is the Chargé d'affaires of the U.S. Mission to the European Union. A career member of the Senior Foreign Service, his previous overseas assignments have included tours in Warsaw, Nassau, Nicosia, and Baghdad, where he served as political counselor.

ANDREW WEBER is a Senior Fellow at the Council on Strategic Risks. He was Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Defense Programs as the driving force behind Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction efforts.

TORREY TAUSSIG is the Research Director for the Project on Europe and the Transatlantic Relationship and the American Secretaries of State Project at Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center.



EUROPE SERIES II [LAST NAMES L-Z]

DATE	TIME (ET)	SESSION	EXPERT	POSITION
6/17	10-10:50am	Regional #1—A Journalist's Perspective on the 2021 NATO Summit	Shashank Joshi	The Economist's Defence Editor
	11-11:50am	Regional #2—Remembering the European Refugee Crisis	Michelle Lee	Bureau of Population, Refugees, & Migration at the Department of State
	2-2:50pm	Regional #3—Defense & Innovation	Christopher Kirchhoff	Senior Fellow at Schmidt Futures
	3-3:50pm	Regional #4	Spencer Boyer	Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Europe & NATO Policy at the Department of Defense
6/18	10-10:50am	Regional #5—The European Court of Justice's Restrictive Measures	Vivien Terrien	Référéndaire at the Court of Justice of the European Union
	11-11:50am	Regional #6—Google: A New Player on the Foreign Policy Stage	Igor Zgrabljic	Government Affairs & Public Policy Manager at Google
	1-1:50pm	Regional #7	Mary Beth Long	Former Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs
	2-2:50pm	Regional #8—Nationalism elevating to Tyranny: A Case Study of Austria	Christopher Turner	CIA Officer of 25 years

SHASHANK JOSH is Defence Editor at The Economist, where he writes on a wide range of military, nuclear, intelligence and other security issues. He was previously a Senior Policy Fellow at Renewing the Centre, part of the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change.

MICHELLE LEE has been the Humanitarian and Migration Officer at the U.S. Mission to the European Union (USEU) in Brussels, Belgium, since July 2018.

CHRISTOPHER KIRCHHOFF is a Senior Fellow at Schmidt Futures. He wrote “The Iraq Pentagon Papers” and served as an aide to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Senior Advisor to John Podesata, and Director of Strategic Planning for the National Security Council.

SPENCER BOYER is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Europe and NATO Policy. He is responsible for managing the defense relationship between the United States and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the European Union, and the nations of Europe.

VIVIEN TERRIEN is a legal secretary (référéndaire) at the General Court of the European Union. He was part of the President’s chamber for ten years.

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EURASIA SERIES

DATE	TIME (ET)	SESSION	EXPERT	POSITION
6/17	10-10:50am	Regional #1—American Diplomacy in the Post-Soviet Space	Julie D. Fisher	U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus
	11-11:50am	Regional #2—Walking and Chewing Gum: Balancing National Security Interests & Human Rights in Foreign Policy	Daniel Rosenblum	U.S. Ambassador to Uzbekistan
	2-2:50pm	Regional #3—Intelligence in the 21st century: Responding to New Threats, and Old	Rolf Mowatt-Larssen	Former Director of Intelligence at the U.S. Department of Energy; 23 years as a senior leader in CIA
	3-3:50pm	Regional #4—The Danger of Russian Disinformation	Rick Ledgett	Former Deputy Director of the National Security Agency
6/18	10-10:50am	Regional #5—Russian Intelligence Operations: The Case Study of the Wirecard Scandal	Sonya Seunghye Lim	Former Chief of Station with the Central Intelligence Agency
	11-11:50am	Regional #6—Thirty Years of Friendship: U.S. Foreign Policy in Kazakhstan	William Moser	U.S. Ambassador to Kazakhstan
	1-1:50pm	Regional #7—United States Defense Policy & Russia	Gary Espinas	United States Army Field Artillery & Foreign Area Officer of 26 years
	2-2:50pm	Regional #8—Addressing the National Security Paradox in Cybersecurity: Finding a Smart Path Forward	Jamil Jaffer	SVP for Strategy, Partnerships, & Corporate Development at IronNet; Founder & Executive Director of the National Security Institute at GMU Law

