

Urban Planning Conference; March 30th; Student Union from 8 am - 4:15 pm

G-LIBER students travelling to Georgia Logistics Summit ; April 10th-11th; Atlanta

● **[China fires warning shot at U.S. over tariffs](#)**

Tens of billions of dollars in U.S. imports from China are under a microscope in a developing trans-Pacific showdown between two of the world's trading powers. The Trump administration's decision to levy tariffs on Chinese goods is triggering threats of retaliation from Beijing and big concerns over U.S. exports, worries deep enough to pummel shares of American companies focused on manufacturing and international trade. China quickly fired a retaliatory shot back against what called a "vile" action, targeting for higher tariffs \$3 billion in U.S. goods, including fruit, pork, recycled aluminum and steel pipes. Bigger items like Boeing Co. aircraft and soybeans weren't on Beijing's list, suggesting there's still room for negotiations, or for the confrontation to escalate.

Source: The Wall Street Journal March 23, 2018

● **[Buffett-backed USG rejects buyout offer from Germany's Knauf](#)**

U.S. building products maker USG Corp , backed by Warren Buffett, rejected an unsolicited buyout offer from its second-biggest shareholder, Germany's Gebr Knauf KG, saying the offer substantially undervalued the company. USG's shares have fallen about 13 percent this year. The company reported a 6.8 percent decline in its 2017 operating profit, hurt by higher costs of raw materials such as gypsum and steel.

Source: The Economic Times March 26, 2018

● **[European stocks close lower amid tense Russia relations; Fresnillo up 4.5%; Smurfit Kappa down 3%](#)**

European stocks closed lower Monday, after the U.S. and several European Union nations expelled Russian diplomats in a show of solidarity with the U.K. The pan-European Stoxx 600 closed 0.77 percent lower provisionally, with most sectors and major bourses finishing in negative territory. Italian stocks were the standout fallers. The FTSE MIB closed down 1.2 percent lower after an uneasy truce between the country's two populists, anti-establishment parties on Friday.

Source: CNBC March 26, 2018

● **[Samsung Electronics moves to expand and diversify board –and critics shrug](#)**

Samsung Electronics Co. expanded the size of its board of directors and added three new independent members, in the face of criticism that the world's largest smartphone maker needs stronger corporate governance.

Source: The Walls Street Journal March 23, 2018

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