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October 29, 2009

Dear Friend and Colleague,

The Fund for American Studies, in partnership with Georgetown University and Charles University, is delighted to announce the 18<sup>th</sup> annual **American Institute on Political and Economic Systems (AIPES)** taking place in Prague in the summer of 2010.

It is because of people like you, valuable resources for the leaders of tomorrow, that we have been able to provide academic challenges and stimulating cross-cultural exchange to students from Eastern Europe and the United States for nearly two decades. This year, we will once again rely on you to recommend outstanding students for AIPES. Enclosed with this letter is an AIPES brochure. We ask that you share this brochure with students in your community. If you would like to request more brochures, please contact me (my contact information is below) and I will gladly send more. You can also go to our website, [www.tfasinternational.org](http://www.tfasinternational.org), to nominate qualified students for the Institute. We greatly appreciate your help!

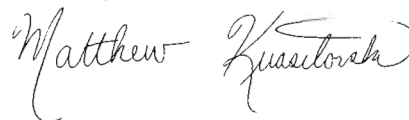
Based in Prague, **AIPES** offers a cross-cultural educational experience as well as tremendous social and cultural benefits to university students from Europe, Central Asia, and the United States. During the program, students explore the political and economic climate of Eastern and Central Europe over the past twenty years and learn more about the evolving global environment. Upon successful completion of the program, students will gain either graduate or undergraduate credit from Georgetown University.

Preference in admissions is given to applicants who complete their online application before the early deadline. Opportunities for scholarship awards are greater if a student applies by the early deadline as the amount of scholarship funding available could decrease before the final deadline. For more information about AIPES, including information about how to apply, interested students can visit us on the internet at [www.tfasinternational.org](http://www.tfasinternational.org).

Any additional questions about the Institute can be directed to me at (202) 986-0384 or [mkwasiborski@tfas.org](mailto:mkwasiborski@tfas.org). Questions about the application and admissions process can be directed to Brigit Moore at [bmoore@tfas.org](mailto:bmoore@tfas.org).

Thank you, once again, for helping us make the American Institute on Political and Economic Systems the successful program it is today!

Sincerely,



Matthew Kwasiborski  
Director of European Programs

## ADMISSIONS DEADLINES

**AIPES – Summer 2010**

- Early Deadline.....January 31, 2010
- Final Deadline.....March 15, 2010

Preference in admissions & scholarship decisions are given to applicants who apply by the early deadline.

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## Admissions Information

- All applicants must be undergraduate or graduate students who have completed at least two semesters of study by the start of the Institute.
- Admissions and scholarship decisions are made on a rolling basis, so students are encouraged to apply as early as possible.
- All supplemental materials, including an official transcript and letter of recommendation, must be received by the deadline for consideration.
- All documents must be submitted in English.
- All recommendations are subject to verification.
- All applicants must complete an online application available at [www.TFASinternational.org](http://www.TFASinternational.org). Click on 'APPLY ONLINE,' and submit the following required items. All items (except for the official transcript) can be uploaded through our online application system:
  - One letter of recommendation from a professor
  - Resume or curriculum vitae
  - Typed personal statement
  - Article analysis and essay

Please note: Prior to final acceptance into the program, students may be required to complete a phone or personal interview.

## Deadlines

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March 15.....Final Deadline

## Program Costs & Scholarships

The cost of the program is 3,500 EURO per student, which includes the costs of tuition, most meals, housing, reading materials and special events.

The majority of students receive substantial scholarship awards. All students are eligible to compete for scholarships. Awards are based on academic excellence, leadership ability and financial need.

The scholarship application is available within the online application found at [www.TFASinternational.org](http://www.TFASinternational.org) and must be submitted with the rest of the application.

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“Today I have new friends from dozens of other countries; tomorrow, we will be colleagues: fellow diplomats, journalists, thinkers. Our future work together will be made much easier by the set of common values and experiences we share, which were molded and strengthened at AIPES.”

Halmos Máté, Hungary  
AIPES 2009

## American Institute on Political & Economic Systems Summer Institute

## Why Apply?

- Complete package that includes room and board, courses for credit from Georgetown University, top U.S. faculty, notable guest lecture series and special cultural events
- Opportunities to interact with other student leaders from around Europe and the United States
- Professional networking opportunities with top business, media and academic leaders
- Access to active and prestigious alumni network of over 10,000 worldwide