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EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC SERIES I [LAST NAMES A-K]

DATE	TIME (ET)	SESSION	EXPERT	POSITION
6/17	10-10:50am	Regional #1—Promoting Human Rights & Religious Freedom in East Asia	Daniel Nadel	Director Office of International Religious Freedom at the Department of State
	11-11:50am	Regional #2—Careers in Diplomacy	LaToya Young	Office of Sanctions Policy & Implementation at the Department of State
	2-2:50pm	Regional #3—China: The Bubble That Never Pops	Tom Orlik	Chief Economist for Bloomberg Economics
	3-3:50pm	Regional #4—Space: Congested Marketplace or Contested Battlefield?	Shane Deichman	Former Program Manager for Space Integration & Early Warning in the Command, Control, Battle Management, & Communications Directorate at the Missile Defense Agency
6/18	10-10:50am	Regional #5—China's Economic Rise: New Structural Economics	Justin Yifu Lin	Former Chief Economist of the World Bank
	11-11:50am	Regional #6—A Tripolar World? Europe in the face of U.S.-China Rivalry	Philippe Le Corre	Nonresident senior fellow in the Europe & Asia Programs at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
	1-1:50pm	Regional #7—Nuclear Weapons in the Asia-Pacific	Ankit Panda	Stanton Senior Fellow in the Nuclear Policy Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
	2-2:50pm	Regional #8	Jennifer Galt	Senior Foreign Policy Advisor to the Commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command

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EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC SERIES II [LAST NAMES L-Z]

DATE	TIME (ET)	SESSION	EXPERT	POSITION
6/17	10-10:50am	Regional #1—The Future is Asian	Parag Khanna	Founder & Managing partner, FutureMap
	11-11:50am	Regional #2—War with China over Taiwan?	Chas Freeman	Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs from 1993-94
	2-2:50pm	Regional #3—Japan & Defense Intelligence	Tomonori Sasaki	Representative of the Japanese Ministry of Defense at the Embassy in the United States
	3-3:50pm	Regional #4—Past, Present, & Future of U.S.-China Cyber Relations	Alex Stamos	Former Chief Security Officer at Facebook
6/18	10-10:50am	Regional #5—China's Economic Miracle Explained	Michael Pettis	Professor of Finance at Guanghai School of Management at Peking University in Beijing
	11-11:50am	Regional #6—Prospects for Reunification & the Future of the Korean Peninsula	John Park	Director of the Harvard Korea Project at the Harvard Kennedy School
	1-1:50pm	Regional #7—American Alliances in the Indo-Pacific: Challenges & Opportunities	Richard Fontaine	CEO of Center for a New American Security
	2-2:50pm	Regional #8—A Transformative Vision: The Fifth Anniversary of Shino Abe's Free & Open Indo-Pacific Strategy	Kenneth Weinstein	Former President of the Hudson Institute

PARAG KHANNA has experiences ranging from the World Economic Forum, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the U.S. Intelligence Council's Global Trends Program.

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SOUTH ASIA SERIES

DATE	TIME (ET)	SESSION	EXPERT	POSITION
6/17	10-10:50am	Regional #1—The Benefits & Risks of Nuclear Cooperation in South Asia	James Warden	Director of Nuclear Energy, Safety & Security in the Bureau of International Security & Nonproliferation at the Department of State
	11-11:50am	Regional #2—The Evolving U.S.-India Relationship	Kenneth Juster	Former U.S. Ambassador to India
	2-2:50pm	Regional #3	Ervin Massinga	Principal Deputy Secretary of the bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs at the Department of State
	3-3:50pm	Regional #4—The National Security Council	John Frick	White House National Security Council Director for Security Cooperation
6/18	10-10:50am	Regional #5	Ross Wilson	Chargé d'Affaires to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
	11-11:50am	Regional #6	Hugo Llorens	Retired U.S. Ambassador and special Chargé d'Affaires in Afghanistan
	1-1:50pm	Regional #7—The U.S. State Department's Work on the Environment in South Asia	Marcia Bernicat	Acting Assistant Secretary for Oceans & International Environmental & Scientific Affairs at the Department of State
	2-2:50pm	Regional #8—Molding Your Career in National Security	Candice Frost	Commander at United States Cyber Command

