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GLOBALIZATION: Threat or Opportunity?

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7:00PM, Monday, April 5
GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: Top Down or Bottom Up?

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3:30PM, Tuesday, April 6
THE INTERNATIONAL FREE MARKET: Open or Closed World Economy?

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COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY: Connecting or Disconnecting the World?

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3:30PM, Wednesday, April 7
CULTURAL HOMOGENIZATION: Inevitable or Preventable?

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GLOBALIZATION AND DEMOCRACY: Civil Society or Radical Backlash?

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