



## I. Budapest American Studies Forum

On November 29-30, the Antall József Knowledge Centre (AJKC) will welcome 20 students at the first Budapest American Studies Forum!

If you are currently pursuing a Bachelor's or Master's degree in American Studies, International Relations, or Political Science/Communication, we are willing to bet that you have strong opinions about the 2016 US presidential race—and we are offering you a chance to share them with your peers over the course of a two-day conference in Budapest.

We are looking for students with a deep interest in US politics and well-articulated, thought-provoking views. Even if you are only in your first or second year at university but have followed this election closely, this event is for you.

We have also invited four distinguished experts and commentators to share their own takes on the issues and facilitate intense discussions in a friendly atmosphere:

Elizabeth Wahl—journalist who has appeared on CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, Bloomberg, and several international news outlets and documentaries. From 2011 to 2014, she was a correspondent and anchor for the U.S. branch of RT TV and made international headlines following her resignation from the channel, publicly denouncing its distorted coverage of the conflict in Ukraine and Russian intervention in Crimea.

J. D. Gordon—former Pentagon spokesman who served under Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Secretary Robert Gates from 2005 to 2009. Since leaving the Defense Department, Gordon has served as the Director of National Security to Republican Presidential Nominee Donald Trump, and previously Chief Foreign Policy & National Security Advisor to Republican Presidential candidates, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and corporate CEO, Mr. Herman Cain.

John O'Sullivan—President of the Danube Institute, as well as editor and columnist who has held senior editorial positions on the London Times, National Review magazine, and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty. He was a special advisor to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and the author of *The President, the Pope and the Prime Minister*.

Michael Weiss—Senior Editor at The Daily Beast and co-author of the New York Times bestseller *ISIS: Inside the Army of Terror*. He also edits *The Interpreter*, an online translation and analysis journal devoted to all things Russian and Ukrainian.

### HOW TO APPLY

Please submit short essays (5-6.500 characters/essay) introducing your own personal views on at least two of the following topics:

1. How to define the Obama presidency
2. Why and how Hillary Clinton / Donald Trump (pick one) will win the presidency\*
3. The US in 2020—Domestic Affairs under a President Clinton / Trump (pick one)\*
4. The Leader the Free World Needs, Deserves, and Gets—US Foreign Policy under a President Clinton / Trump (pick one)\*

\*Not picking the eventual winner does NOT mean automatic disqualification.

Please send your submissions to [BASF@ajtk.hu](mailto:BASF@ajtk.hu) [1]

Deadline: November 8, 2016.

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