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HUGO LLORENS is a recently retired U.S. Ambassador. In 2016 to 2017, Llorens served as the Special Charge D'Affaires and Chief of Mission in Kabul, Afghanistan.

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MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA SERIES I [LAST NAMES A-K]

DATE	TIME (ET)	SESSION	EXPERT	POSITION
6/17	10-10:50am	Regional #1—Covert Action & Rule of Law with the CIA	Robert Eatinger	Former Deputy General Counsel for Operations for the Central Intelligence Agency
	11-11:50am	Regional #2—Yemen 101	Tim Lenderking	U.S. Special Envoy to Yemen
	2-2:50pm	Regional #3—Channeling Passion for the Middle East Into a Career with the State Department	Rachna Korhonen	Executive Director for the Joint Executive Office for Near Eastern & South & Central Asian Affairs
	3-3:50pm	Regional #4—The Challenges of Statecraft & Disciplined Policy Engagement in an Age of Social Media & Disinformation	Deborah Jones	Former U.S. Ambassador to Libya & Kuwait
6/18	10-10:50am	Regional #5—Terrorism as a National Security Challenge	Nicholas Rasmussen	Executive Director of Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT)
	11-11:50am	Regional #6—Terrorism Prevention Strategies	Irfan Saeed	Director of the Office of Countering Violent Extremism in the Bureau of Counterterrorism at the Department of State
	1-1:50pm	Regional #7—Post-Conflict Economic development	Carl Kress	Regional Director for U.S. Trade & Development in the Middle East, North Africa, Europe, Eurasia, & East Asia
	2-2:50pm	Regional #8—U.S. Trade & Investment Policy with the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) & its Member States	Jason Buntin	Director for Europe & Middle East Affairs at the Office of the United States Trade Representative

ROBERT EATINGER was the Deputy General Counsel for Operations for the Central Intelligence Agency.

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MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA SERIES II [LAST NAMES L-Z]

DATE	TIME (ET)	SESSION	EXPERT	POSITION
6/17	10-10:50am	Regional #1—U.S.-Jordan Bilateral Relations	Henry Wooster	U.S. Ambassador to Jordan
	11-11:50am	Regional #2—The Upcoming Iraqi Election and the Future of Iraq	Matthew Tueller	U.S. Ambassador to Iraq
	2-2:50pm	Regional #3—The U.S. State Department's Work with Hostage Situations	Roger Carstens	Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs
	3-3:50pm	Regional #4—The Evolution of Counterterrorism in a New Era	Benjamin Taylor	White House National Security Council Director for Counterterrorism in the Levant
6/18	10-10:50am	Regional #5—Islamic Philanthropy	HE Khaled Khalifa	Regional Representative at United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Saudia Arabia
	11-11:50am	Regional #6—Kuwait	Yuree Noh	Harvard Kennedy School Middle East Initiative Fellow
	1-1:50pm	Regional #7—How to Help Stop a Civil War in Another Country—Uses & Limits of U.S. Power: The Example of Libya	Jonathan Winer	Former U.S. Special Envoy to Libya
	2-2:50pm	Regional #8—The Role of Intelligence in Implementing Foreign Policy	Paul Watzlavick	Director Office of Analysis for Near East Affairs in the Bureau of Intelligence & Research at the Department of State

HENRY WOOSTER is the U.S. Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. He most recently served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Maghreb and Egypt.

