

Great Decisions

*A Community Forum on International Affairs,
National Security, and U.S. Foreign Policy*

The Great Decisions Program is the oldest and largest grassroots world affairs educational program of its kind in the country. Begun in 1954, it is the flagship program of the Foreign Policy Association, a non-partisan, non-governmental organization. The Great Decisions Program's goal is to discuss, debate, and learn about International Affairs, National Security, and U.S. Foreign Policy.

The Great Decisions Program is for anyone who desires to gain a deeper understanding of the current challenges the United States faces in the world today, from the threat of global terrorism to environmental issues, globalization, and development. Teachers, educators, students, military personnel (active and retired), business people, service organizations and clubs, political organizations, and international community groups will all benefit by gaining a greater appreciation for the complex international issues we face as a nation today. Audience feedback on these topics is sent directly to federal policy makers in the U.S. State Department.

This year the World Affairs Council of Eastern North Carolina (WAC-ENC) is again sponsoring the Great Decisions program with the assistance of East Carolina University. WAC-ENC also sponsors other speakers and events related to international issues. Please consider becoming a member. For more information, see our webpage:

<http://blog.ecu.edu/sites/wacenc/>

Contact Information:

- World Affairs Council of Eastern North Carolina
- <http://blog.ecu.edu/sites/wacenc/>
- Great Decisions Program: <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-cas/greatdecisions/home.cfm>

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Great Decisions 2012

The Great Decisions Program will take place from January 14 to March 3, 2012. Each Saturday morning, a recognized expert will discuss a topic of importance related to the United States and its role in the world. The topics are determined by the Foreign Policy Association. This year's topics are listed below along with the names of the presenters.

January 14
Cybersecurity
Speaker: TBA

January 21
Indonesia

Speaker: Dr. Alethia Cook, Department of Political Science, ECU

January 28
State of the Oceans

Speaker: Dr. David Kimmel, Department of Biology, ECU

February 4
Energy Geopolitics

Speaker: Dr. Richard Ericson, Department of Economics, ECU

February 11
Promoting Democracy

Speaker: Dr. Dursun Peksen, Department of Political Science, ECU

February 18
Mexico

Speaker: Dr. Angela Thompson,
Department of History, ECU

February 25
Exit from Afghanistan and Iraq

Speaker: Dr. Austin Long, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University

March 3
Middle East Realignment

Speaker: Nathan Lean, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University

Funding for the Great Decisions Program has been provided by the World Affairs Council of ENC, the International Studies Program and the Office of International Affairs at ECU.

The cost of attending the eight sessions of the Great Decisions Program is \$37 and includes membership in the World Affairs Council of Eastern NC. Full-time students can attend for free. The program book can be purchased for \$20. The cost for individual sessions is \$6.

Parking for this series is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the lot next to the Rivers Building off 6th Street and Maple Street. Parking is also available in front of the Messick Theater Arts Center and McGinnis Auditorium.

Please do not park in handicapped (unless you have a valid handicapped placard), no parking, or service/maintenance spaces.

If you would like to pre-register for Great Decisions 2012, complete the form below and mail it with the appropriate registration fee to:

**World Affairs Council of Eastern NC
PO Box 7182
Greenville, NC 27835-7182**

**Make checks payable to:
World Affairs Council of Eastern NC**

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Full-time student? _____

If yes, where? _____

(No cost for full-time students)

Full registration (includes Great Decision Series and membership in WAC-ENC) _____ \$37

Optional:

Textbook _____ \$20

Individual sessions:
_____ \$6 per session
(Can be paid at the door)

What sessions:
