Globalization: A Double-Sided Coin or A Double-Edged Sword

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Annual Globalization Conference
for
UConn Early College Experience Students
Globalization is a highly charged topic that is seen as either a positive force that speeds economic sustainability of underdeveloped countries or as a negative movement that diminishes the importance of a nation and marginalizes the poor. This interdisciplinary conference will host noted University of Connecticut scholars, Stamford business leaders, and over 80 UConn Early College Experience Students to debate the effects of globalization and discern the many aspects of this political, social, and environmental reality.

**Discussants**

- Gene Rostov - President, General Resource Corporation
- William Alpert - Associate Professor of Economics
- Paul Edelberg - Attorney, Murtha Cullina Law
- Charles Yarish - Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
- Eileen Heaphy - Board of Representatives, City of Stamford
- Morty Ortega - Associate Professor of Natural Resources Management
- Eric McDonald - Program Director, WSTC/WNLK, Cox Broadcasting
- Jeff Lefebvre - Associate Professor of Political Science
- Jack Condlin - President & CEO, Stamford Chamber of Commerce
- Anthony Ciuffreda - Adjunct Professor of Political Science
- Garry Feldman - President, U.S. Computer Connection
- Francisco Delgado - Adjunct Professor of Finance
- Kathleen Walsh - President & CEO, The Stamford Partnership, Inc.
- Kathleen DeChant - Professor of Management

**Participating High Schools**

- Bridgeport Aquaculture – Environmental Science – Representing: South Korea
- Fairfield Warde – History – Representing: Turkey
- RHAM – Spanish - Representing: Cuba
- Shelton – Economics - Representing: International Monetary Fund (IMF)

**Room Assignments**

Students are divided into seven groups by color. During the Session/Roundtable Discussions groups are to meet in these rooms.

- Red Room 215
- Orange Room 216
- Green Room 218
- Blue Room 222
- Purple Room 226
- Gray Room 229
- Brown Room 233

After the sessions, groups are to return to the auditorium for lunch and presentations.

**Presentation Judges**

- Brian A. Boecherer - Associate Director, UConn ECE
- Eric McDonald - Program Director, WSTC/WNLK, Cox Broadcasting
- Terry Reilly - Associate Director Enrollment Management, UConn
- Gillian Thorne - Director, UConn ECE

**The Center for Globalization and Commerce** is a partnership between the University of Connecticut - Stamford and the Stamford Chamber of Commerce. Their mission is to increase awareness of globalization and facilitate the connection between business, industry, and education.