

Peter Gourevitch and Lawrence Krause to participate in the Governor's Conference on the Pacific Rim

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UCSD DEAN AND PROFESSOR PARTICIPATE IN GOVERNOR'S PACIFIC RIM CONFERENCE

Two members of the University of California, San Diego Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies faculty have been invited to participate in the Governor's Conference on the Pacific Rim, Oct. 14-16, at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton.

Peter Gourevitch, dean of the graduate school, will be among the four California delegates at the conference, which will bring together top government and business officials from California and 14 Pacific Rim countries.

"The Governor's Conference is an excellent opportunity to explore ways of lessening tensions in the Pacific Region, and finding ways of developing mutually beneficial relationships," said Gourevitch. "We need to hear divergent viewpoints, and I look forward to participating."

The conference will consist of roundtable discussions of three topics -international trade, investment and education. A recognized expert on regional affairs will address each topic. UCSD Professor Lawrence Krause has been invited to lead the discussion on international trade in the Pacific Region. He will present some remarks and moderate discussion on that topic among delegation members from the various countries.

The purpose of this conference is to generate specific recommendations and action plans to strengthen commercial and cultural ties in the Pacific Rim.

The international trade session will focus on specific suggestions to help each country increase its business ties with the others. New partnerships to facilitate greater trade and areas of common interest in international trade policy will be developed, along with an action plan to bring these common interests to the attention of the world's trade policy makers.

The international investment session will address the development of additional mutually beneficial arrangements which can help ensure that all nations of the region gain access to the Pacific's capital resources.

In the education and culture session, the characteristics and objectives of the educational systems of the various countries will be examined and compared, along with the degree of emphasis placed upon such disciplines as math, science, engineering, world affairs and foreign languages. Consideration will also be given to foreign student exchange programs, Pacific Rim studies programs, other cultural exchanges, and the expansion of tourism as important methods of enhancing regional cooperation and understanding.

Each participating Pacific Rim nation is invited to send a four-member delegation to the conference, with one member being the country's Los Angeles or San Francisco Consul-General. The Consul-Generals will then assist in assembling the rest of the delegation, which will consist of individuals who live and work in their native countries, respected educators or journalists, and a senior legislator.

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