Call for Lunch Workshop Proposals

Evolving Global Dynamics: Conflict, Cooperation, Culture

As Perry World House explores possible research themes, we invite Penn faculty to submit brief proposals for interdisciplinary working lunches on topics related to “Evolving Global Dynamics: Conflict, Cooperation, Culture.” The goal of these working lunches is to explore specific questions that might ultimately drive a research theme in this space. Recognizing that it is an imperfect title, we encourage a broad interpretation of “evolving global dynamics.” Proposed lunch workshops might examine or question issues including governance, economics, power, gender, or technology.

Selected proposals will receive support from Perry World House in the following ways:

- Funding for lunch with 10-15 faculty members
- Funding to bring in an external expert, discussant, or commentator
- Administrative support to organize the lunch
- Possible support & assistance with follow-on activity, to be determined

To submit a proposal: Please submit a short proposal of no more than two pages total that includes: a) a description describing the topic related to the Future of the International Order that you would like to address at a lunch workshop; b) a list of faculty members you would like to invite (from at least 4 different disciplines/schools); and c) if applicable, the name of an external guest who you would like to invite, as well as a brief explanation as to what that person would bring to the conversation. Proposals should be emailed to worldhouse@pwh.upenn.edu and will be reviewed on a rolling basis until September 15, 2015. Proposals submitted jointly by two or more faculty members from different schools or departments will receive priority.

The Global Innovations Institute (GII), the research component of Perry World House, will bring rigorous interdisciplinary research to bear on the most pressing global policy challenges. The Global Innovations Institute will select two to three themes of global scope that will rotate approximately every two-to-three years, beginning in the 2016-2017 academic year. Working closely with the Faculty Directors of each theme, Perry World House will provide significant resources and support that are intended to catalyze international research and conversation at Penn and make Penn a global agenda-setter. Our hope is that these faculty lunch conversations may lay the groundwork for such a theme.