



World Affairs Council *of Western Michigan*

2020-2021 Events

All programs held virtually in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Special Events:	
9/17/2020	A Conversation with Her Excellency Martha Bárcena Coqui, Mexican Amb. to the U.S.
9/22/2020	Talking Java with Frankie Volkema, local entrepreneur
11/10-11/11/2020	"CHINA Town Hall" with Ray Dalio, and local panel with Cary Justice, Tim Liang, and Jim Ward
2/04/2021	"The Korean – U.S. Alliance," KEI and WACA panel with Mark Tokola, Sung-hoon Park, and Jennifer Brannan
2/16/2021	A Conversation with Consul General Zhao Jian, Consul General of the PRC in Chicago
4/13/2021	A Conversation with Her Royal Highness Ambassador Reema Bandar Al-Saud, The Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia
5/27/2021	A Conversation with Consul General of the Netherlands in Chicago, Bart Twaalfhoven
6/03/2021	"Fighting Global Corruption" with Alex Covington, U.S. Dept. of State's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL)
Ann. Event- Vandenberg Prize	
6/21/2021	Vandenberg Prize with General James Mattis, fmr. Sec. of Defense with moderation by Rep. Peter Meijer (MI-3); Hillman-Orr Award to Amb.(ret.) Peter Secchia (posthumous)
National Conference(s)	
11/16-11/20/2020	"New Frontiers in Diplomacy and National Security," WACA Nat'l Conference
11/10-12/3/2020	"Journalism Under Fire" Conference from Santa Fe International Relations Council
Fall Lecture Series	
10/01/2020	"The Future of Hong Kong," with Jennifer Staats, USIP
10/13/2020	"LikeWar" with P.W. Singer, author and strategist
10/27/2020	"Policing in a Global Context" with Patrick Skinner, Savannah P.D.
Great Decisions Global Discussions: Monday evenings virtually	
2/08/2021	"North Korea: Getting Diplomacy Back on Track" with Suzanne DiMaggio, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
2/22/2021	"The European Union: The New Agenda Post-Brexit" with Tomas Baert, European Delegation to the U.S.
2/23/2021	"Have We Learned Anything about this Pandemic?" with Andrew Natsios, Texas A&M
3/01/2021	"The Future of Business and Global Supply Chains" with Judy Samuelson, Aspen Institute and Brian Kraus, Amway

3/08/2021	"Sustainable Globalization Post- COVID-19" with Julia Luscombe, Feeding America
3/15/2021	"The Warming Arctic" with Kaare Erickson, Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation, and Bob Hollister, GVSU
3/22/2021	"China in Africa" moderated discussion of FPA video with Mike DeVivo, GRCC
3/29/2021	"The Saudi-Arabian- U.S. Relationship: Decades in the Making" with Thomas Lippman, former Middle East section head for the <i>Washington Post</i>
"Community Resilience" series in partnership with Kent District Library	
4/15/2021	"Towards a Newly Vital Midwest" with John Austin, Michigan Economic Center
4/19/2021	"Empowered People = Community Resilience" panel discussion with Tarah Carnahan, Treetops Collective, Willie Patterson III, LINC Up, Carlos Sanchez, Latino Business and Economic Development Center at Ferris State U.
4/26/2021	"Responsive Government = Community Resilience" panel discussion with Nicole Hofert, City of Wyoming, Stephen Kepley, Mayor of Kentwood, Milinda Ysasi, GR City Commissioner
WTW	
5/04/2021	"Canada, U.S., and Michigan: Mapping the Business Landscape" with Consul General of Canada in Detroit Joseph Comartin and Maryscott (Scotty) Greenwood, Canada American Business Council
WorldQuest	
5/11/2021	International Trivia Game for local corporate and educational teams
Global Mixers (Programming for young professionals and the young at heart—Drinks and discussion after Great Decisions programming)	
Global Leaders Programming	
1/13/2021	Global Leaders Retreat –Cultural Intelligence Workshop