

PALS Topics and Speakers, Fall 2025

September 8

The Future of China and the U.S.: War or Peace?

[Gordon G Chang](#), American lawyer, political analyst and columnist

September 15

Managing Risk in the Age of the Agentic Economy — Blockchain/Crypto, AI, Quantum and much more...

(What is Agentic Economy? Read [this article](#) to explain.)

[Dr. Merav Ozair](#), Leading Global Emerging Technologies Expert

September 29

An Uncertain European Future: War, Economic Competitiveness, and the Future of Alliances

[Heather Conley](#), Sr. Advisor, Evenflow Macro LLC; former Pres., German Marshall Fund and Dep. Asst. Sec. of State for European Affairs

October 6

Powershift, the Gulf Countries, the United States, and the New Middle Eastern Order

[Dr. Steven Cook](#), Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations

October 13

Can the Public Rely on Polling to Accurately Predict the Outcomes of the U.S. Elections?

[Dr. Daniel Cassino](#), Prof. and Director of the Fairleigh Dickinson University Poll

October 20

Down the Rabbit Hole: Understanding Conspiracy Theories

[Dr. Bruce Peabody](#), Professor of Government and Politics, Fairleigh Dickinson University

October 27

Immigration and Deportation: Yesterday and Today

[Dr. Gary Darden](#), Associate Professor of History; Chair, Dept of Social Sciences & History; Faculty Senate; Fairleigh Dickinson University.

November 3

Death with Dignity: The Status of Medically-Assisted Dying in NJ and Other States

[Hon. Paul Armstrong](#), Retired Judge of the N.J. Superior Court, and Rutgers University Professor

November 10

Issues and Challenges Facing NJ's next Governor

[*Dr. Benjamin Dworkin*](#), Director, Rowan Institute for Public Policy and Citizenship

November 17

Advances in Cancer Research: Innovative Cancer Immunotherapies

[*Dr. Andrea Schietinger*](#), Professor, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center