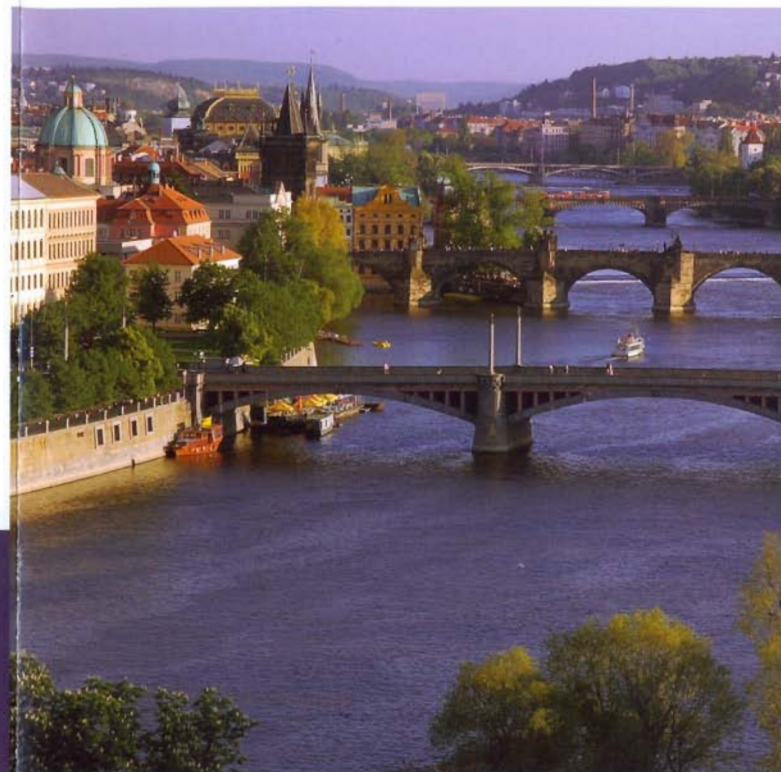
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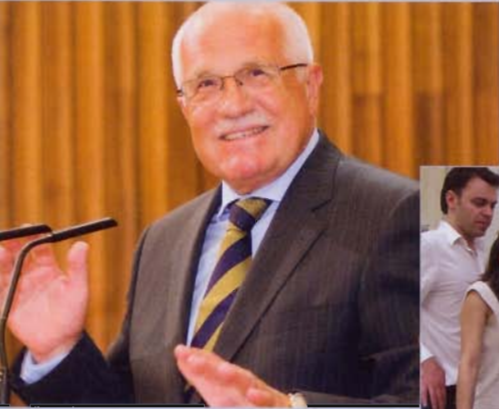
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## AMERICAN INSTITUTE ON POLITICAL & ECONOMIC SYSTEMS



Left: Czech President Vaclav Klaus delivers the 2009 AIPES commencement address.



### Overview

Learn from diverse cultures. Debate challenging viewpoints and new ideas. Discuss economic and political issues with young leaders from Europe, Central Asia and the United States. Study with faculty from Georgetown University and Charles University.

For more than 40 years, The Fund for American Studies, in partnership with Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., has been educating and inspiring students around the world. This Institute provides students with unrivaled access to top American and local academic leaders. AIPES offers courses for Georgetown University credit taught by outstanding American faculty members, and is supplemented by a distinguished guest lecture series.

### Housing

- Students live in the Masyarkova Kolej a top dormitory located in the heart of Prague.
- As part of TFAS policy, students are assigned roommates from different countries.
- Wireless Internet is accessible at Charles University and in the dorm.
- Public transportation is a short walk from the dormitory.
- Students eat breakfast and dinner at Masyarkova Kolej as part of tuition package.

## Georgetown University Credit

Interdisciplinary Course in Political Economy:  
American Political & Economic Systems of  
Organization (3 credit hours – LSHS 48030)

The Institute's curriculum engages students in a thorough examination of fundamental political and economic concepts, using the American model as its focus. The course is divided into two components – government and economics.

**The Government Component** examines the principles, structures and theories of the American system of constitutional government in the context of such fundamental concepts as majority rule, the protection of minority rights, civil rights and civil liberties and mediating institutions. The course covers the founding principles of American government and the mechanisms that serve to separate and diffuse political power. Students will also be exposed to the political systems throughout Europe through class discussions and readings.

As part of the government component, students will be given the opportunity to participate in a parliamentary simulation. Students will write laws on contemporary political and economic issues and debate and vote on the legislation on the floor of a hypothetical parliament.

**The Economics Component** examines the structure and functions of market economics in the context of such fundamental issues as competition, the role of government in the economy and private property rights. The course covers trade policy; fiscal and monetary policy; capital flows and foreign investment; financial markets, wage and price controls; and monopoly and regulation.

As part of the economics component, students will participate in interactive experiments, which will demonstrate the role of liberal economics in the determination of market prices. Students will also discuss globalization and evaluate current economic trends and their impact on the future.

### Additional Program Elements

- Exposure to leaders from various professions throughout the European continent
- Interaction with 120 student leaders from Europe and the U.S.
- Annual reception at the U.S. Ambassador's Residence
- Planned social events, including a cultural presentations dinner
- Opportunities to explore the cultural history of the Czech Republic



The AIPES Class of 2009

## Institute Sponsors

**The Fund for American Studies = www.TFAS.org**

An educational nonprofit organization headquartered in Washington D.C., TFAS has been educating young leaders on the values of freedom, democracy and free-market economies since 1967. TFAS sponsors academic and professional institutes in the United States and abroad that engage college students in a rigorous examination of economic concepts, political systems and moral philosophy.

**Charles University – www.cuni.cz**

The oldest university in Central Europe, Charles University was founded in 1348 by Charles IV, the Holy Roman Emperor and King of Bohemia. An institution of major academic and cultural importance in the region since its founding, Charles University has endured the repression of both Nazi and Communist occupations.

**Georgetown University – www.georgetown.edu**

Georgetown University was founded in 1789 in Washington, D.C. and is regarded as one of the foremost higher learning institutions in the United States. Georgetown is a thriving student-centered international research university.

## Past Guest Lectures Include:

Note: Speakers' titles listed are at time of AIPES address.

Former Prime Minister  
José María Aznar, Spain

President Vaclav Klaus,  
Czech Republic

Prime Minister Ivo Sanader,  
Croatia

Former Prime Minister Mart Laar,  
Estonia

Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic,  
Serbia

Former President Lech Walesa,  
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