

# 2017 EU Study Tour

The Albers School of Business and Economics at Seattle University

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Preliminary Program for

Monday, September 4, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

PRISM (Research Center) University of Paris I-Panthéon-Sorbonne.

Dr. Bahram Soltani, Management Department, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

Mr. Gary Swindells, Vice President and Country Manager, Costco France SAS

Dr. Valentina Zamora, Accounting Department, Seattle University

Dr. Bryan Ruppert, Marketing Department, Seattle University

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- 7:45 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast hosted by Dr. Soltani near campus for Mr. Swindells and Dr. Zamora  
(meet in front of the Rue CUJUS (there is a Post Office just in front of the door)  
Meanwhile:
- 8:45 a.m. Gate arrival and check-in for Dr. Ruppert and 22 Seattle University students  
(meet in front of the Rue CUJUS - there is a Post Office just in front of the door)  
An abbreviated introduction to the Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne  
with a quick stop at the Reading Room Saint-Jacques, Library of the Sorbonne
- 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. Welcome and introduction by Dr. Soltani
- 9:10 – 10:10 a.m. Remarks about “Costco’s Experience in France” by Mr. Swindells  
(Students would have already viewed the video courtesy of Dr. Swindells)
- 10:10 – 10:20 a.m. Question and answer with students and other audience
- 10:20 – 10:30 a.m. Brief remarks about “Current issues in French Business Environment and  
Corporate Governance for U.S. Companies” by Dr. Soltani
- 10:30 – 10:40 a.m. Question and answer with students and other audience
- 10:40 – 10:50 a.m. As time permits, brief remarks about “Current issues in U.S. Business  
Environment and Corporate Governance for EU Companies” By Dr. Zamora
- 10:50 – 11:00 a.m. Brief conclusion and time for panelists to mingle with students and faculty
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