

2016 FALL MEMBER FORUM EXCEPTIONAL SPEAKER SERIES

OCTOBER 13 & 14, MORRIS J. WOSK CENTRE FOR DIALOGUE, VANCOUVER

As organizations head into the new year, certain factors are bound to have a substantial bearing on the global economy and cascading impacts for transportation and trade in Western Canada. This Fall Forum aims to prepare leaders for 2017 and identify the ideas, opportunities, and strategies for coping with the instability marking this decade.

One of WESTAC's main values is the ability to bring world-class, thought-provoking speakers to our member forums. This fall will feature select speakers on a variety of critical topics.

Each speaker will host a 1-hour executive dialogue including a formal presentation and a facilitated roundtable discussion.

[Register online www.westac.com](http://www.westac.com)

Venues:

Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue
all meals, sessions and Board meeting
580 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

Delta Suites Hotel
guest rooms
550 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

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THURSDAY

October 13, 2016

8:00 am **Welcome and Introductions**

Oksana Exell, President & CEO, WESTAC

8:15 am **Breakfast with Speaker**

FUTURE OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC ORDER GIVEN RISING POPULISM AND DISCONTENT WITH GLOBALIZATION

Topics:

- Groundbreaking paper for the Brooking Institute: “Five Known Unknowns about the Next Generation Global Political Economy”
- Commentary and insight on American politics

Dr. Daniel W. Drezner, Professor of International Politics, Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Tufts University and Nonresident Senior Fellow, Brookings Institute

Q&A discussion

9:45 am **GLOBAL & CANADIAN ECONOMIC OUTLOOKS**

Topics:

- Canada’s economic outlook, the business climate and risks over the next 12 to 36 months
- Insights and issues related to commodities and international trade opportunities

Craig Alexander, Senior Vice President & Chief Economist, Conference Board of Canada

Facilitated roundtable discussion

10:45 am Break

11:15 am **CHINA – UNDERSTANDING ONE OF THE MOST FASCINATING STORIES IN THE WORLD TODAY**

Topics:

- Understanding the impacts of China’s slowing growth
- What should multinational companies expect from China’s Silk Road Economic Belt and 21st Century Maritime Silk Road?
- Understanding the business implications of the 13th Five-year Plan
- Credit where credit is due -- China’s emerging social credit scoring system and affect on consumer behavior
- Potential evolutions of the China business environment
- Xi Jinping Presidency – reforms, corruption, foreign policy

Dr. Kenneth Dewoskin, Senior Advisor and Eminence Fellow, Deloitte LLP

Facilitated roundtable discussion

12:45 pm **Buffet Lunch**

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1:45 pm **OH CANADA: PRESSING PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES OF THE DAY**

Topics:

- It's Time for Conservatives to Embrace Aboriginal Power and Entrepreneurialism,
- Creating Economic Opportunity for the Middle Class
- Pipelines trump deficit spending as economic Kickstarter
- "Ground-breaking" interprovincial trade agreement is anything but

Brian Lee Crowley, Managing Director, Macdonald-Laurier Institute

Facilitated roundtable discussion

3:15 pm Break

3:45 pm (POTENTIAL) **DEPUTY MINISTERS PANEL**

This session provides Members with perspectives from Deputy Ministers on the many issues affecting transportation stakeholders. The objective is to engage senior government officials and transportation leaders in a meaningful dialogue.

Facilitated roundtable discussion

5:15 pm **Working Sessions end**

5:45 pm **Reception**

8:00 pm **Reception ends**

FRIDAY

October 14, 2016

8:00 am **Hot Buffet Breakfast** (open to all participants)

by invitation only**WESTAC LEADERS COUNCIL – CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION**

9:00 am Each forum concludes with an in-camera, frank discussion among the most senior representatives of member organizations. Participation is limited to one person per member organization and excludes external speakers and non-members. No reporting will take place.

Discussion topic – to be determined.

10:45 am Meeting adjourns

11:00 am **Board of Directors Meeting**

12:30 pm **Lunch for Directors**

All speakers are confirmed unless noted otherwise.