

**Seventeen Years of Third Thursday
Citizens for Global Solutions, Minnesota (CGS)
<http://www.globalsolutionsmn.org/>**

including Annual Meeting Speakers
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Briefly: The “Third Thursday Global Issues Forum” series has had a very rich history in the Twin Cities.

World Federalist (renamed Citizens for Global Solutions in 2003) has always been, and continues as, the primary sponsor of the program.

"Third Thursday" was announced as a program of World Federalists in the January 2000 issue of the World Federalist newsletter. In March 2001, Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers joined as co-sponsor; in November 2001, United Nations Association-Minnesota. From January 2002 till mid-2014 the Social Concerns Committee of Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church hosted the meetings. Since mid-2014 Plymouth Congregational Church, Minneapolis, has hosted and in other ways graciously supported the meetings.

Since the first program in January 2000, through November 2016, there have been 123 programs, as well as 16 annual meetings, featuring over 150 speakers on a diverse assortment of issues.

2000

Jan 20 - The World Trade Organization: What Now? Mark Ritchie and C. Ford Runge

Feb 17 - How to Put An End to Genocide. (speaker not known)

Mar 23 - A Standing International All Volunteer Peace Force. Mel Duncan and Joe Schwartzberg

Apr 20 - Global Sustainable Development. Philip Porter and James Nelson

World Law Day May 1 - World Law and Human Rights. Bridget Coggins

May 18 - Creating a Culture of Peace Verlyn Smith, Don Fraser

Jun 15 - Reforming the United Nations. Joseph Schwartzberg

2001

Mar - Can Human Rights be Universal? Mary Lou Nelson

Apr - Safeguarding our Global Environment. Judy Helgen

May - Democratizing the United Nations. Joseph Schwartzberg

Annual Meeting Jun 7 - Building the Global Non Violent Peace Force.

Mel Duncan

Nov 15 - Trafficking in Human Beings. Elizabeth Duban and Caroline Eckman

2002

Jan 17 - Consequences of the Sanctions Regime in Iraq. Marie Braun

Feb 21 - What does it mean to be a Patriot? Arlen Erdahl, Louise Pardee, Kent Shifferd

Mar 21 - Muslims in an Age of Globalization. Ahmed Samatar

Apr 18 - When is Humanitarian Intervention Justified? Kathryn Sikkink

May 16 - Afghans and Their neighbors. Robert Flaten , Joseph Schwartzberg and Leila Poullada

Sep 19 - Iraq: What Now? Caesar Farah and Phil Steger

Oct 17 - Civil Liberties in the Aftermath of 9-11. Peter Brown

Nov 21 - Sustainable Development: Rio, Johannesburg and Beyond. Kristin Dawkins

2003

Jan 16 - A Constitution for Economic Democracy. Marjorie Kelly

Feb 20 - Moving Towards Peace in Kashmir. Joseph Schwartzberg

Mar 20 - What Now In the Middle East? Martin Sampson

Apr 15 - How the Media are Used to Influence Public Policy. Mary Shepard

May 21 - Creating the Ecozoic Era: Our Pathway to the Future. Jack Heckelman

Annual Meeting Jun 5 - International Relations in a Post 9-11 World.

Arlen Erdahl, Kent Shefferd, Cris Toffolo

Sep 18 - Reforming Electoral System. Tony Solgard

Oct 16 - A U.S. Department of Peace. Louise Pardee, Mary Lou Nelson, Dick Bernard

Nov 20 - Needed: A UN Administrative Academy. Joseph Schwartzberg

2004

Jan 15 - The FTAA (Free Trade Area of the Americas): Boom or Boondoggle? Rafael Ortiz, G. Edward Schuh

Feb 19 - Whatever Happened to the Military Industrial Complex? Ann Markusen

Mar 18 - A New Solution to Public Transportation. J Edward Anderson

Apr 15 - Migration and Citizenship in a Globalizing World. Helga Lettner

May 20 - What is Happening in Haiti? Paul Miller, Jeanne Morales, Jeff and Rita Nohner, Andy Fisher, Dick Bernard

Annual Meeting Threats, Challenges and Change: The UN in 21st Century.

Don Kraus

Nov 18 - The Prospects for Moral Capitalism. Steve Young and Betsy Barnum

2005

Jan 20 - UN Reform: What's Right and What's Wrong With the Report on the High Level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change? Joseph Schwartzberg

Feb 17 - Linking the Local and the Global. Andy Driscoll

Mar 17 - What to Do About Torture? Doug Johnson

Apr 21 - Is Planetary Sustainability Possible? Terry Gips

May 19 - Genocide 2015: What is Happening in Darfur? Hugh Parmer, Colleen Striegel

Annual Meeting Jun 14 Reinventing the United Nations.

