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In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I Senator Ben Sasse, make the following  
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	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount	\$242.50 (round trip airfare only, ground transportation not provided by AEI)	\$1,368.93 (3 nights)	\$227 (2 breakfast; 2 lunch; 2 dinner)	N/A

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Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. *See* Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): **Itinerary attached.**

**Ben Sauer**

3/27/2019  
(Date)

**Form RE-3**

# 2019 AEI World Forum

## Itinerary, Senator Ben Sasse

Thursday, March 7

7:04 PM – Arrival, Jacksonville International Airport

8:15 PM – Arrival, The Cloister at Sea Island

Friday, March 8

7:30–8:30 a.m.

Early Bird Breakfasts

The Cloister

**Choose one of the below:**

### **A Conversation with Jean and Steve Case**

Robert Doar (Moderator)

A conversation on the three's shared commitment to lifting up those traditionally left behind in our society. They will discuss how policies, the Internet, and support for entrepreneurship can increase opportunities for economically disadvantaged Americans.

### **A Conversation with Secretary of Labor Alex Acosta**

Stan Veuger (Moderator)

A conversation about the issues and policies being worked on by the Department of Labor.

### **A Conversation with Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross**

Phil Gramm (Moderator)

A conversation about the issues and policies being worked on by the Department of Commerce.

8:45–10:15 a.m.

Breakout Sessions

The Cloister

**Choose one of the below:**

### **Economic Policy at the Halfway Point**

Glenn Hubbard

Gene Sperling

Michael Strain

Kevin Warsh

Mark Zandi

Stan Veuger (Moderator)

Two years in, what is the state of the administration's economic policy agenda? Is the 2017 tax law working as lawmakers hoped? Has the administration's trade policy accomplished what it intended? How successful has its deregulatory agenda been? And what is the policy outlook for the rest of the president's term?

### **The US vs. China: Who Is Winning in Great Power Competition?**

Dan Blumenthal

Elizabeth Economy

Oriana Skylar Mastro

Larry Summers

Derek Scissors (Moderator)

In 2008, China appeared at the top of its game, hosting the Olympics and achieving another year of solid growth. Over a decade later, however, the question of whether China's rise is truly peaceful continues to vex policymakers and scholars alike. The United States and the People's Republic of China are clearly engaged in long-term strategic competition, but does China truly challenge US economic, political, or military hegemony? Does it even want to? How can Washington best manage the risks and continue to reap the rewards of a more aggressive China?

10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

General Session

The Cloister

### **Polarization and Extremism in Policy and Politics**

John Delaney

Rahm Emanuel

Kevin Hassett  
 Glenn Hubbard  
 Frederick Kagan  
 David Perdue  
 Gene Sperling  
 Michael Strain  
 Liz Truss  
 Danielle Pletka (Moderator)  
 Ryan Streeter (Moderator)

Americans are drifting away from traditional policy positions and ideological principles. Some conservatives have abandoned traditional concern about debt and deficits, are moving away from free trade, and have de-prioritized entitlement reform. Similarly, some liberals are advocating for more than doubling the federal minimum wage, guaranteeing employment with the federal government to every American who wants a job, instituting Medicare for All, and providing free higher education. Why is bipartisanship and working together crucial during a time when the tone of political discourse has become ever shriller? Are there any specific policies that can be agreed upon to make progress?

12:15–1:45 p.m. Luncheon The Beach Club  
**Media in the Age of Populism**

Paul Gigot  
 Fred Hiatt  
 AG Sulzberger  
 Ramesh Ponnuru (Moderator)  
 The New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, and the Washington Post are the three most prominent newspapers in the country. The editors of their editorial pages will reflect on the challenges of public debate in the current social climate and at a time of rapid change in the media industry.

2:00–3:15 p.m. Afternoon Sessions The Cloister

**Are Values the Next Phase of Education Reform?**

Betsy DeVos  
 Ian Rowe  
Ben Sasse  
 Isabel Sawhill  
 Nat Malkus (Moderator)  
 Over the past 25 years, education reformers have made substantial progress through charter schools, vouchers, and other reforms, usually measuring progress by rising test scores. But has the narrow pursuit of test scores kept us from more controversial conversations about the values that are fundamental to students' long-term success? Students who make good early-life choices, even those with suboptimal test scores, attain the outcomes that we care about later in life. Yet we avoid value-laden conversations about these choices in public schools for fear of coming off as anachronistic, paternalistic, or out of touch. What values should public schools teach? How can we reform our approach to education reform to give values their proper place?

3:15–5:00 p.m. Executive Time

5:00–5:30 p.m. Reception The Cloister

5:30–6:00 p.m. Dinner Conversation The Cloister

**A Conversation with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Moderated by Sen. Tom Cotton**

A conversation covering a wide range of topics essential to national security. What's the next step on Iran? Will we push back on Putin? How do we continue to keep ISIS on the run? Do we have a strategy for China? What's next with Venezuela and the Maduro regime?

