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**An Evening of Round Table Discussions with Emerging Leaders for Global Change**

The Young Professionals of the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville, in partnership with the International Visitor Corps of Jacksonville (IVCJax), will host 13 emerging leaders from Europe's Muslim community for their quarterly *Global Exchange* program. These leaders, from a variety of fields including academia, religious associations, government, community groups, and media, have demonstrated an ability to influence their societies and have been invited to the United States under the auspices of the Department of State's *International Visitor Leadership Program*. The larger program is arranged by Meridian International Center and delegates are hosted locally by IVCJax. Local, young professionals (ages 21-40) will have an opportunity to engage in round table discussions with these leaders from abroad, examining topics such as leadership and ethics, culture and society, and government and foreign policy. This cross-cultural exchange will explore strategies for directing political, social, and economic change in participants' respective communities, with emphasis placed on the challenges of integration within a pluralistic society.

Round table discussions will take place 6:00-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, at the Haskell Company, located at 111 Riverside Avenue in downtown Jacksonville. Complimentary tickets are required and space is limited. To learn more about our programs and membership or to reserve complimentary member tickets, contact Vanessa K. Harper at the Council's office at (904) 280-8162 or via email at [vanessa@worldaffairscounciljax.org](mailto:vanessa@worldaffairscounciljax.org).

The event is sponsored by The Haskell Company.

*As one of the most prestigious citizen forums in Northeast Florida, the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville is a non-profit, non-partisan, educational organization devoted to engaging the community in discussions about global issues of today and tomorrow. Our mission is to promote an understanding of the world and its people and to engage citizens of Northeast Florida in becoming informed participants in the global community.*

*The Young Professionals of the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville aim to develop a greater understanding of the world while connecting with others who share an interest in international affairs and the globalization of Northeast Florida. Membership in the Council's Young Professionals opens up a world of information, ideas, and opportunities to meet others.*

*The International Visitor Corps of Jacksonville is a non-partisan, non-profit organization, promoting broader understanding of peoples around the world through citizen diplomacy, building relationships one handshake at a time. Emerging leaders and key decision makers worldwide visit Jacksonville through the International Visitor Corps of Jacksonville's partnership with the prestigious International Visitor Leadership Program of the US Department of State. Visit [www.ivcjax.com](http://www.ivcjax.com) or contact Sondie Frus at 904.346.3941 or [sfrus@ivcjax.com](mailto:sfrus@ivcjax.com) for more information about the international visitors.*

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