

FES New York 2023 Fall Academy:

“The New World Disorder? From Polycrises to Multilateral Responses”

A Training for Young International Policy Makers

Monday, November 6, 2023 - Friday, November 10, 2023

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Summary

The Fall Academy is a week-long training organized by the FES Office in New York. Participants are young policy makers from FES' worldwide partner network. The 2023 FES New York Fall Academy will take place against the backdrop of several unfolding global crises (climate change, war in Ukraine, post-Covid economic recovery, debt relief). Participants will receive first-hand information from international political experts, diplomats, and UN officials on how these challenges are addressed by international diplomacy and through cooperation at the United Nations. The Academy is a timely event after the UN's half-time report on the Agenda 2030 for sustainable development and in the run-up to a much-anticipated 2024 Summit of the Future.

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Final Program

Saturday, November 4	
Arrival and check-in at Pod 39 Hotel (145 East 39th Street, New York, NY 10016)	
Sunday, November 5	
5:30 PM	Meet in hotel lobby; walk to restaurant
6:00 PM	Welcome Dinner for Participants at restaurant Copinette , 891 1st Ave., New York, NY 10022
Day 1: Monday, November 6 Note Takers: Bence Havas, Elissa Halabi	
9:30 AM	Pick up from Pod 39 Hotel walk to FES NY Office 747 Third Avenue, Suite 34D (34th Floor) (On Third Ave between 46 th & 47 th St) New York, NY 10017
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Introduction to the Fall Academy Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Bröning, Executive Director, FES NY • Volker Lehmann, Senior Policy Analyst, FES NY
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Elevator Pitch: “When I am Awake at Night” Participants present their biggest concern and hope for the future (will be the basis for a product presented at the end of the week)
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Walk to UNHQ; pass through security at the entrance; photo ops

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	UN tour
1:45 PM – 2:45 PM	Lunch Break (outside the office)
2:45 PM – 3:15 PM	Walk back to FES NY Office
3:15 PM – 4:30 PM	<p>Roundtable Discussion: “What Role for Multilateralism in Times of Multicrisis?”</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jimena Leiva Roesch, Director of Global Initiatives, International Peace Institute • Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Professor of International Affairs, The New School <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Bröning, FES NY
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Group Discussion (led by participants): “Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability”
<p>Day 2: Tuesday, November 7 Note Takers: Valeska Chiriboga, Rana Hamza Iljaz, Nathaniel Haas</p>	
9:30 AM	Pick up from Pod 39 Hotel; walk to FES NY Office
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Recap Led by Note Takers Day 1
10:15 AM – 12:00 PM	<p>Roundtable discussion: “The UN Security Council in Times of Great Power Conflict: Myth and Reality”</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dawit Yirga, Deputy Managing Editor, Security Council Report • Daniel Forti, Senior UN Analyst, International Crisis Group

	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volker Lehmann, FES NY
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch Break (outside the office)
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	<p>Roundtable Discussion: “Global Human Rights: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back?”</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louis Charbonneau, UN Representative, Human Rights Watch • Renzo Pomi, UN Representative, Amnesty International <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Bröning, FES NY
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Break
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	<p>Roundtable Discussion: “Changing Climate, Stagnant Diplomacy: What to Expect from COP 28”</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timo Stühm, Climate Lead, Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN • Sharon Lindo, Climate Lead, Permanent Mission of Samoa to the UN • Muath Alwari (tbc.), Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the UN <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volker Lehmann, FES NY
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Group Discussion (led by participants): “Advancing Gender Equality”

Day 3: Wednesday, November 8
Note Takers: Mao Jing, Olga Mnishko, Noxolo Bhengu

9:30 AM	Pick up from Pod 39 Hotel; walk to FES NY Office
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Recap Led by Note Takers Day 2
10:15 AM – 11:30 AM	<p>“Winning Hearts and Minds: Op Ed Writing for Advocacy”</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel Danna, Deputy Managing Editor, Project Syndicate
11:30 AM – 11:45 AM	Break
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	<p>Roundtable Discussion “Can the UN Still be Useful in the Struggle for Gender Equality?”</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vivek Rai, Deputy Director, Civil Society Division, UN Women • Antonia Kirkland, Global Lead - Legal Equality and Access to Justice, Equality Now <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volker Lehmann, FES NY
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch at FES NY Office
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Group Discussion (led by participants): “Decent Work and Labor Rights”
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	<p>Meeting with Ambassador Munir Akram, Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Bröning, FES NY
Day 4: Thursday, November 9	

Note Takers: Lana Kučer, Jesutimilehin Akamo	
9:30 AM	Pick up from Pod 39 Hotel; walk to FES NY Office
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Recap Led by Note Takers Day 3
10:15 AM – 11:45 AM	<p>Roundtable Discussion: “Agenda 2030 is Dead – Long Live Agenda 2050?”</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juan Jose Martinez Badillo, Chief, UNCTAD New York Office • John Romano, Coordinator, TAP Network <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volker Lehmann, FES NY
11:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Break
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	<p>Roundtable Discussion: “The Future of Development Finance”</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oliver Schwank, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, UN-DESA • Robert Powell, Special Representative of the International Monetary Fund to the United Nations • Anita Thomas, Chair, NGOs on FfD Executive Board <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sara Burke, FES New York
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Lunch Break at FES NY Office
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Walk to German Mission to the UN
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Meeting with Ambassador Thomas Zahneisen , Deputy Permanent

	Representative of Germany to the United Nations
4:00 PM – 4:15 PM	Return to FES NY Office
4:15 PM – 4:30 PM	Break
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Group Discussion (led by participants): “How to Counter Global Polarization”
Day 5: Friday, November 10 Discussion and Future Projects	
9:30 AM	Pick up from Pod 39 Hotel; walk to FES NY Office
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Recap Led by Note Takers Day 4
10:15 AM – 11:30 AM	<p>Roundtable Discussion “Will the 2024 Summit of the Future revive the UN?”</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yasser Baki, Our Common Agenda Team, Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG), UN • Liliane Nkuzimana, Representative of the Baha'i International Community to the UN <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volker Lehmann, FES NY
11:30 AM – 11:45 AM	Break
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	Presentation of Products (based on “elevator pitch” day 1)

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch Buffet at FES NY Office
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Final group discussion: Evaluation, brainstorming and follow-up
Saturday, November 11	
Departure from New York	