The Hesselbein Forum Leadership Program in International Affairs is an extracurricular program designed to empower GSPIA students with the skills they need to be effective leaders throughout their careers in international affairs.

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Led by Hesselbein Director, Julia Santucci

Whether as diplomats, intelligence and security officials, development professionals, or in the private sector, students will learn how to deal effectively with leaders from around the world. Through participation in this program, students will:

- Understand their own leadership styles through self-diagnostic tools, introspection, and discussion
- Develop skills to draw on their leadership strengths and effectively collaborate with others
- Address complex challenges that are common in international affairs
- Assess the leadership style of foreign interlocutors, and consider strategies for working with foreign leaders in friendly and adversarial situations

The program deepens students’ understanding of international leadership and develops their own leadership skills through research, group-based discussions, and learning exercises. Students participate in conversations with current and former national security and international affairs leaders to understand their paths and the skills that helped them succeed in times of crisis.

Hesselbein Forum Director and Professor Julia Santucci shares her knowledge, gained from work in the State Department and the CIA, on how to profile international leaders in terms of their strengths, weaknesses, and tendencies.

Participants in the LPIA also meet with established leaders in international affairs and have the opportunity to diagnose their own leadership skills.

Since 2017, the program has trained nearly 60 students.