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Micro-Seminars

Trump, America, and the world:
Madness or method in U.S. foreign policy

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Can we make sense out of U.S. foreign policy as we approach the end of the second year of the Trump presidency? President Trump has withdrawn the United States from the Paris Climate Accords, the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), and the Iran nuclear deal. He has called Kim Jong Un of North Korea “rocket man,” threatened war, hastily agreed to summit meeting with Kim, then back out of the meeting at the last minute. Mr. Trump has imposed stiff tariffs on steel from many countries only to backtrack on some as a trade war seemed imminent. In only 17 months there have been 3 national security advisers and two secretaries of state as Trump has fired a number of top foreign policy officials.

What can we make of the U.S. foreign policy today? How are others countries reacting to a seemingly unpredictable president? Is there a method to what looks like complete madness? In this micro-seminar we will take stock of Donald J. Trump and his approach to US foreign policy by dissecting some key decisions and examining the way the president interacts with his inner circle.