

Transatlantic Leadership Seminar on Faith, Leadership, and Power

Rome, Istanbul, and London

November 11th to 18th, 2018

Preliminary Agenda

Please note that the agenda is still subject to change.

The 2018 Transatlantic Leadership Seminar on Faith, Leadership, and Power will take a cohort of 25 leaders from Europe and the United States to Rome, Istanbul, and London to explore how faith informs leadership across sectors today's world. Participants will have a unique opportunity to engage with more than 40 leaders in intimate, frank, and dynamic conversation and learn how tradition and spirituality shape our values, priorities, and norms. Solutions to pressing contemporary issues will also be explored, while group reflection and debriefs will help participants identify key leadership takeaways.

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Rome, Italy and Vatican City

Grand Hotel De Minerva

(November 11th-13th)

Sunday, November 11

Rome

The Seminar will begin with a welcome reception, which will allow participants to get to know each other, share their reasons for having joined the Seminar, and reflect on the ways tradition and spirituality have influenced their own leadership trajectories.

Afternoon

Introduction to the Seminar and the Cohort

Welcome Remarks:

Kevin Cottrell (MMF '08)

Guido Goldman Director, Leadership Programs, GMF

Seminar Orientation:

Lora Berg

Counselor for Inclusive Leadership, GMF

Filip Vojvodic Medic

Deputy Director, Leadership Programs, GMF

Dinner with alumni

Welcome Reception at the First Diplomatic Representation to the Holy See

Welcome Remarks:

Incoming **Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain** (Confirmed)

Themes:

The history of the oldest permanent diplomatic mission in the world
The function of diplomatic representations to the Holy See
Contemporary priorities of the Kingdom of Spain's mission

Monday, November 12

On the second day we will explore how spirituality has been impacting society since antiquity; the contributions that different traditions have had on Western conceptions of morality, community, and solidarity; and how this shapes public perceptions, discourse, and policy.

Breakfast

Spirituality and Humanity

Speaker:

Antonio Spadaro

Editor, La Civiltà Cattolica (Invited)

Themes:

Introduction to humanity's relationship with faith
What human needs does spirituality satisfy and how
How has faith changed its forms through centuries
What are the similarities and differences between faiths
What crossroads do faiths face today

Morning

Visit to the Pantheon

Presenter:

David Dawson Vasquez

Instructor of Dogmatic and Fundamental Theology (Confirmed)

Themes:

Pantheon as an architectural and spiritual symbol

The imperial cult in ancient Rome

Transition to Christianity

Divine right and the cult of royalty

Pantheon and Italian identity

Lunch

Judaism Today

Speaker:

Riccardo Di Segni

Chief Rabbi, Rome (Invited)

Themes:

Jewish history in Italy

Judaism and modernity

Relations with Islam and Christianity

Persistence of anti-Semitism

Afternoon

Pastoral Christianity – Visit to La Comunita di Santegidio

Speaker and Host:

Claudio Mario Betti

Deputy Secretary General and Director for Special Operation ,
Community of Sant'Egidio, Rome and Former Minister of Integration
(Confirmed)

Themes:

Inspiration for and priorities of pastoral care

The mission and work of La Comunita di Santegidio

The Holy See's setting of moral compass regarding the refugee crisis

Faith-secular collaboration regarding humanitarian and social issues

Dinner

Leadership in Transition

Speaker:

Matteo Renzi

Former Prime Minister and Current Member of the Senate (Invited)

Themes:

The spirit of our time

Technological revolution

Demographic change

Diversification of faith

The pathway forward for pluralist societies

Tuesday, November 13

The program in Rome will end with a look at the ongoing efforts of the Holy See to set a moral compass for contemporary issues and foster reconciliation among faiths and nations.

