Globalism vs. Nationalism

Our speaker on September 27, launching the 2018-2019 program year, will be Orfeo Fioretos, associate professor of political science at Temple University, where he teaches international relations, economics and global governance.

He will address a subject very much in the news today, Globalism vs. Nationalism, or whether the United States can continue to be an influential world leader and still promote its own economic interests, sometimes to the detriment of other nations.

It will be the FPA’s first gathering since deciding to change the venue of its monthly meeting site from the Radisson Hotel Harrisburg to the West Shore Country Club in Camp Hill.

Prof. Fioretos is the recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award from Temple’s College of Liberal Arts and has chaired the Undergraduate and Departmental Honors Programs.

His academic research has focused on the politics of markets and international institutions. He is the author of Creative Reconstructions: Multilateralism and European Varieties of Capitalism after 1950 (2011) and editor of International Politics and Institutions in Time (2017). He co-edited The Oxford Handbook of Historical Institutionalism (2016).


His work also appears in Varieties of Capitalism: The Institutional Foundations of Competitive Advantage; Marking History: European Integration and Institutional Change at Fifty; The Oxford Handbook of European Union; and Historical Institutionalism and International Relations.

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

New Members

The Foreign Policy Association is pleased to announce the following new members:

Gil (Gilbert) Brown, Harrisburg; Pedro Lozada, Harrisburg; William and Susan Mullin, Mechanicsburg; Robert and Noreen Quinn, Mechanicsburg; Nancy E. Toole, East Berlin; and William W. Warren Jr., Lemoyne.

September 27

Dinner Arrangements

(Note that there are several changes from last year.)

Place: West Shore Country Club
100 Brentwater Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Time: 5:30 PM: Social Hour (Cash Bar)
6:30 PM: Sit-Down Dinner
7:30 PM: Presentation w/ Q & A

Menu: Garden Greens Tossed Salad
Braised Swiss Steak Jardinière
Mashed Russet Potatoes with Pan Gravy
Fall Vegetable Medley
Fruits of Forest Pie Vegetable Gravy

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 7:30 PM.

For Reservations Contact: Ron Pontius at:
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You can also click on the reservations link on the FPA web site: www.fpa-harrisburg.org

Reservations by e-mail and telephone must be made by 10 AM on the Monday before the meeting. If you come for dinner without a reservation, the 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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The Two Koreas
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James F. Person, a widely recognized expert on the two Koreas, says the United States will be hard-pressed to convince North Korea to abandon nuclear weapons, at least not without making certain concessions that the U.S. has declined to make in the past.

These concessions include normalization of diplomatic relations, mutual security assurances, an economic trade agreement, and a final peace treaty officially ending the Korean War.

Person, professor of Korean studies at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, spoke at the May 17 meeting of the Foreign Policy Association. More than 120 FPA members and guests were in attendance.

(In June, President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un met in Singapore. Kim promised to "work toward the complete denuclearization of the Korean peninsula," but no specific agreement has been finalized.)

North Korea long has understood the power of nuclear weapons following the World War II-ending attacks on Japan, Person said. Moreover, the U.S. threatened North Korea with nuclear attack during the Korean War and deployed tactical nuclear weapons to South Korea in 1958.

Person said there was a time when North Korea's nuclear program was a bargaining chip able to be negotiated away in exchange for relations with the U.S. However, that changed with the toppling of Iraq's Saddam Hussein and Libya's Muammar Gaddafi.

In short, Kim is fearful that without a nuclear defense capability, the U.S. will seek the same kind of regime change in North Korea that it has brought about in other parts of the world. Some of the "fire and fury" rhetoric coming out of Washington lately has made the North Koreans even more edgy, Person said.

He noted that North Korea once relied on the Soviet Union for protection, but began to lose confidence in that alliance after the Soviets caved to the U.S. during the Cuban missile crisis in 1962. Then there was the collapse of the Soviet bloc of nations in 1991.

He said North Korean denuclearization is not likely to come about without the same conditions that they have insisted upon for the past 40 years.