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LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN SERIES I [LAST NAMES A-K]

DATE	TIME (ET)	SESSION	EXPERT	POSITION
6/17	10-10:50am	Regional #1—Crime & violence prevention in Central America, Mexico & the Caribbean	Barbara Feinstein	Acting Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Latin America & the Caribbean at USAID
	11-11:50am	Regional #2—U.S.-Chile Bilateral Relations	Alfonso Navarro Silva	Chilean Ambassador to U.S.
	2-2:50pm	Regional #3—U.S.-Brazil Bilateral Relations & Life as an Ambassador	Douglass Koneff	Deputy Chief of Mission to Brazil
	3-3:50pm	Regional #4—The Role of Public Diplomacy in U.S. Foreign Policy	Gloria Berbena	Chargé d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Costa Rica
6/18	10-10:50am	Regional #5—Security, Prosperity, Democracy:U.S. Foreign Policy Priorities in the Eastern Caribbean	Joaquin Monserrate	Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean
	11-11:50am	Regional #6—The Use of Intelligence in U.S. Relations with Latin America	David Shedd	Former Acting Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
	1-1:50pm	Regional #7—Being a Rebel in the Intelligence Field	Carmen Medina	Former Deputy Director of Intelligence at the CIA
	2-2:50pm	Regional #8—Colombia, Covid & the way forward in Latin America	Philip Goldberg	U.S. Ambassador to Colombia

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LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN SERIES II [LAST NAMES L-Z]

DATE	TIME (ET)	SESSION	EXPERT	POSITION
6/17	10-10:50am	Regional #1—An Overview of SOUTHCOM	Douglas Fears	Director for Joint Interagency Task Force South
	11-11:50am	Regional #3—Refugees & Migration	Edward Alden	Senior fellow at the Council Foreign Relations (CFR)
	2-2:50pm	Regional #3—Corporate Investigations & Security Consulting in Latin America	Frank Holder	Chief Operating Officer at J.S. Held
	3-3:50pm	Regional #4—The Root Causes of Migration from Central America	Abraham Wise	Political Officer for Mexico & Central America at the Department of State
6/18	10-10:50am	Regional #5—USAID's Partnership Platform for the Amazon	Michael Eddy	Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Latin America & Caribbean Bureau at USAID
	11-11:50am	Regional #6—The Work of the U.S. Mission to the United Nations	Jeff DeLaurentis	Acting Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs, U.S. Mission to the United Nations
	1-1:50pm	Regional #7—Policymaking & the National Security Council: President Obama's Central America Strategy	Annie Pforzheimer	Former National Security Council Director for the Central America Engagement Strategy
	2-2:50pm	Regional #8—How Space Can connect the Unconnected & Help Close the Digital Divide	Fred Taylor	Vice President at Space & Cyber Applications at Viasat & Former JSpOC Deputy Director

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SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

DATE	TIME (ET)	SESSION	EXPERT	POSITION
6/17	10-10:50am	Regional #1—Synchronizing Governance Development & Military Pressure in Counterterrorism Policy	Heidi Berg	Director of Intelligence for U.S. Africa Command
	11-11:50am	Regional #2—Diplomacy: A Field View	Richard Bell	U.S. Ambassador to Côte d'Ivoire
	2-2:50pm	Regional #3—Economic Diplomacy	Nina Fite	U.S. Ambassador to Angola
	3-3:50pm	Regional #4—An Overview of Africal Affairs	Elizabeth Fitzsimmons	Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of African Affairs at the Department of State
6/18	10-10:50am	Regional #5—USAID's work in Uganda	Richard Nelson	Director of the U.S. Mission to Uganda for USAID
	11-11:50am	Regional #6—U.S.-Niger Relations	Eric Whitaker	U.S. Ambassador to Niger
	1-1:50pm	Regional #7—Genocide Terminology	Peter Vrooman	U.S. Ambassador to Rwanda
	2-2:50pm	Regional #8—UNDP's work	George Conway	Crisis Bureau's Deputy Director at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