6:15–7:45 p.m. Dinner The Cloister

8:00–9:00 p.m. Starlight Chats The Cloister

**Choose one of the below:**

**The People Who Are Changing America and How You Can Help**

David Brooks  
 Introduction: Jimmy Panetta

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America needs a social, cultural and moral revival. And just in time it is coming—from the bottom up. It just doesn't look the way we thought it would look. How can individuals and community-level efforts provide solutions to broader societal problems?

### Why We Shouldn't Fear the Future: A Conversation with Astro Teller

Arthur Brooks (Moderator)

In a conversation with Google's X laboratories' Captain of Moonshots, Astro Teller, Arthur Brooks will explore how the latest advances in technology research can complement public policy, how a major research organization approaches problem solving, and how leaders should be thinking about the impact of new tech developments in order to appropriately address societal suspicions about technology.

Saturday, March 9

7:00–7:45 a.m.	Informal Breakfast	The Cloister
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8:00–9:30 a.m.	Breakout Sessions	The Cloister
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### The Future of Conservatism

Karlyn Bowman  
Liz Cheney  
Jonah Goldberg  
Yuval Levin  
Ramesh Ponnuru

Ben Sasse

Ryan Streeter (Moderator)

It has been said that the definition of what it means to be conservative has fundamentally changed. Is this true? What are the basic principles and policy goals of the conservative movement going forward?

9:45–10:45 a.m.	Morning Keynote Conversation	The Beach Club
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### VP to VP: A Conversation Between Mike Pence and Dick Cheney

Introduction: Arthur Brooks

The current and former Vice President will discuss the role of the VP and how the office interacts with and impacts policy.

11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	General Session	The Cloister
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### The Collapse of Trust: The Global Loss of Faith in Institutions

David Brooks  
Ted Cruz  
Mitch Daniels  
Nick Eberstadt  
Michael Gove  
Jim Himes  
Nicholas Kristof  
Bill Kristol  
Larry Summers  
George Will  
Paul Gigot (Moderator)

One of the most startling events of recent years has been the collapse around the world of institutional authority and respect in so many areas of public life. Whether it is trust in Congress, faith in the authority of the Catholic Church, confidence in the press, a sense of unity with allies, or confidence in long-standing and established political parties, public opinion surveys reflect a growing discontent with established social, political, economic, and religious institutions. What does this mean for the United States and the world? Is this a temporary phenomenon? And how should public leaders—and institutions themselves—seek to move forward?

12:45–2:15 p.m.	Luncheon	The Beach Club
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### Reshaping the Courts: A View from the Inside

Leonard Leo  
Mitch McConnell  
John Yoo (Moderator)

A discussion on what has happened on the judicial appointments front for the past two years.

2:30–3:45 p.m.	Afternoon Sessions	The Cloister
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**Choose one of the below:**

**Central and South America: Danger in Our Own Backyard?**

John Cornyn  
Doug Ducey  
Marta Lucía Ramírez  
Andrew Selee  
Roger Noriega (Moderator)

The migrant caravan, the narcotics crisis in Mexico, the lawless Maduro regime in Venezuela—from drug cartels to corrupt governments, Central and South America have no shortage of problems. But as these issues boil over, they could soon become our problems too. What can the US do to combat these dangers? Is immigration reform a piece of the puzzle? Is there hope in partnering with new leaders, such as Brazil's Jair Bolsonaro? Or is the US doomed to watch helplessly as instability destroys the region?

**The Rise of the Administrative State**

Matt Bevin  
Mike Lee  
Gene Sperling  
Peter Wallison  
John Yoo  
Stan Veuger (Moderator)

Civics classes teach that there are three branches of government. But are there really four? Has the administrative state taken on too many legislative powers? Is it a threat to liberal democracy? And what could the courts and Congress do about it?

4:00–5:00 p.m.

Afternoon Keynote Conversation

The Cloister

**Can Congress Solve Problems?**

Dan Crenshaw  
Mike Gallagher  
Josh Gottheimer  
Jimmy Panetta  
Elise Stefanik  
Tom Suozzi  
David Brooks (Moderator)

Members of Congress will discuss the legislative approach to the nation's issues and whether or not it is effective in solving problems.

5:30–6:00 p.m.

Reception

The Cloister

6:15–7:15 p.m.

Keynote Lecture

The Cloister

**The Most Important Thing in Life**

Arthur Brooks  
Introduction: Daniel D'Aniello

Using a blend of cutting edge behavioral science, art, and music, Arthur Brooks will examine the thing most responsible for our happiness, but to which we often pay far too little attention: love. By focusing on how to get more love in our lives—whether in romance or even in the combative world of politics—Arthur will demonstrate how we can become happier people, better leaders, and more successful individuals.

7:30–9:00 p.m.

Dinner

The Beach Club

Sunday, March 10

8:30–9:00 a.m.

Early Bird Breakfasts

The Cloister

**A Conversation with Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao**

James Pethokoukis (Moderator)

A conversation about the issues and policies being worked on by the Department of Transportation.

9:00–10:00 a.m.

Morning Conversation

The Cloister

**Understanding Brexit: The View from Inside**

Michael Gove  
Liz Truss  
Dalibor Rohac (Moderator)