Tad Daley

Nov 17 - The Politics and Religious Dimensions of U.S. Empire. Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer

Dec 15 - What Happened to the Road Map to Peace in Israel-Palestine? Sr. Florence Steichen

Special Article p. 4 Nov 2005 Newsletter: Sixty Years of the UN. Jay Shahidi

2006

Jan 15 - Should the UN Try to Build States? Michael Barnett

Feb 16 - International Governance: Realistic Goal or Dangerous Utopia? Learning from the European Experience. Catherine Guisan

Mar 16 - Reflections on Current U.S. Policy. Thomas Hanson

Apr 20 - Interactive Discussion: Media Democracy: What Is It? How Do We Secure it? Who in the World Has It? Richard (Lee) Dechert

May 18 - What to do about Immigration? Katherine Fennelly and Raymond Robinson

Annual Meeting Jun 15 - If I were President: A New Foreign Policy for the 21st Century.

Charles (Charlie) Brown

May 17? - Political Situation in the Horn of Africa. Lencho Bati

Sep 21 - UN International Day of Peace. Bruce Fisher, Mary Jane Lavigne, Bob Milner, Karen Rusthaven, Phil Steger

Oct 19 - Dealing with Iraq. Jay Shahidi

Nov 16 - Making Sense of the Last Election. William Flanagan

2007

Jan 18 - Recent Global Action on Global Warming. J. Drake Hamilton

Feb 16 - Dealing with Failed States. Colin Kahl and Joseph Schwartzberg

Mar 15 - The UN Millennium Development Goals. Bharat Parekh

Apr 19 - What Now in Iraq? Sami Rasouli

Annual Meeting Jun 12. World Citizenship

Kathryn Sikkink

Nov 14 - An Approach to Five Major Global Problems. Harlan Smith

2008

Jan 17 - HIV/AIDS, The Global Situation. Keith Henry

Feb 21 - Peace Island, Hope in a Time of Crisis. Dick Bernard, Marie Braun, Dennis Dillon

Mar 20 - Problems and Perspectives of Developing Countries. Gail Hughes

Apr 17 - Building a World Beyond War. Polly Mann

May 15 - Cuba, Venezuela and the Bolivarian Revolution. August Nimtz and Barbara Kennedy

Annual Meeting Jun 12 - Human Rights and Globalization: the Way Forward.

Barbara Frey

Sep 18 - A World Parliamentary Assembly. Joseph Schwartzberg

Oct 6 - The Situation in Georgia and its Implications in International Affairs. Sam Schueth and Theofanis Stavros

Nov 20 - Rethinking 9/11. Michael Andregg

2009

Jan 15 - Bringing Bush and Co to Justice: How Best to Proceed. Coleen Rowley, Barbara Frey
Feb 19 - Obama's Foreign Policy. What can we Expect? Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer
Mar 19 - Israel and Palestine: Parallel Realities. Eric Black
Apr 16 - Global Food Crisis. Steve Suppan
May 21 - Economic Development: A Major Tool of Diplomacy. Ron Bosrock

Annual Meeting Jun 18 - The Transformation of U.S. Foreign Policy. Brian Atwood

Sep 17 - Governing Global Finance. What Next? Eric Sheppard
Oct 15 - Whither Iran in the Obama Era? William Beeman
Nov 19 - A Carbon Free and Nuclear Free Energy System. Lisa Ledwidge

2010

Jan 21 - A World Parliamentary Assembly. Joseph Schwartzberg
Feb 18 - Curse of Bilateralism in U.S. Foreign Policy: Afghanistan in Diplomatic Perspective. William Davnie
Mar 18 - Tsar Putin: The Rise of Russian Autocracy. Nick Hayes
Apr 15 - The Responsibility to Protect (R2P). No More Rwandas? No more Haitis? Michael Barnett
May 20 - Confronting Climate Change - Reports from Copenhagen. Paul Thompson and James Nelson

Annual Meeting Jun 17 Role of Civil Society in Global Governance. Mark Ritchie

Sep 16 - Women's Rights (CEDAW) and Related Issues. Cheryl Thomas
Oct 21 - The Unreturned: Iraq's Displaced Middle Class. Nathan Fisher
Nov 18 - Islam, The Middle East and the Media. Ahmed Tharwat
Dec 16 - Rethinking Immigration: Toward a Just, Humane and Viable Policy. Donna Gabaccia and Kathleen Moccio.