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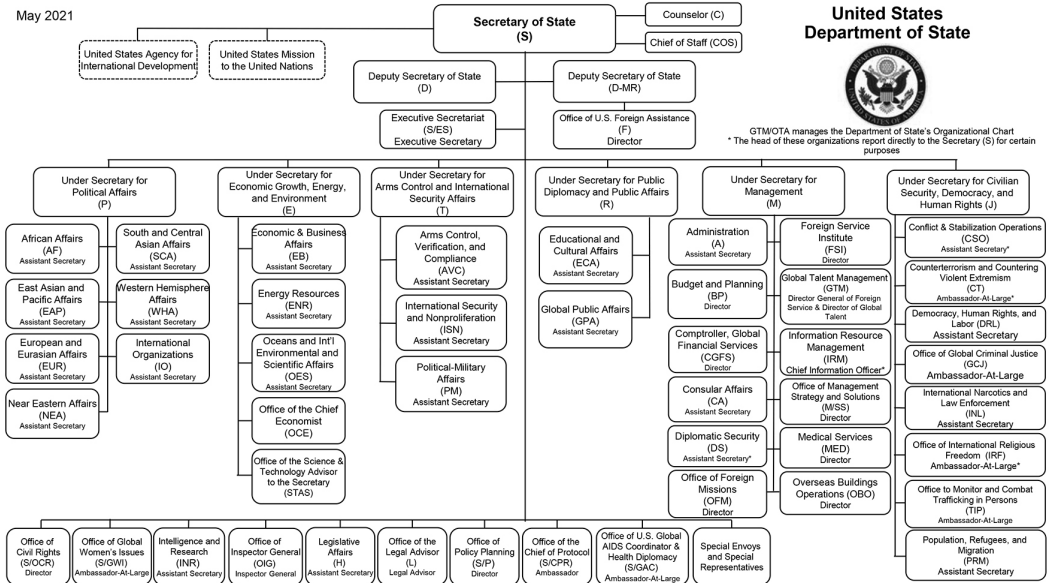
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ABOUT HUFPI

MISSION The Harvard Undergraduate Foreign Policy Initiative is a student-led organization that aspires to be the world's most influential platform for youth in foreign policy. Our goal is to one day play a significant role in global affairs by building networks of past, present, and future foreign policy leaders around the world. This organization is led by and in service of diverse students—by creating new opportunities for those of all backgrounds to engage with professionals in foreign policy entities. Inclusion is a cornerstone of the organization because it inspires impact—by inviting in a variety of perspectives and experiences—this organization channels synergy created by cooperation to make a real change in this world. We were originally established as an organization for Harvard undergraduates, but now we aim to be the leading forum for all young people in world affairs.

POLICY PROJECTS Each semester, we partner with U.S. government entities, foreign governments, non-profits, businesses, and think tanks to conduct policy research under the guidance of mentors. Partners from Spring 2021 include the U.S. National Security Council, U.S. Department of State, United Nations, Facebook, and foreign governments on every continent. Our aim is to connect aspiring foreign policy students with mentors in order to create an educational professional experience for younger generations and provide experts with a youth perspective. Students aim to contribute meaningfully to the recent and most pressing work of foreign policy leaders worldwide in hopes of providing creative solutions and new insights. Thanks to our partners and incredible members, our program has quickly become Harvard's largest undergraduate-led research program with plans to continue expanding our policy program."

CONFERENCES AT HARVARD AND ABROAD We don't organize conferences for its own sake, but aspire, rather, to move beyond discussion and mobilize the energies and skills of past, present, and future leaders to achieve real impact in the world. To this end, we recognize the critical importance of partnering with other top collegiate students in the United States and globally who share our ambitious vision. We intend to build two annual conferences at Harvard and abroad for this very purpose—to put forward youth-initiated proposals to the governments of the world while establishing enduring channels of dialogue among the world's future decision-makers. Thus, we are hopeful that the first conference abroad will be in Beijing, China through a collaboration with our fellow students at Tsinghua University for the 50th anniversary of U.S.-China rapprochement. Past generations witnessed what we now call history, present generations are adapting their statecraft to a new world, and the youngest of these generations are currently tasked with carrying such teachings forward. It is only through the engagement of these three generations—especially our fellow students around the world—that we can take on the challenges of the world with enough ambition to believe we are up to the task, but with enough humility to understand we cannot do it alone.

