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Academic Initiative

The CFR Academic Initiative seeks to serve as a valuable resource for the academic community by connecting educators and students at the college and graduate levels with CFR’s research and nonpartisan analysis.
Academic Modules

CFR Academic Modules are customizable packages designed to assist educators in creating or supplementing a course syllabus. Each module is built around a primary CFR text, such as a CFR Book, Task Force report, or Council Special Report. Use of modules is free of charge, and includes:

- Teaching notes written by the author of the publication
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- Relevant *Foreign Affairs* articles
- Additional online resources

www.cfr.org/educators/modules
Academic Conference Call Series

The CFR Academic Conference Call series gives students from colleges and universities across the country the opportunity to interact with a CFR fellow or *Foreign Affairs* author in a teleconferenced discussion. Calls take place twice a month during the fall and spring semesters, and are dedicated to different topics related to international affairs or U.S. foreign policy.

Professors typically convene students in a group to participate, and have found it most convenient to gather in a classroom or host a few students in their office around a speakerphone. Background readings are distributed prior to each call, and the audio recording is posted afterward on CFR’s Educators page, www.cfr.org/educators.

“CFR’s Academic Outreach Program is truly ‘world-class’—both in quality and in making today’s international system more understandable. It brings the foreign policy debate to life for students through an interactive conference call series with CFR fellows and webcasts with influential thinkers and practitioners. The Academic Modules—packages of CFR publications, teaching notes, and supplemental materials—are ideal additions to any international relations syllabus.”

— Joseph S. Nye Jr., University Distinguished Service Professor; Sultan of Oman Professor of International Relations; and former Dean, Harvard Kennedy School
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Throughout the year, CFR welcomes groups of college and university students to its New York headquarters to meet with its experts. Briefings typically include a discussion on a foreign policy issue with a CFR fellow or senior staff member, as well as a short presentation by a Human Resources representative on CFR job and internship opportunities. Sessions are subject to staff and space availability.

For more information or to schedule a briefing, email educators@cfr.org.
Research Tools

Publications
CFR Books, Task Force reports, and other publications offer analysis on major topical and regional issues. Full text of most publications may be downloaded free of charge on CFR's website, www.cfr.org. CFR can also provide a complimentary exam copy of most publications upon request.

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Foreign Affairs
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Events for Professors and Students

Academic Workshop
CFR hosts an Academic Workshop concurrent with the International Studies Association’s (ISA) Annual Convention. CFR invites professors and other ISA members to join a group of its fellows and other experts to discuss pressing foreign policy issues. Recent topics have included political trends in the Middle East, democracy in Latin America, and foreign policy challenges facing the Obama administration.

CFR on Campuses
CFR fellows regularly speak on college campuses across the country.

Webcasts

For more information on inviting a CFR expert to speak at your college or university, or to register to receive webcast invitations, email educators@cfr.org.

James M. Lindsay, CFR director of studies (then with the University of Texas at Austin), Dan E. Caldwell, Pepperdine University distinguished professor, and Stephen Biddle, CFR senior fellow, lead CFR’s Academic Workshop during the 2007 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention in San Francisco.
Educators on CFR.org

The Educators portal on CFR’s website, www.cfr.org/educators, hosts CFR resources for the academic community. Regularly updated with CFR’s latest research, this page features Academic Modules, schedule and registration information for the Academic Conference Call series, information on live webcasts and other upcoming CFR events, and multimedia archives of past meetings.

Monthly eNewsletter

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