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### Thematic questions for the conference

- How can our policy discussions catch up with our economic discussions?
- Is the political system broken and what do we do to fix it?
- Where can we find areas of bi-partisan agreement in an age of hyper-polarization?

### Potential keynote speakers or panels

- Members of Congress?
- Leaders in innovation, like Bezos, Gates, or others?
- Legislative leadership
- National figures versus local thought leaders?

### Proposed session topics

- The policy implications of a changing media and information landscape
- Privacy and anonymity in the digital age
- Getting serious about funding education
- Income inequality and middle-out economics
- Why does state and local policy on homelessness leave so much to be desired?
- Substance abuse, safe injection sites, and the 2017 ballot box
- How can policy support making Seattle a space exploration hub
- Policies to support the lagging rural economy in Washington
- Applying the lessons of the internet age to the coming age of automation
- Is it time to revisit “too big to fail” and anti-trust regulation?
- Modernizing an antiquated bureaucracy in Olympia
- Connecting the business community to education system
- Career-connected learning
- Closing the gap between our K-12 system and our Seattle economy
- Density, homelessness and new urbanism
- How can we re-establish a shared agreement on what a fact is?
- Modernizing labor for a gig economy
- Don’t miss the boat: learning from life sciences in Puget Sound
- An honest conversation about updating our tax code
- Are we over-reliant on Amazon for job growth?
- Genome-specific health care
- The NBA, NHL, and the economics of sport
- 2017 Election and 2018 Election – Predictions and what it means for policy in 2018 and beyond
- Automation, block chain, and the disruptive forces coming to our economy
- What can Central Puget Sound learn from the rest of Washington?
- The “hollowing out” of political parties and what that means for our politics
- What does the lack of social and geographic mobility mean for our common understanding of “America?”