MEET THE HUFPI CONFERENCE STAFF

President

JOHN FERGUSON senior at Harvard, will complete his BA and MA within four years in May 2022. He heads the Harvard Undergraduate Foreign Policy Initiative (HUFPI), leading the team to build a trio of annual conferences online, at home, and abroad all for the first time. Earlier as Founding Director, he established what is now Harvard's largest undergraduate-led research program. John aspires to pioneer U.S.-China techno-diplomacy—leveraging comparative advantages through diplomacy—to address global challenges together (space, climate, AI, biotech, and internet). His BA and MA theses apply techno-diplomacy to U.S.-China climate negotiations, advised by Graham Allison and Ambassador Nicholas Burns. John is half-Chinese and half-American (biracial and bilingual).

Vice President and Senior Director of Policy for U.S. Government

SAMA KUBBA is the Vice President of HUFPI and the initiator of the Harvard International Relations Scholars Program. An Iraqi Refugee growing up in the U.S., she is now a sophomore at Harvard studying Government. She enjoys researching digital radicalization and terrorism, which she currently works on for the Department of Defense and Department of Justice. Sama has become passionate about U.S. Diplomacy following her work interviewing Ambassadors and other senior State officials for the Twenty-Five Apprenticeship Project, which aims to create a “Diplomatic Manual” of shared experiences and advice. Prior to her current role, she served as Senior Director of Policy, where she oversaw this semester's policy projects with entities such as U.S. Embassies, the National Security Council and USAID. Sama hopes to pursue a diplomatic career following college.

Senior Director of Conference

LEXA BRENNER is a junior at Harvard and a proud native of Dallas, Texas. She is concentrating in Government and International Relations with a Middle Eastern Secondary and a language citation in Arabic. She currently serves as HUFPI's Conference Director, coordinating events for high school and college students. She has worked on HUFPI policy projects concerning US-Iranian relations and ethnic violence in Africa. Lexa is especially interested in counterterrorism, state-non-state relations, and military strategy.

Deputy Director of Conference

GABRIELLE “GABY” PESANTEZ is a sophomore at Harvard from Queens, New York. She plans on concentrating in Economics with a History secondary and a language citation in French. At HUFPI, she has previously worked on policy projects with the Swedish and Peruvian Foreign Ministries. On campus, she also helps staff Harvard's Latina Empowerment & Development Conference and several conference events with Harvard's International Relations Council. She is a Staff Writer for The Harvard Crimson's Magazine and the Harvard College Economics Review. She hopes to eventually pursue a career in international law or diplomacy, with an emphasis on women's empowerment issues.

South Asia Regional Series Moderator

HAMAAD MEHAL is a sophomore from Fayetteville, Arkansas—he is currently on a gap year—who plans on studying Social Studies and Islamic Studies at Harvard College. On campus, he is involved with the Harvard Undergraduate Foreign Policy Initiative and multiple South Asian cultural organizations. In his free time, you can catch him snuggled up with a good book, dancing to South Asian music, or tossing a football around.

Europe Regional Series Moderator

ELLIOT DETJEN is a policy analyst and data lead at HUFPI, spending the last semester re-researching the relationship between the US and the EU in response to a rising China. Originally from Salt Lake City, Utah, he is a sophomore at Harvard College studying Government and Economics with a passion for the intersection of law, policy, and the private sector. Elliott plans to pursue law school following college.

Eurasia Regional Series Moderator

MATT KILEY is a sophomore at Harvard studying computer science. He is originally from Long Island, New York. Last semester, he worked on a policy project with HUFPI analyzing tactics of hybrid warfare used by the Russian government against Ukraine. Matt is interested in the intersection of computer science and foreign policy in areas such as cybersecurity.

