The Global Rise of Populist Nationalism?
Dr. Francis Fukuyama, Stanford University
Friday, July 14, 2017
11:30 am registration ~ noon luncheon ~ 1:00-2:00 program
Rancho Canada, Carmel Valley Road

On both sides of the Atlantic large segments of the electorate have come to feel that globalization and existing political systems really do not meet their needs. The consequences of growing immigration, 9/11, the great recession, and conflict throughout the Muslim world have exacerbated these sentiments, leading to both aggressive nationalist and populist political movements. President Donald Trump’s victory in November 2016 is attributed to these trends in the United States. Many political scientists believe we are entering a new age of “populist nationalism.”

Acclaimed author Dr. Francis Fukuyama will analyze the waves of populist nationalism in our country and abroad and their impact on democracy and world order. He will also share his views on whether such movements are sustainable.

Dr. Fukuyama is an American political scientist, perhaps best known for his book The End of History and the Last Man (1992). His most recent and also highly acclaimed book is Political Order and Political Decay: From the Industrial Revolution to the Globalization of Democracy (2014).

After earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in classics from Cornell and his Ph.D. in political science from Harvard, Dr. Fukuyama joined the Political Science Department at RAND. Later he served on the Policy Planning Staff of the U.S. Department of State. He has also previously taught at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced Studies at the Johns Hopkins University and George Mason University. He is now the Oliver Nomellini Senior Fellow at Stanford University’s Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies.

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May Program Report ………..

Congressional Politics
and Foreign Affairs
by The Honorable Sam Farr

The Honorable Sam Farr, former U.S. Congressman from our district, spoke to the World Affairs Council at our luncheon on May 31.

Mr. Farr gave a wide ranging presentation on how Congress interfaces with the process of forming American foreign policy. He commented that generally, no one gets elected to Congress on the basis of their foreign policy positions and that many in Congress are not widely travelled.

He pointed out that the entities driving our foreign policy are frequently lobbyists. Lobbyist’s funds, and the interests they represent, have great influence on which foreign policy programs Congress funds. A key issue has been that the funds the United States provides to other countries frequently carry the requirement that US companies/subcontractors do the work. Therefore, the funding may not always have the trickle down effect on those countries’ economies that one would expect.

Mr. Farr indicated that in the current administration many State Department programs, that had given us an important presence around the world, have been eliminated and this is a concern.

He reminded us that all politics is local, and if you want to influence things, write to your Congressional representatives.

TRAVEL THE WORLD
WACA FLAGSHIP PROGRAM

The World Affairs Council travel program seems like a well kept secret—but it shouldn’t be! Some of our members are on the mailing list to receive travel brochures from the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia. Others just need to ask. Because WACMB is a member of the Cooperating Council, we’re all eligible to share the benefits of Philadelphia’s Flagship program.

For more than thirty-five years, WAC of Philadelphia has offered a travel program of particular appeal. The trips offer all the highlights of touring, as well as access to political leaders and local experts who give behind-the-scenes briefings. Besides our “Inside” tours, many land tours and cruises are led by Council leaders experienced in the fields of diplomacy, journalism or academia. It’s a value-added opportunity! And, because WAC conducts its travel in small groups (cruises of 85-200 on small ships) there’s ample opportunity to “meet the people.” The Council is a firm believer in “citizen diplomat travel” and organizes local panel discussions, visits local schools and NGOs, dines with a local family or even listens to an Iman. We’re creating Soft power!

Mark your calendar for next year! Even a private jet, all-inclusive, expedition is offered! This year, for 23 days fifty guests will explore nine emerging destinations, from the Baltics to Iran, in one seamless, all-inclusive journey.

Traveling with the WAC benefits you as well as WACMB. Our organization receives $100 to $200 for each member who signs-up with the Philadelphia travel program. Members should call that office directly at 800-942-5004 x 209 or email jrussell@wacphila.org.

Better inform yourself by looking up Travel the World on your computer or by picking up a new travel brochure at the luncheon reception desk. And another thing! The WAC is looking for knowledgeable Council leaders to act as “hosts”.

What a way to go!
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LEAVING SOON - - - - -
(with some summer savings offered)

Island Life in Cuba on a People-to-People opportunity with Ambassador Vicki Hudderston. See UNESCO World Heritage sites and immerse yourself in Cuba’s history, culture and daily life. October 14-22.


Passage through the Panama Canal - a small ship cruise with former Ambassador to Panama, Barbara Stephenson. February 9-19.

Southern Africa - explore the vibrant beauty and culture of South Africa and Zimbabwe, track wildlife on safari and explore Victoria Falls with Dr. Carla Thorson. February 18-March 5.

BOOK CLUB
Meets July 12 at 5 pm in the Monterey Public Library to review Brexit: Why Britain Voted to Leave the EU by Harold Clarke. Next month; The Storied City: The Quest for Timbuktu and the Fantastic Mission to Save its Past, by Charles English. Everyone’s welcome. See you there!

LUNCHEON MENU
House Salad with Ranch Dressing
Pork Loin Piccata
Roasted Potatoes
Chef’s Choice Dessert
(Vegetarian)
Vegetable Napoleon
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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