

## CONFERENCE THEME

### ***“Beyond Borders: Latin America & the Caribbean in the 21st Century”***

The 48th annual Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference (NAFAC) invites students from both civilian and military institutions to explore issues related to this year’s theme “Beyond Borders: Latin America & the Caribbean.” As the 21st century begins to unfold, Latin America is emerging as a source of both concern and hope for U.S. policy makers. Many of the region’s democracies are fragile, yet others are moving toward demographic consolidation. Much of Latin America continues to experience economic growth, but poverty and social exclusion are pervasive. And the region remains a source of strong allies while also posing significant security threats to our nation.

### **THE CAPTAIN ROY C. SMITH III ESSAY AWARDS**

In addition to taking part in this conference, Metro’s International student delegates have the option to write and submit an essay (minimum 2,500 words) on a topic related to the conference theme *“Beyond Borders: Latin America & the Caribbean in the 21st Century.”* Delegates submitting papers are eligible to compete for the Captain Roy C. Smith III, USN (Ret.) essay awards. Winners will be announced during the final banquet. If you are interested in submitting an essay to this competition and would like more information and the guidelines for the essay, contact Metro International at (212) 431-1195 ext. 24.

## CONFERENCE STRUCTURE

At the heart of the conference are five roundtable discussions. These discussions are meant to simulate “real-life” policy making; participants develop a written policy proposal in response to their roundtable’s discussion, and in the process negotiate the disputes, compromises, and successes that policy makers regularly face. Student delegates, who attend civilian and military institutions from around the United States and the world, are joined in these small group sessions by senior participants from the industrial sector, academia, the armed services, and the diplomatic corps. Senior participants will assist student delegates in analyzing contemporary foreign policy issues that affect the long-term interests of the United States.

A formal banquet address and senior panel discussions provide delegates with an opportunity to hear the views of senior foreign policy professionals directly involved in the study and formulation of U.S. foreign policy. Speakers from recent years have included former U.S. President, George H. Bush; Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright; Director of the CIA, John Deutch; and Australian Ambassador to the U.S., John McCarthy.

For the delegates who participate, NAFAC is a chance to spend several days learning about not only the topics discussed throughout the week, but also about the Naval Academy and its preparation of officers for the U.S. Navy.

## METRO INTERNATIONAL’S DELEGATION

Each year since 1961, the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis has hosted the Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference in order to bring together an outstanding group of American undergraduates from over 100 colleges and universities. Metro International’s delegation of international college and graduate students was first invited to participate in this foreign policy debate in 1991.

Metro International’s delegation plays a special role in this prestigious foreign affairs conference by adding a critical international perspective to the student deliberations on U.S. foreign policy. As senior student participants, Metro delegates enrich the conference with their various national and cultural perspectives, as well as their academic experience. In turn, American undergraduate conference participants and midshipmen from the Naval Academy share their cultural, political, and educational views with Metro’s delegates in an exciting academic and social setting.

### ***APPLICATION DEADLINE***

Application forms should be mailed or faxed to Metro International by  
**Monday, March 10, 2008.**



## PROGRAM DETAILS

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**Schedule:** Delegates depart by chartered bus from Manhattan on the morning of Monday, April 7, and return on the afternoon of Friday, April 11, 2008. Conference registration takes place Monday afternoon at the Naval Academy. There is a welcome reception on Monday night and the first conference session begins Tuesday morning. The final presentations are made on Thursday night and the group will depart early Friday morning.

**Note:** There will be a mandatory orientation for Metro's delegation one or two weeks before the conference. *Please apply only if you are absolutely sure you will be able to attend the entire conference.*

**Transportation:** Private round-trip bus transportation (Manhattan-Annapolis-Manhattan) will be provided. Delegates must arrange and pay for their own transportation to and from the departure point in Manhattan. Further transportation details will be provided to delegates.

**Fees:** Delegate conference fee is **\$150**. This fee covers round-trip transportation from NYC, accommodations, and most meals. All other expenses will be paid by Metro International and the U.S. Naval Academy. Delegates are responsible for any pocket money they may require for souvenirs and snacks. Conference fees will be returned to those who are not selected.

**Lodging and Meals:** Student delegates will be housed in a hotel near the conference site. Meals will be provided in the Midshipmen Dining Hall.

**Attire:** Business informal attire is appropriate for all working sessions, tours, and social events. The banquet is semi-formal (we suggest jacket and tie, cocktail dress, or national dress). Rain gear, a jacket or sweater, and comfortable walking shoes are also recommended. All delegates are encouraged to bring sportswear for activities (sailing, golf, etc.).

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Metro International, a non-profit organization, was founded in 1977 to introduce international students to New York's extraordinary resources and facilitate their adjustment to American life. Metro has expanded to help students and Fulbright scholars take a more active role in the community. In addition to programs like this one, Metro also coordinates Global Classroom, providing international students the opportunity to speak in New York public schools; daylong and overnight community visits, and other programs introducing international students to various facets of U.S. life and culture. Metro International is designated by the U.S. Department of State as the official coordinator of Fulbright enrichment program for the greater New York City area.

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## Forty-Eighth Annual U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONFERENCE (NAFAC)



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**April 7-11, 2008**

**United States Naval Academy  
Annapolis, Maryland**

*An application for  
International university students & visiting Fulbrighters*