

## Day 1 Afternoon Discussion Topics

Instructions — each group has **one** particular discussion topic and needs to prepare an 8-10 minute commentary or report discussing views on the topic. There is a maximum 2 spokesperson per group per day. Budget your time, time limits will be strictly enforced. No need to be complicated in your presentation. A simple, but effective, talk is best. All members should help in the preparation of the report.

After the first day the reports will expand to a maximum of 15 minutes and the number of spokespersons per group can expand to a maximum of 3. Everyone is expected to be a spokesperson at least once during the course. Groups are encouraged to express personal opinions, if backed by facts. Personal experiences are also welcome, if relevant. Groups can organize their commentary around facts, comments, etc. found in the "Additional Materials" link on the course webpage for each discussion topic.

Note: Groups also have the right to change the topic somewhat, if the group wishes to explore other aspects of the issue originally suggested. However, they cannot consider other groups' topics for the day. Stay focused on your topic. These are complicated questions so you must try to make your presentation brief and succinct.

### Day 1 Topics

1. Are Equity Markets around the World in a Bubble ?
2. What are the Global Demographic Trends and Why are they Important ?
3. Is Secular Stagnation the Cause of Low Growth and Low Inflation ?
4. Is Fiscal Austerity or More Stimulus the Best Policy for Governments Today ?
5. Why is Income Inequality Worsening throughout the World and is this Bad?
6. What is Globalization and How To Make It Work for Everyone ?