Breakfast

Introduction to the Holy See

Speaker:

Paolo Rodari

Journalist, "La Repubblica (Invited)

The leadership style of Pope Francis

The Holy See's contemporary priorities

Key individuals in Pope Francis's papacy

Relationships among different constituencies of the Catholic community

Morning

Vatican Diplomacy

Speaker: **TBD**

The Holy See's diplomatic priorities

Reconciliation efforts with other churches and faiths

Relations with the Islamic world

Work to advance religious freedoms at the global level

Departure for Istanbul

Istanbul, Turkey

Adahan Istanbul Hotel

(November 13th-15th)

Tuesday, November 13

The seminar will move to Istanbul, the former seat of the Ottoman Caliphate, and the capital of the preceding Orthodox Christian Byzantine Empire. This segment of the program will analyze the role of faith in the community; and the challenges of reconciling religion with modernity.

Late Dinner

Welcome to Istanbul

Remarks:

Ozgur Unluhisarcikli

Director, Ankara Office, GMF

Introduction to the program and context

Wednesday, November 14

The program will begin with looking at the role faith plays in the cultivation and execution of social movements; key developments that are fostering change within societies; issues regarding social equality for women and minorities; and how Western analysis of these trends affects approaches to the region.

Breakfast

Faith and Politics in the Middle East

Speaker:

Wadah Khanfar

President, Al Sharq Forum, and Former Director General of the Al-Jazeera Television Network

Themes:

Faith inspired movements in the region

Principle objectives of these movements

Contemporary trends

(Mis)interpretations in the West

Morning

Islam in Turkey

Speaker:

Ali Bardakoğlu

Former Head of Directorate of Religious Affairs (Diyanet)

Themes:

Islam as a bedrock of community
How Turkey manages its religious affairs
Faith inspired changes to educational curricula
Public manifestations of faith

Lunch

Women and Islam

Speakers:

Binnaz Toprak

Political Scientist and Former Member of Parliament (CHP)

TBD

Marmara University Faculty of Theology

Themes:

Gender in theology

Rights vs tradition

Women and work

Feminism in Islam

Visual expression of faith

Afternoon

Business and Faith

Speaker:

Nail Olpak

President, Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey (DEİK)

Themes:

Islamic finance

Role of social capital in business operations

Business transactions across faith lines

CSR in the Islamic world

Dinner with alumni

Minorities in Turkey

Hosted by:

Ali Ercan Özgür, Founder, IDEMA (MMF'09)

Keynote:

Anna Maria Beylunioğlu Athlon, Political Scientist and Expert in
Minority Studies

Themes:

Legal recognition
Employment opportunities
Access to public services
Visibility in public debates

Thursday, November 15

The final day in Istanbul will focus on the rich and varied diversity that the city has been home to over the course of its long history. The program will conclude with looking at the relationship between different branches of faith, relations between the two largest Churches of Christendom, and how religion is adapting to the changes brought on by globalization.

Breakfast

Orthodox Christianity and Modernity

Speaker:

Sahak Maşalyan

Director for Churches and Interreligious Dialogue, Turkish Armenian
Patriarchate

Themes:

Impact of globalization
Dichotomy between modern life and teachings of faith
Potential solutions
Orthodox and Western Christianity
Relations among Orthodox Churches

Morning

Visit to Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque

Themes:

Worship through Architecture
Confluence of Abrahamic Religions

Validation of Authority through Faith
The Role of Imagery and Text in Religious Expression

Lunch

Diversity Within the House of Islam

Speakers:

Cemil Boyraz

Associate Professor of Political Science, Istanbul Bilgi University

Doğan Demir

Head of Alevi Culture Associations

Themes:

Diversity in Islamic thought

Demarcations in religious belief

The Alevi experience in Turkey

Paths towards reconciliation and coexistence

Departure for London

London, the United Kingdom

The Montague on the Gardens

(November 15th-18th)

Thursday, November 15

London

The Seminar will end in one of the most diverse capitals in Europe, led by mayor Sadiq Khan as the first member of the Muslim community to hold this office in the city's history.

