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## What is SCUSA?

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The United States Military Academy at West Point hosts SCUSA every fall. It is the oldest and largest conference of its type and is attended by approximately 200 undergraduate students from over 125 colleges and universities worldwide. The experiences of SCUSA inspire many delegates to pursue a career in public service. Equally important, the four-day conference provides a foundation for strong civil-military relationships among future leaders in the military and public policy.

### ➤ A venue for new ideas

Throughout the conference, the student delegates will discuss and debate the impact of past and current events on the national strategy of the United States and work to formulate sound policy recommendations for the U.S. government.

### ➤ A unique interaction with America's military

While attending SCUSA, delegates will get a unique glimpse into the daily life of the United States Corps of Cadets, future officers in the U.S. Army. Delegates interact with cadets on their roundtables and with West Point's staff and faculty throughout the conference. They will be hosted by cadets in the barracks and dine in the cadet mess hall.

### ➤ Mentorship beyond the classroom

SCUSA draws experts from academia and public service to facilitate roundtable discussions and guide delegates in developing a series of policy recommendations for their particular region or topic.

### ➤ Distinguished guest speakers have included:

- Secretary Henry Kissinger
- Secretary Madeleine Albright
- Ambassador (later President) George H.W. Bush
- Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller
- His Excellency Boutros Boutros-Ghali

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## Reflections on SCUSA 68

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"I liked meeting other students who studied International Relations and the Middle East region, as well as interacting with cadets and hearing about their experiences at West Point...These were all people I was fortunate enough to meet at the conference, who I may meet again someday in the field!"

- Emilie Scardilla, Syracuse University

"We both found our students to be incredibly thoughtful, well-prepared, and creative in their approach to dealing with these incredibly complex issues. Conferences like SCUSA perfectly illustrate the importance and value of the Olmsted experience because United States policies and interventions are only successful when leaders understand and appreciate the complexity and the nuances of a foreign culture and its people."

- LTC Mark Lehenbauer and MAJ Christina Bembenek, U.S. Army, Olmsted Foundation

"We had an amazing time learning not only about the topics covered in our round tables, but also about West Point in general...Overall, we had a great time at SCUSA 68 and wish we could be going back next year!"

- Gabi Revis, Marist College



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## SCUSA 2017 Roundtable Topics

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### Topical:

- NATO and The Future of U.S. Alliances
- BREXIT and The Future of the EU
- Global Markets: Investment and Trade
- Climate Change: Ice and Deserts
- Terrorism
- Foreign Aid and Development
- Displacement: Migration and Refugees
- Cyber and The Weapons of the Weak

### Regional:

- North America
- China
- Indo-Pacific and the South China Sea
- Russia
- Middle East and North Africa
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Latin America



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## SCUSA Sites

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### Website

<http://www.usma.edu/scusa/SitePages/Home.aspx>



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SCUSAwp>



<https://www.flickr.com/photos/89592479@N07/>



<https://twitter.com/scusawp>

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## How does SCUSA work?

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### Key Conference Events:

#### ➤ November 1<sup>st</sup>

Arrival, registration, welcome, and opening senior panel discussion of the conference theme.

#### ➤ November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roundtable sessions, banquet, and keynote address.

#### ➤ November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Roundtable sessions, weapons and equipment interactive display, working roundtable dinner, and student delegate mixer.

#### ➤ November 4<sup>th</sup>

Closing report session and presentation of policy recommendations to a plenary meeting. Delegate departure.

### Preparing for SCUSA:

**Prior to the SCUSA conference, delegates should prepare to discuss their roundtable topic as it relates to the conference theme.**

SCUSA 2017's theme, which is applied to each roundtable, is *"The Politics of the Forgotten and the Aggrieved: Remaking the World Order?"* Given today's significant and diverse challenges to the post-World War II liberal international order, the conference invites participants to grapple with the pressing foreign policy issues that now face our country. The delegates will be asked to assess and debate issues such as the impact of populism on U.S. and European domestic and foreign policy, the future of American alliances throughout the world, U.S. responses to climate change amid rising nationalism, and U.S. policies to address ethnoreligious conflict and mass displacement. Overall, we want to engage both the politics of grievance (often based on a narrative of having been left behind or forgotten) as well as the continued marginalization of various groups throughout the world.

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## Important Questions

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### Q: How do I attend SCUSA?

A: Contact your academic advisor at your college or university to discuss your interest in SCUSA.

### Q: What is the registration fee & when is payment due?

A: The registration fee is **\$180**. Payment can be made by check or credit card. Checks must be made payable to **"U.S. Treasury"** and mailed to **Department of Social Sciences ATTN: SCUSA, Building 607, West Point, NY 10996**. Credit card payment will be available on October 1<sup>st</sup> through Pay.gov. SCUSA points of contact will receive the link for the payment site in September. All payments must be made by **October 27<sup>th</sup>**.

### Q: How do I get to West Point?

A: **Students pay for their own air or rail transportation.** The SCUSA cadet staff will arrange ground transportation for delegates arriving at **Newark, LaGuardia, and Stewart Airports**, as well as **Garrison Train Station**. Delegates may also drive to West Point.

### Q: Where will I stay?

A: Delegates **under 27 years old** will be housed in the cadet barracks at West Point. Unfortunately, legal restrictions prevent us from housing students who are 27 or older on campus, so we kindly ask universities to **send students 26 years old or younger**.

### Q: What if I am 27 years old or older?

A: You must reserve a room at the IHG 5 Star Hotel. West Point **will not** cover the cost of off-campus lodging. <http://www.ihg.com/armyhotels/hotels/us/en/west-point/zywpa/hoteldetail>

### Q: How do I prepare for SCUSA?

A: After registering for the conference, delegates will be informed of their roundtable assignments. Delegates should read the theme and roundtable papers provided on the SCUSA website and come prepared to discuss the key issues in their policy or regional area.

### Q: What is the dress code?

A: Delegates should bring business casual wear for daytime use and casual dinners. They should also bring formal attire for the banquet. Weather in New York is breezy and cool in mid-fall; a warm winter coat is recommended.