



## Mexican - U.S. Relations

Our speaker on October 25 is Alicia Kerber, who heads the Mexican Consulate in Philadelphia. She will discuss the current state of diplomatic relations between her country and the United States.

Her appearance comes amid growing tensions between Mexico and the U.S. over trade and border security. President Trump has imposed stiffer trade restrictions and has advocated construction of a wall along the border to keep out illegal immigrants.

Last May, 80 FPA members visited the Mexican Embassy in Washington, DC.

The Mexican Consulate in Philadelphia is responsible for protecting the interests of Mexicans living, working or traveling throughout Pennsylvania, Delaware and South Jersey. The office also facilitates economic, educational and cultural exchanges. Prior to her current assignment, Ms. Kerber held a similar position in Kansas City.

She has represented Mexico as officer for political affairs at the Mexican Embassy in Colombia; consul of Mexico in San Pedro Sula, Honduras; and deputy representative of Mexico before the Organization of American States in Washington. She also served for two years as deputy head of mission at the Mexican Embassy in Ireland.

Born in Mexico City, Ms. Kerber has worked in the Mexican foreign service since 1991, completing assignments in the areas of environment, natural resources and human rights. She holds a doctorate degree in international law from the National Autonomous University of Mexico. She has written several articles and essays for academic journals, both in Mexico and elsewhere, on subjects related to international organizations regional security, and human rights.

## Pollster Madonna to Speak

Pennsylvania pollster G. Terry Madonna will speak at Lebanon Valley College on October 11 at an event jointly arranged by the college and the FPA. His topic: "The Role of International Issues in the Midterm Congressional Elections."

The event will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Leedy Theater, located inside the Mund College Center on the LVC campus in Annville.

Madonna is director of the Center for Politics and Public Affairs at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster.

## October 25 Dinner Arrangements

**Place:** West Shore Country Club  
100 Brentwater Road  
Camp Hill, PA 17011  
(Please note the new location.)

**Time:** 5:30 PM: Social Hour (Cash Bar)  
6:30 PM: Sit-Down Dinner  
8 PM: Presentation w/ Q & A  
**(Note the talk will begin at 8, not 7:30.)**

**Menu:** Tomato Bisque  
Siracha-Bourbon Roast Chicken Breast  
Green Onion Basmati Rice  
Buttered Baby Carrots  
Pumpkin Mousse with Caramel Sauce

*Those with special dietary needs may request a substitution when making a reservation. If you order a substitute meal, remember to pick up a coded tag at the table and put it by your place. Alternate meals will be chicken unless chicken is the main course – then fish will be the alternate or vegetarian, which will be chef's choice, typically non-meat pasta.*

**The cost for FPA members is \$30.  
We welcome non-members to attend dinners.  
The non-member cost is \$35.**

There is no charge for anyone to attend the program presentation only, beginning at 8 PM.

**For Reservations Contact:** Ron Pontius at:  
[ronpon@comcast.net](mailto:ronpon@comcast.net) or (717) 991-0899

You can also click on the reservations link on the FPA web site: [www.fpa-harrisburg.org](http://www.fpa-harrisburg.org)

**Reservations by e-mail and telephone must be made by 10 AM Monday, October 22. If you come for dinner without a reservation, the country club may charge a late fee of up to \$10 per person.**

When making or canceling a dinner reservation, give your complete *name, address and phone number*. We need that information to notify you if a meeting is canceled due to the weather or for any other reason.

**NOTE: We bill no-shows.**

No-shows will be billed unless there are sufficient walk-ins to meet the reservation number given to the West Shore Country Club.

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## Globalism vs. Nationalism

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Orfeo Fioretos, who teaches international relations and economics at Temple University, says globalism and nationalism are not polar opposites, as some might suggest, but acknowledged that there long has been tension between the two.

Fioretos addressed the Foreign Policy Association on September 27 just two days after President Trump, in a speech before the United Nations, declared that the United States rejects the ideology of globalism and accepts the ideology of patriotism.

Fioretos said there was nothing unusual about a country giving priority to its own national interests, but that as a world power, the U.S. needs to remain actively engaged in international affairs.

He emphasized four points:

- There is nothing new about the struggle between globalism and nationalism.
- Anti-globalism divides political conservatives.
- Extreme nationalism often inhibits a country's international relations.
- Nationalism is a poor platform in the long term and tends to undermine some of America's greatest accomplishments on the world stage.

Fioretos described internationalism as the glue that holds the world together and paves the way toward peace and prosperity.

He said that while the tension is real between globalism and nationalism, this tension is heightened by political leaders who blame globalism for standing in the way of their domestic agendas.

He said globalism remains a weak force in today's world, that the U.S. and other nations continue to put their own interests ahead of international cooperation.

Fioretos is a former president of the International History and Politics Section of the American Political Science Association. He holds a doctorate degree from Columbia University.

### 2018-2019 Program Topics / Schedule All Events at the West Shore Country Club Except the International Fellows Reception

<b>Oct. 25</b>	Mexican - U.S. Relations
<b>Nov. 28</b>	Terrorism, Counterterrorism, and the West 4th Annual President's Speakers Series Philip Mudd, former CIA and FBI official <u>ADVANCED RESERVATIONS REQUIRED</u>
<b>Dec. 13</b>	International Fellows Reception U.S. Army Heritage Center, Carlisle <u>ADVANCED RESERVATIONS REQUIRED</u>
<b>Jan. 24</b>	Fight for Middle East Leadership: Saudi Arabia, Iran, and Turkey
<b>Feb. 27</b>	Russia's War on Western Democracies
<b>March 28</b>	Current State of Arms Control
<b>April 25</b>	National Defense Strategy
<b>May 16</b>	Japan and East Asia
<b>May ??</b>	Embassy Trip, to be determined

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