

November 11, 2011

To: Katonah Great Decisions Participants

From: Fred Piker – Discussion Leader

Re: Summary of 11/8/11 Meeting – “Ethics and Professionalism in Global Governance” – Topic Leader: Demetrios Argyriades

**10:15: KICKOFF**

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Welcome to Mary Kaplan and Fred White (friends of Joe Adams) who have decided to join our Chapter. Welcome also to additional guests: Diane Trilling (from the Chappaqua G. D. Chapter) and Peggy Adams and David Briggs.

Future 2011-12 Day Time Meeting Dates

12/6, 1/10/12, 1/24, 2/7, 3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/17, 5/1, 5/15

Future Schedule of Fall/Early Winter Daytime Meeting Topics

12/6-“The Atlantic Alliance – What’s the Future?”

Co-Topic Leaders: Joe Adams & Mike Kornfield

1/10/12-“Chinese Foreign Policy: Recent Developments and Implications for the U. S. and the World” – Co-Topic Leader: Charlie Kimball

Note – at the 11/22 Planning Committee meeting we will formulate the Winter/Spring schedule of topics which will be announced on 12/6

2011-12 Chapter Fee & Ordering of 2012 FPA Briefing Books

Per my recent e-mail, the 2012 Briefing Books have been ordered. They will be available in early January. Since I ordered a few extra books, for those of you who did not order one and would like to do so, just let me know.

Remembering Richard Webb-Former Chapter Discussion Leader

Discussion re this subject will be deferred until 12/6.

Chapter Snow Day Policy

I recently sent an e-mail transmission re this issue.

Forthcoming Chappaqua G. D. Programs-@ Chappaqua Library – 10 A. M.

11/14 - “Is China’s Economy Unstable, Unbalanced, Uncoordinated and Unsustainable as Described by Premier Wen Jiabao?”

11/28 – “U. S./Pakistan Relations – Irreparably Damaged?”

12/5 – “Turkey’s Emergence as a Critical Player Between the East and West”

### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

*CHAPTER MOTTO - “DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT FONDNESS FOR DISPUTE OR DESIRE FOR VICTORY” – BEN FRANKLIN*

### **Pre-Meeting Preparation**

#### **Priority**

Demetrios Argyriades CV (Attached to this transmission)

Abstract of Chapter IV “Beyond Efficiency and Effectiveness: the significance of ethics and spiritual dimension of service” from the book, “Winning the Needed Change: Saving Our Planet Earth”-Authors D. Argyriades & O. P. Dwivedi. Link: <http://www.booksonline.iospress.nl/Content/View.aspx?piid=11595>. (attached to this transmission)

October 2011 Argyriades presentation in Montenegro (as an UNDP Consultant), “The Essence of Professionalism: The Meaning and Significance of Public Service Professionalism in the Context of Global Governance” (attached to this transmission)

#### **Supplementary**

“Winning The Needed Change: Saving Our Planet Earth” – International Institute of Administrative Sciences – February 2009 – Edited by Pichardo Pagaza and D. Argyriades Link: <http://www.ias-iisa.org/e/publi/publications/books/Pages/winningChange.aspx>.

Full text PDF of aforementioned Chapter IV above (See box on right side of first page of link)

### **Topic Introduction**

Following Terri Sach's introduction (with whom the guest Topic Leader has been a long time mentor and family friend), drawing on his recent Montenegro presentation Mr. Argyriades focussed on several issues associated with the topic theme, including: what is "national interest"?, effects of political/lobbying pressure, cutting jobs to ensure a sound environment, handling global ethical issues, the principle of law, and global process and protocol. Subsequently, he led discussion on the questions listed below.

### **Preliminary Discussion Questions**

1-What is "global governance?"

2-How is "global governance" conducted now? How well is it working? Are there impediments? If so, what are they? Should its modus operandi be changed for the future? If so, how?

3-What are the principal issues – global in scope – that should be addressed? Should the following be included – climate change? – financial crisis? – energy? Others?

4-What is the UN's overarching role?

5-Since the people of national governments carry out the UN's work – not those at the UN building – how should nationals be trained to function on the "global" level?

6-What is public service professionalism? How should top officials be prepared to carry out local and global governance? How should standards be set to "serve" others?

### **Participant Observations**

Several issues emerged during the highly interactive discussion, including:

- \*           What are the "hard facts" which underlie professionalism?
- Status of the UN Millenium Development Goals
- How to resolve the conflict between democracy and professionalism
- UN role in developing competence among civil servants and setting and ensuring standards
- Training of public servants

### **12:00 P. M-ADJOURNMENT**

Hope you can join us on 12/6.

Best regards,