GU POLITICS FELLOW ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN
Discussion Group Outline
Congressional Politics and American Foreign Policy

Week 1 (Tuesday, Feb. 5) — Making American Foreign Policy: Who’s in Charge Here?
President versus Congress — Historical Tensions Between the Executive and Legislative Branches on Which Branch Directs American Foreign Policy?

Week 2 (Tuesday, Feb. 12) — The United Nations
Is the US Getting Its Money’s Worth? UN Believers and Congressional Doubters

Week 3 (Tuesday, Feb. 19) — Iran
The Politics of the Iran Nuclear Deal — How Did the Iran Nuclear Deal Happen, What Did It Do, and Why Did It Die?

Week 4 (Tuesday, Feb. 26) — Israel
The Politics of American Israel Policy and the Embassy Move — American National Interest or Just a Strong Israel Lobby in the US?

(Tuesday, Mar 5 – no discussion meeting)

Week 5 (Tuesday, Mar 12) — Cuba
The Politics of American Cuba Policy — The Influence of Cuban Americans in the US, or US National Interest?

Week 6 (Tuesday, Mar. 19) — War Power
The Politics of Warmaking — Does Congress Matter, or Is the President the Only Game in Town? (War Powers Act, Authorizations for the Use of Military Force (AUMFs), etc.

Week 7 (Tuesday, Mar. 26) — The War on Terror
The Politics of the War on Terror: Do We Need a New Framework?

Week 8 (Tuesday, Apr 2) — Covert Action and Intelligence Gathering
Can Congress control violent covert direct action? Can Congress control intelligence gathering?