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Global Conversations is Coming to St. Paul

Explore the year's most important foreign policy topics with Global Conversations, now expanding to Landmark Center in St. Paul! Global Conversations is our monthly program series on issues significant to the United States' role in the world community.

Led by a local expert, each program takes an in-depth look at the critical international issues that will define the year ahead for global policymakers. And now you have more chances — and location options — to expand your global thinking. Free and open to the public, each Global Conversations offers the perfect opportunity to go beyond the headlines.

Can't make it to St. Paul for a lunchtime presentation? Join us for our evening Global Conversations at the Hennepin County Library — Minneapolis Central.

GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS

The Future of Europe

Trade and Politics

Conflict in the South China Sea

LUNCHTIME

ST. PAUL

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Thursday, February 9

Thursday, March 9

Thursday, April 13

• **Landmark Center**
75 W 5th Street;
Room 326, St. Paul

EVENING

MINNEAPOLIS

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Thursday, February 9

Wednesday, March 8

Thursday, April 13

• **Hennepin County Library – Minneapolis Central**
300 Nicollet Mall,
2nd floor, Minneapolis

*Free and open to the public;
Advance registration requested*

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Celebrating Global Diversity



For nearly 65 years, Global Minnesota has been celebrating global diversity across the state, offering programs and experiences that reach thousands of new people each year and open the hearts and minds of Minnesotans to the world. But in these uncertain times, many people wonder how they can effect positive change in their communities.

One great example of the ability to raise the state's global profile and presence is through our Professional Exchanges program, which brings international young leaders and professional exchange visitors from around the world to Minnesota to share ideas and best practices with community members. Working with local experts across disciplines, we produce a broad spectrum of engaging and informative meetings, workshops, volunteer activities, and site visits to ensure each exchange program has a meaningful impact. Whether it's regional trade issues, countering gender-based violence, or election reform and journalism, the program topic explored is as diverse as the participants themselves, who are eager to connect with community members professionally and socially — including you! In fact, during our February Global Social, Global Minnesota members and their guests will have the opportunity to talk with visitors about their work in cultivating leadership in young women and gender equality.

At Global Minnesota, we strongly believe that building relations across cultures, understanding global issues, and embracing that which is different are critical to the health and growth of communities everywhere. Under these guiding principles, we strive to create programs that broaden perspectives, build intercultural skills, and connect people across cultures. Isn't that what we need at times like this?

Carol Engebretson Byrne



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YOU DID IT!

THANK YOU to the hundreds of donors who gave during our end-of-year campaign. We promise to continue to create global connections that lead to greater understanding and peace. Thank you for believing in Global Minnesota.



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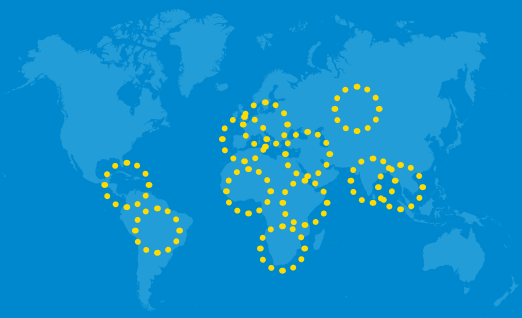
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events



Thursday,
FEBRUARY
16
5:30–7:30 pm



Global Social with International Visitors

More than 20 international visitors from across the globe will travel to Minnesota as part of two exchange programs focused on cultivating leadership in young women and exploring the impact of the electoral process and political activism on gender equality. Be part of this exclusive event for Global Minnesota members and their guests to meet these professionals and learn about their cultures, countries, and work...in an informal social setting. **FEATURING:** Join us for an evening of conversations and connections as we welcome visitors from various countries including Bangladesh, Botswana, Jordan, Malaysia, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Russia, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, and Uganda.

Global Socials are made possible by a generous gift in honor of Katherine W. Merriam.

Minneapolis Club • 729 2nd Ave. S, Minneapolis • Free; Members only; Advance registration required; Includes complimentary hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages; Cash bar available

Wednesday,
FEBRUARY
22
6:30–8:30 pm



Latin America: Prospects for Peace and Progress

From peace in Colombia to new approaches to U.S.-Cuba relations, the rapidly changing news out of Latin America brings both hope and uncertainty. For more than three decades, the Inter-American Dialogue has worked to foster democratic governance, prosperity, and social equity in Latin America and the Caribbean. **FEATURING:** Inter-American Dialogue President Michael Shifter will examine a host of regional challenges – including trade and economic development, security and drug policy, and international migration – and discuss the ways governments, organizations, and individuals throughout the region are working together to meet these pressing issues.

