



SEMI-ANNUAL MUNK DEBATE ANNOUNCED

***COMMENTS ON THE BANNON VS. FRUM DEBATE BY MUNK
DEBATE CHAIR, RUDYARD GRIFFITHS***

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Rudyard Griffiths is the organiser and chair of the Munk Debates.

The following are his public comments on November 2 Munk Debate on populism featuring Steven Bannon and David Frum. See [here](#) for the original press release on the debate.

“For over a decade the Munk Debates have provided a neutral public forum to discuss challenging issues and ideas. In this context, the rise of populist politics in western societies was an obvious topic to tackle at our upcoming debate. We look forward to Stephen Bannon and David Frum bringing their sharply different views on populism and its impact on western politics to our November 2 debate. We believe we are providing a public service by allowing their ideas to be vigorously contested and letting the public draw their own conclusions from the debate. In our increasingly polarized societies we often struggle to see across ideological and moral divides. Civil and substantive public debate of the big issues of our time helps all of us better understand the challenges we face as a society and what, if anything, can be done to resolve them.”

Rudyard Griffiths, Chair, The Munk Debates

The Munk Debates are a signature initiative of the Aurea Foundation, founded in 2006 by Peter and Melanie Munk to support public policy innovation and debate. Two debates are held each year in Toronto, one in the spring and one in the autumn. Previous Munk Debate participants include Tony Blair, Henry Kissinger, Christopher Hitchens, Samantha Power, Paul Krugman, Fareed Zakaria, Nigel Farage, Dambisa Moyo, Mia Farrow, Malcolm Gladwell, Simon Schama, Louise Arbour, Stephen Fry, and Glenn Greenwald.

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