

10TH FESTIVAL OF GEOPOLITICS
GRENOBLE, MARCH 14TH-17TH, 2018
CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

How great is America?

*The 10th International Festival of Geopolitics will take place at Grenoble Ecole de Management, Grenoble - France on **14th-17th March 2018**. This 3 day event will bring together more than **100 specialists from all fields of geopolitical science**. It will be attended by nearly **13000 people**.*

The 2018 edition will focus on the United States and its evolving political and economic role in the 21st Century.

The United States remains the world's largest economy in terms of GDP and the third most populous country in the world. It has dominated the international scene for almost a century.

However, in the last few years, the hegemonic status of the United States has been shaken. Firstly, by the economic and political growing power of Asia and other parts of the world and secondly by an internal desire to put "America first".

Based on these evolutions, what could be the United States' new role in coming decades?

To answer this question, Grenoble Ecole de Management is seeking contribution on the following (non exhaustive) themes:

1. Resources and new territorial configurations

- Resource Management, Supplies, Dependencies and Competitions
- The US and its policy towards oceans
- The agro-industrial system
- The United States and its borders
- Culture and representations of the territory
- American Urban Structures and Suburbanities
- Infrastructure: organization of space and connectivity

2. Geo-economy, business and trade

- Unemployment, poverty and growth
- Which energies for the United States?
- The technological challenge
- Foreign investment
- US companies, economic and political players
- Economic exchanges with the rest of the world

- The dollar, a tool of supremacy?
- Normative power: is the law an economic weapon?
- The United States and its finances

3. Human, demographic and environmental issues

- The challenges of education (especially higher education)
- Policies towards Brain Drain and Brain Gain in the US
- Environment policy: debates about global warming
- Waste management
- Demographic balance and imbalance
- Health Policy and Issues
- Freedom and civil rights
- Communities and minorities

4. Social, political and religious issues

- The United States and its diversities
- Diasporas and migrations
- Federalism and its Challenges
- The Presidential system and its checks and balances
- Populism, Democracy and Security Policies
- Nation and nationalism - historical constructions
- The role of the civil society in the USA
- Religious factors, values and society
- Social conflicts
- The image of the US through artistic expression (cinema, series, literature, etc.)
- The American Ideology

5. Mutual relationship between the United States and the rest of the world

- The United States and the European Union,
- The United States and Africa
- The United States and Asia,
- The United States and Russia,
- The United States and China,
- The United States and the Arab-Muslim World,
- The United States and the Americas, etc.
- The United States and its enemies - the construction of *the other* and foreign policy
- The new forms of hegemony
- International engagement and interference
- Foreign Policy and International Relations
- Military Power and Defense
- Threats and national security
- counter hegemonic policies

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Within this framework, we call for contributions:

- open to those who work on this theme, whatever their discipline and their approach, and who could offer stimulating reflection to participants and more precisely researchers, heads of public and private institutions, civil servants and NGOs, reporters and journalists, private sector executives, artists...
- to contribute in different forms: conferences, debates, round tables, papers, ...
Duration of a conference: 40mns. (+ 20mns. reserved for questions)
Duration of a round table: 1h. (+ 20mns. reserved for questions)
- The program will have 80 interventions in total.

Conferences are aimed at a knowledgeable but non-specialist audience. Academic symposium papers are not suitable.

Three levels of presentation will be offered based on the audience concerned:

- Company and institutional managers
- Researchers, teachers, post-Bac students
- General public

Conditions for participation:

- Closing date for candidatures: **July 15, 2017**.
- The Festival will take place in Grenoble.
- For speakers, transportation to and from Grenoble in France and from bordering countries, and accommodation, are organized and paid for by Grenoble Ecole de Management. Note however that changes of tickets for personal reasons will not be supported by the organizers.
- Contributions are not remunerated.
- Speakers who wish to organize their own travel arrangements will be refunded after the Festival against a claim for expenses on the basis of a 2nd class SNCF ticket for travel within the geographical zones stated above.
- Presentations may be filmed (and broadcast on www.festivalgeopolitique.com or on our Youtube channel); the speaker must indicate his/her acceptance or refusal for this in the application form.

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