Produced in partnership with the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota.

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Monday,
MARCH
20
6:00-8:00 pm



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Culture Through Cuisine: Caribbean

Spicy jerk chicken, stew oxtails, paratha roti, and Trinidadian fruit medley are all specialty dishes you'll find at Marla's Caribbean Cuisine and on the menu for our next Culture Through Cuisine. In 2005, Marla Jadoonanan achieved her lifelong dream of opening a Caribbean restaurant based on the flavors of her native Trinidad and Tobago and with a deep Indian influence. Since then, Marla's has received numerous awards including *Mpls.St.Paul Magazine's* 50 Best Restaurants in 2014. **FEATURING:** Hear Marla speak about her early days of learning to cook and the enormous flavors she's serving up from her tiny kitchen in South Minneapolis.

Marla's Caribbean Cuisine • 3761 Bloomington Ave., Minneapolis • \$30 Members; \$40 Nonmembers; Includes dinner, non-alcoholic beverages, tax, and gratuity; Advance registration required

**SELECT
SUNDAYS**

1:00-3:00 pm



*Urban Expedition is produced by
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Urban Expedition: Passport to Adventure

Travel the globe without ever leaving the state, with Urban Expedition! Designed for everyone to enjoy, Urban Expedition offers the opportunity to learn about the world right in St. Paul. With a focus on a different destination country, each program in the series provides authentic cultural experiences that include music, dance, crafts, and traditions. It's an ideal event for families or anyone wanting to put a stamp in their passport.

FEATURING: Join us and Landmark Center as we travel to:

- Switzerland, February 12
- Colombia, March 12
- Togo, April 9
- Myanmar (Burma), April 23

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Creating Global Connections

Passionate young leaders from around the globe in a variety of fields are working to define new trajectories for their communities. Their important work brings them to the attention of the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program and the chance to meet face-to-face with counterparts across the U.S. These professional exchange opportunities bring emerging leaders to Minnesota to share ideas and best practices with our communities. As the state's premier coordinator of this program and a top destination for exchange visitors, we brought 439 program participants from 129 countries to Minnesota in 2015–16.

Journalists from **AFRICA**, as part of the Edward R. Murrow exchange program, discussed food security with representatives from the University of Minnesota greenhouses in the Stakman-Borlaug Center for Sustainable Plant Health.

Visitors from **FRANCE** explored the role of faith-based groups in American civic and community life and met with Mohamed Amin Ahmed of Average Mohamed, a cartoon counternarrative to extremism.

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Visitors from **LATIN AMERICA** examined grassroots democracy and met with the Native American Community Development Institute, Minneapolis American Indian Center, and artist Rory Wakemup as he prepared Star Wars-themed costumes for an Indigenous Peoples Day celebration.

Visitors from **NEAR EAST and NORTH AFRICA** met with Dan Phan, Founder and Executive Director of The Late Majority, on the importance of social media and brand building and participated in a virtual reality simulation.



Culinary Diplomacy

Share your culture. Open your home. Impart your local knowledge. Be part of the exchange experience by hosting international exchange participants for dinner. Visitors often stay in hotels, eat at local restaurants, and explore our downtown area. By opening your home to them, you're offering a glimpse into everyday American life while making friendships that can last a lifetime. Dinner hosting is one of several exclusive member-only benefits. Join Global Minnesota to become a dinner host and meet the world on a personal level.



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host an upcoming group.

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globalminnesota.org or call

612.625.4138 to get started!



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Crowning the WorldQuest Champion

The top three teams came within mere points of each other at our 16th annual WorldQuest international trivia competition this past December. But, at the end of the night, only one champion could be crowned and this year's winning team was The Eclectic Society, who scored 41 out of a possible 48 points. After battling it out with a tiebreaker question about Colombia's highest mountain, Pico Cristóbal Colón, The

Advocates for Human Rights and Global World Planet Trivia Quiz Champions claimed second and third place, respectively. And the evening's spirit award went to the International School of Minnesota. Thanks to everyone who played and congratulations to the top teams. **Visit globalminnesota.org/events/past-events for photos and team standings.**

Up next? Academic WorldQuest!