Middle East and North Africa Regional Series Moderator

LAUREN MORGANBESSER is a sophomore at Harvard studying Government and the modern Middle East. She is originally from Los Angeles. Before coming to Harvard, she took a gap year where she lived in Morocco for three months and worked in DC. She is especially interested in studying authoritarian regimes, failed states, and non-state actors

Middle East and North Africa Regional Series Moderator

FAWWAZ SHOUKFEH is a sophomore at Harvard from Lubbock, Texas. He plans to study History, Government, and Economics with a particular focus on American legal history. He has previously worked on a project assessing the relationship between membership in NATO and economic prosperity. Fawwaz hopes to pursue a career in law or national security.

Sub-Saharan Africa Regional Series Moderator

ELEANOR WIKSTROM is a sophomore at Harvard from Oakland, California. She plans to concentrate in Social Studies with a focus on social psychology and global human rights with a secondary in English. She was previously the Policy Chair for a project with Facebook on the role of misinformation in human rights violations and incitement to ethnic violence. Eleanor is also an editor and executive on the Editorial Board of The Harvard Crimson student newspaper, a member of the women's track and field team, and a part of the Harvard Philippine Forum. She hopes to pursue a career in human rights law and transitional justice or diplomacy.

Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Series Moderator

LUIS ESTEVA SUEIRO is a sophomore at Harvard College from Northern California. He is planning on pursuing a Special Concentration in Leadership Studies, focusing on how individuals influence groups of humans and concurrently obtaining a citation in Chinese. He was policy chair for the NSC-EU project and, outside of HUFPI, is involved with the Institute of Politics, Army ROTC, other political and Latine/Hispanic cultural clubs. Luis hopes to pursue a career in public service at the local level and beyond.

Europe Regional Series Moderator

SYED AHMED is a senior at Harvard concentrating in Government and Computer Science. He has had the privilege of living in five different countries before arriving at Harvard and can speak four different languages. He is most interested in the Intelligence Community and the role cyber security will play in the decades to come. He is a Certified Ethical Hacker and plans on attending law school after graduating.

Middle East and North Africa Regional Series Moderator

GEORGE WHITFORD is an undergraduate at Harvard College concentrating in Government

who planning on pursuing a secondary in Middle Eastern affairs. He has extensive experience working at international NGO's filling positions ranging from teaching to financial auditing. He has taught research, debate, public speaking, and writing to ESL students at both non-profit and private educational institutions. He is interested in Middle Eastern geopolitics, particularly as it relates to sectarian divisions and conflicts, and hopes to work in the region.

East Asia and the Pacific Regional Series Moderator

AQIB ZAKARIA is a sophomore at Harvard pursuing Government and East Asian Studies with a citation in Arabic. He previously served as the Policy Chair for a project on human rights commissioned by the U.S. Representative to the Organisation on Islamic Cooperation. Aqib is passionate about Sino-US relations, especially on the topics of relations with Pakistan and Taiwan. He intended to pursue a career in the State Department as a Foreign Service Officer after graduation.

Senior Director of Media Publications

SATOSHI YANAIZU is a junior at Harvard and was born and raised in Japan for 18 years before coming to Harvard. He is concentrating in Social Studies and also an Undergraduate Fellow in Edmond Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard. As a Japanese, Satoshi is interested in the changing geopolitical order in the Indo-Pacific, international political economy, nuclear disarmament, and Anglo-American political philosophy. At HUFPI, he currently serves as a Senior Director of Media Publications and previously chaired a project with the United States Trade Representative on China's industrial overcapacity.

Deputy Director of Relations

ESTHER KIM is a junior at Harvard studying Government and East Asian Studies. Her family lives in Atlanta, but she also went to boarding school in DC and knows the DMV area well. Esther most recently led two projects on South Korea in both military and domestic political arenas. Outside of HUFPI, she works as a Manager at Harvard Student Agencies, dances with the Asian American Dance Troupe, and takes photos for the Harvard Yearbook. She considers the Asian American Christian Fellowship her home, and is passionate about exploring the intersection of religion and society as well as relations and diplomacy in East Asia.

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