The 7th Transatlantic Studies Conference

Global Challenges to the Transatlantic World

Alcalá de Henares, October 24-26, 2013

The Consortium for Transatlantic Studies and Scholarship (CTSS), centered at the Franklin Institute-UAH, consists of transatlantic universities in the Americas and Europe. CTSS invites scholars in the humanities and social sciences to participate in an interdisciplinary conference on GLOBAL CHALLENGES to the TRANSATLANTIC WORLD on October 24-26, 2013.

The Conference on Global Challenges to the Transatlantic World addresses several inter-locking issues, mainly:

• First, what is the nature of transatlantic relations in the past and the present? What do we mean by the western community, western norms and values and a western civilization and what often are addressed as westernization in an era of globalization?
• Second, what constitutes a cross-Atlantic culture and what roles do education, religion, literature play in the cross-Atlantic relationship and its development?
• Third, how do we understand western democracy and the western political culture? What constitutes western democracy, rights and liberties such as justice and equality?
• Fourth, how do citizens and politicians in the west perceive security risks and challenges in a globalized world? What are, if any, the transatlantic strategies and institutional arrangements to deal with the variety of challenges to the ideals of this region of the globe? In addition, what comparative issues may be identified across the Atlantic in dealing with these challenges?

The overall aim of the conference is to bring together scholars from across the world and from across the arts, humanities, and social sciences, to discuss the nature and changing traits of Global Challenges through the lens of the transatlantic perspective. Priority in the selection process will be given to papers that problematize in depth the transatlantic dimension – e.g. comparative, cross-cultural and intercultural methodologies, analytical perspectives, and pedagogic approaches. The organizers especially welcome young scholars and postgraduates.

Proposals can be sent from October 30, 2012 – July 1, 2013.

Important deadlines:

September 1, 2013: Deadline for registration at conference with reduced price.
September 24, 2013: Deadline for registration at the conference (online registration) with paper.

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