Late Dinner

Welcome to London

Remarks:

Marc Leland

Recent Co-Chairman, GMF Board of Trustees

Friday, November 16

The program will first look at the policies of inclusion that have enabled a society as diverse as the United Kingdom's to be stable, vibrant, and prosperous for so long. Special attention will be given to the unique role of the Church of England in the affairs of state and

faith, dialogue of secular and religious voices on key social issues, and divisive impact of Brexit.

Morning

The Church and State

Speaker:

The Archbishop of Canterbury **Justin Welby** (Invited)

Themes:

Church of England as a state religion
How this role has changed over time
Relations with other faiths and areas of collaboration
Ordination of women and other advancements of inclusion
Engaging community as service provider and intermediary

Lunch

City and Faith

Speakers:

Matthew Ryder (Invited)

Deputy Mayor, Social Integration, Social Mobility, Community Engagement, City of London

Amy Lame (Confirmed)

Night Czar, City of London

Themes:

State-faith relations
Strategies for integration
Resurgence of hate crime
Policies to strengthen pluralism and inclusion

Afternoon

Religious Education

Orthodox Jewish School (Outreach ongoing)

Legal framework
Mission and objectives
Benefit for society
Religious curriculum

Dinner

Spirituality and Modernity

Speaker:
Yuval Noah Harari, Historian (Invited)

Themes:

Scientific acceleration
Human mastery over environment
The advent of big data and threat to human position of dominance
Contemporary perception of divinity

Saturday, November 17

The program will end with an immersion into the new London and engagement with local leadership that works on advancing political and social integration and social mobility. The day will conclude with a debrief and a farewell dinner.

Early Morning

Elected to Represent New Demographics

Speakers:
Cllr Sanchia Alasia
Mayor of Barking and Dagenham (Confirmed)
Rokhsana Fiaz
Mayor of Newham (Confirmed)

Themes:

Priorities of traditionally underrepresented communities
Vertical and horizontal coalition building
Traditional sources of leadership in the community
Brexit's impact on culture, society, and politics

Late Morning

The Pathway Forward for Faith Leadership

Speaker:
Shaykh Shams Ud Doha
Co-founder and Director of Ebrahim College (Invited)

What should the priorities be for faith leadership
Strategies for faith leaders to meet these priorities
The role of faith leadership in pluralistic society
Religious freedoms and its prospects in post-Brexit Britain

Lunch

Rights and Morality

Speakers:

Ruth Hunt

CEO, Stonewall (Confirmed)

Asma Khan

Founder, Darjeeling Express (Invited)

Themes:

Contemporary issues

Secular-faith dialogue

Strategies for conflict resolution

Success stories

Afternoon

Debrief

Facilitator:

Kevin Cottrell (MMF '08)

Guido Goldman Director, Leadership Programs, GMF

Evening

Farewell Dinner

GMF's Transatlantic Leadership Seminar enables leaders from business, government, and civil society to stay at the forefront of trends in the 21st century. Each rendition lasts seven to nine days, is expert led, and takes place in a region experiencing rapid change. Participants engage with more than 40 leaders in open, frank, and dynamic conversations, and benefit from firsthand experience and group reflection. The Seminars rely on GMF's extensive network of partners and 35-plus years of strategic convening to offer programs of the highest quality.

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Previous seminars examined the future of global engagement in California and Mexico in 2017; strategies for recovery from austerity in Greece and Italy in 2015; developments in global north-south cooperation in France and Morocco in 2014; and post-conflict reconciliation and reform in Bosnia, Croatia, and Serbia in 2013.

Transatlantic Leadership Seminars are exclusive to members of GMF's transatlantic leadership network, which includes alumni of the following programs: the **Marshall Memorial Fellowship**, **Manfred Wörner Seminar**, **Transatlantic Inclusion Leaders Network**, Asmus Policy Entrepreneurs Fellowship, APSA Congressional Fellowship, and New Länder Fellowship.