2011

Jan 20 - What is Happening to American Democracy? Harry Boyte
Feb 17 - Can the Tax Havens be Shut Down? Robert Kudrle
May 19 - Can the Rule of Law be Exported. John Tunheim

Annual Meeting Jun 16 The Science of Climate Change. John Abraham

Sep 15 - World Food Availability: The Future of the Green Revolution. Ronald Phillips
Oct 20 - 21st Century Propaganda: An Activist's Guide. Jeff Nygaard
Nov 17 - Libya. Martin Sampson

2012

Jan 19 - Occupy Wall Street and the Twilight of American Capitalism. David Schultz
Feb 16 - Weighing Global Economic Integration: Does Increased Economic Instability Erase Efficiency Gains? Ed Lotterman.
Mar 15 - Authentic Hope: Militarism, Spirituality and Building a Culture of Peace. Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer
Apr 19 - The Rise of Corporate Power and What We Can Do About It. Robin Monahan
May 17 - Future Earth. Patrick Hamilton

Annual Meeting Jun 21 Wealth vs Democracy. The Battle for Americas Political Soul. David Schultz

Sep 20 - The Situation in Syria. Mazen Halabi
Oct 18 - Understanding the Global Food Crisis. William Moseley
Nov 15 - A New Approach to Peacekeeping. Timmon Wallis

2013

Jan 17 - Press Freedom 2.0: Opportunities and Threats Around the World. Jane Kirtley
Mar 21 - How Speculation and Bankruptcy Drive Our Cities Today. From Bangalore to Barcelona to Chicago. Michael Goldman
April 18 - Global Public Health: International Developments Rising Star. Christy Hanson
May 16 - Social Justice and the Environment. Key Issues, Frameworks and Possibilities. David Pellow

Annual Meeting Jun 27 The Challenge of Global Migration: Promoting Our Ideals and Interests Eric Schwartz

Sep 19 - A Comparative Review of Global Conflicts in late 2013. Michael Andregg
Oct 17 - New Trade Treaties: Boons or Boondoggles. Ben Lilliston
Nov 21 Making Sense of Developments in Egypt. A Popularly Backed Coup? Or a Military-Backed Second Wave of Revolution?
Ragui Assaad

2014

Jan 16 - Transforming the United Nations System: Designs for a Workable World. Joseph Schwartzberg
Mar 20 - One World or None? World Religions and the Quest for Global Community. James Christie
Apr 16 – (part of U of MN Conference) Genocide and It's Aftermaths: Lessons from Rwanda. Adama Dieng
May 15 - Conditions and Causes of Genocide. Hollie Nyseth-Brehm

**Annual Meeting Jun 19. Ending Childhood Malnutrition.
Bharat Parekh**

Sep 18 - Americas Confusion in the Middle East. William Beeman
Oct 16 - Human Trafficking. Vanessa Fusco Noguera and Shiran Gooneratne
Nov 20 - Hitchhikers Guide to the Russian-Ukrainian Conflict: Causes and Consequences. Artyom Tonaya

2015

Jan 15 – Global Health: the Greatest Story Rarely Told. Christy Hanson
Feb 19 – Getting Serious About Environmental Problems. Johnathan Larson
Mar 19 – Overpopulation Can Be Solved. David Paxson
Apr 16 – The Work of Waste: Urban India's Vital Infrastructure. Vinay Gidwani
May 21 – The Commons. “How to Save the Economy, the Environment, the Internet, our Communities, Democracy & Everything Else that Belongs to All of Us”. Jay Walljasper

**Annual Meeting Jun 18.
“Rule of Law Fact-finding by NGOs: Monitoring Standards and Maximizing Impact”
Rosalyn Park**

Sep 17 - Main Divisions Between Countries in the Global Debate on Climate Change. Jeffrey Broadbent
Special Event Oct. 9-10: Workable World Conference, Minneapolis

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<http://www.workableworld.org/>**

Oct 15 – Conveying the Voices of Muslims and Others. Mnar Muhawesh
Nov 17 – Cuban perspective on Re-establishment of Diplomatic Relations with U.S. August Nimtz

2016

Jan. 21 – Minnesota to Paris and Action Steps Going Forward. J. Drake Hamilton, Fresh Energy
Feb. 18 – What's Happened to the 'Arab Spring'? Ragui Assaad and Ikram Ben Said
Mar. 17 – Recent Events in West Africa, and Factors Contributing to the Rise of Boko Haram – Dr. Thomas O'Toole
Apr. 21 – “Drone Warfare & US War Culture: Facing Who, Why and What We've Become and Exploring How to Build a Culture of Peace” Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer, Fadia Thabet and Ijaz Ahmad
May 19 – What's Happening in China. Ted Farmer

**Annual Meeting Jun 9
Working Minnesota Global
How can we best use our heritage of global-mindedness and activism to maximize our impact in our
community, state, nation and planet?
Mark, Ritchie,
President & CEO EXPO 2023 <http://expo2023.info/>**

Sep 15 – Genocide in Darfur and Institutional Responses: a Case and Comparative Perspectives, Joachim Savelsberg
Oct 15 – Green Card Youth Voices, Tea Roxman-Clark, & several immigrant youth
Nov 17 – Freeing the Dove, Walid Issa, Palestinian Peace Activist