

International Extemp – Round One Asia

1. Should India's political leaders be concerned about their nation's carbon footprint?
2. Is China's beginning to lose its strength in the arena of international trade?
3. Are Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and India's Narendra Modi committed to improved trade relations between their nations?
4. Is China in the midst of a long-term currency crisis?
5. Has increased manufacturing capacity enhanced the strength of India's economy?
6. Is China risking war in its efforts to maintain control of islands in the South China Sea?
7. Is North Korea committed to building a nuclear arsenal?
8. What are the objectives of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Free Trade Agreement?
9. With political transition under way, will Aung San Suu Kyi become Myanmar's national leader?
10. What are Malala Yousafzai's objectives in launching the Malala Fund?
11. Which Asian nations will reap the greatest benefits from the Trans-Pacific Partnership?
12. What are the most pressing concerns facing Indonesia's President Joko Widodo?

13. What is the connection between the terrorist attack in Jakarta and Syrian-based ISIS groups?
14. Is Japan's current recession the result of weak political leadership?
15. What factors are causing lingering political instability and uncertainty in Thailand?

International Extemp – Round Two The Americas

1. Is Cuba reaping economic benefits from improved diplomatic relations with the United States?
2. How is Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff responding to her critics?
3. Should the World Health Organization lead efforts to eradicate the Zika virus in South America?
4. Has political corruption significantly affected Brazil's economic growth rate?
5. Is declining petroleum revenue leading to an economic catastrophe for Venezuela?
6. Should the United Nations investigate human rights violations in El Salvador?
7. Will Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos successfully resolving his nation's differences with FARC rebel groups?
8. Has a major political shift occurred in Venezuela?
9. Should Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff be impeached?

10. What challenges are Brazil's leaders facing in terms of preparing for the 2016 Olympic Games?
11. As members of the Pacific Alliance, what trade objectives are shared by Chile, Colombia, Mexico, and Peru?
12. In what ways have improvements of the Panama Canal affected the nation of Panama?
13. Why is economic recovery in the Latin America moving at a slow pace in 2016?
14. Has Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro failed to address his nation's economic concerns?
15. Is development in Brazil's Amazon region resulting in environmental devastation?

International Extemp – Round Three Europe

1. Are Belgium's leaders concerned about the presence of radical militant groups in their nation?
2. What are the latest details about possible involvement of the Russian government in the death of Alexander Litvinenko?
3. Is Germany's Defense Minister Ursula von der Leyen becoming a significant political leader?
4. Are leaders of major European nations fearing a pending global economic meltdown?

5. What has Vladimir Putin achieved as Russia's president?
6. Are major changes likely for the Roman Catholic Church under the leadership of Pope Francis?
7. Will diplomatic relations between Turkey and Russia improve in the near future?
8. Based on the latest election results, is France moving in a politically more conservative direction?
9. Do current levels of violence in Turkey reflect on the popularity of the nation's President Recep Erdogan?
10. Is Germany taking the lead, among European nations, in addressing the Syrian refugee issue?
11. Spain: Are leaders of the Catalonia separatist movement achieving success?
12. Did Germany's Angela Merkel deserve the *Time* person of the year designation?
13. As Britain's prime minister, what are David Cameron's most pressing challenges?
14. As Turkey seeks European Union membership, what obstacles does the nation face?
15. As president of the European Council, has Donald Tusk achieved success?

International Extemp – Round Four Africa and the Middle East

1. How is Iran benefitting economically from removal of sanctions?

2. Are Saudi Arabia and Iran on the verge of a major conflict?
4. Is Saudi Arabia playing a significant role in promoting stability in Yemen?
5. Is Zimbabwe experiencing modernization under the leadership of President Robert Mugabe?
6. Is Iraq's military achieving success in its battle against ISIS?
7. Will talks between President Bashar Assad rebel leaders help bring an end to the Syrian conflict?
8. What are the causes of the growing violence levels in Tunisia?
9. Is Nigeria likely to remain a target for Boko Haram attacks indefinitely?
10. Has international trade contributed to South Africa's economic strength?
11. Will Russia's military engagement in Syria help resolve the nation's ongoing conflict?
12. What factors are contributing to increased levels of violence in Israel's West Bank area?
13. Are divisions and conflict with Sudan threatening the future stability of neighboring South Sudan?
14. Should the United Nations take steps to resolve the Palestinian settlement issue in Israel?
15. Why is Saudi Arabia reluctant to curtail its current level of oil production?