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## **Indiana Council on World Affairs Great Decisions 2018 Schedule**

Location: Carmel High School, 520 E Main St, Carmel, IN 46032

For program schedules and on-line registration, please visit: [www.indianaworld.org](http://www.indianaworld.org)

### **Overview:**

The Indiana Council on World Affairs Great Decisions 2018 series is administered with the combined cooperation of the Foreign Policy Association and the World Affairs Councils of America.

The Indiana Council on World Affairs, Inc. is a non-profit, non-partisan educational organization founded in 1955, as a member council of the World Affairs Councils of America, to foster an informed citizenry on matters of world affairs and American foreign policy. It is among more than 90 nonprofit, nonpartisan member councils across the United States, with more than 20-30,000 members who participate in meetings and events. Membership is open to those interested in world affairs.

Since 1954, when the Great Decisions program was launched, it has become the largest nonpartisan public education program on international affairs in the world. The learning groups meet in over 1,200 local communities, 110 secondary schools, and over 100 colleges and universities throughout the United States. The television series, broadcast on PBS, reaches an audience of more than a million viewers.

In many communities, it is a World Affairs Councils of America member council that convenes the Great Decisions program. In Indiana, the Indiana Council on World Affairs serves as the Foreign Policy Association's State Coordinator and administers one of the Great Decisions programs.

The Indiana Council on World Affairs program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book and then gathering to hear presentations by informed experts, followed by discussion, to consider various perspectives on complex but critical matters of global significance.

The Great Decisions 2018 program presents experts who will offer information as well as insight.

### **Dates & Topics & Presenters:**

January - April, 2018, 7:00 - 9:00 pm - 8 Tuesdays:

#### **January 30, 2018 Media & Foreign Policy**

Ulf Jonas Björk, PhD, Chair, Journalism, IUPUI

#### **February 6, 2018 South Africa's Fragile Democracy**

Margaretha Geertsema-Sligh, PhD, Professor, Journalism, Butler University

#### **February 20, 2018 Global Health: Progress & Challenges**

Robert M. Einterz, MD, Associate Dean, Global Health, Indiana University

#### **February 27, 2018 Turkey: A Partner in Crisis**

Tijen-Demirel-Pegg, PhD, Ast. Professor, IUPUI

#### **March 6, 2018 Waning of Pax Americana?**

John Clark, PhD, Director, Development, Center for Interfaith Cooperation

#### **March 20, 2018 Russia's Foreign Policy**

Ed Delaney, JD, Indiana House of Representatives

#### **March 27, 2018 U.S. Global Engagement & the Military**

Pierre Atlas, PhD, Professor, Political Science, Marian University

#### **April 10, 2018 China & America: the New Geopolitical Equation**

Weilin Long, MA, MPA, Executive Director, Global Chamber® Indianapolis, LLC

### **Schedule:**

7:00 pm Registration

7:30 pm Presentation plus Q & A

9:00 pm Conclusion

**Location:** Carmel High School, 520 E Main St, Carmel, IN 46032.

## Notes:

All sessions, Carmel High School, Freshman Center, parking west of Door #13; except March 20, 2018, Main Cafeteria, parking south of Door #7.

A picture of the Freshman Center entrance is placed at the end of this document..

Weather Cancellation: The Carmel Clay Schools notices will be followed.

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## Indiana Council on World Affairs - Great Decisions 2018

**January 30, 2018 7:00 - 9:00 pm - Location: Carmel High School, Freshman Center**

**Topic: Media & Foreign Policy**

**Briefing Book Author: Susan Moeller**



State and non-state actors today must maneuver a complex and rapidly evolving media landscape. Conventional journalism now competes with user-generated content. Official channels of communication can be circumvented through social media. Foreign policy is tweeted from the White House and "fake news" has entered the zeitgeist. Cyber warfare, hacking and misinformation pose complex security threats. How are actors using media to pursue and defend their interests in the international arena? What are the implications for U.S. policy?

**Presenter: Ulf Jonas Björk, PhD, Journalism, IUPUI**



Dr. Ulf Jonas Björk, Chair, Journalism Department, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis teaches media history, communication law, international mass media and writing. His Journalist's Certificate is from the Stockholm Institute of Journalism, now a department of Stockholm University, 1978. His BA, 1980; MA, 1984; and PhD in communication, are from the University of Washington, 1987. He has taught journalism at Stockholm University, the Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX; and since 1988, IUPUI. As a Fulbright Fellow in 2012, he taught U.S. Mass Media at Uppsala University in his native Sweden. His research interests include foreign correspondence in U.S. newspapers in a historical perspective. He is a Swedish-American Historical Society member and a Swedish-American Historical Quarterly contributor. He has been an Eastern Business Magazine Assistant Editor and a Swedish Broadcasting Corporation news editor and announcer.

## Indiana Council on World Affairs - Great Decisions 2018

**February 6, 2018 7:00 - 9:00 pm - Location: Carmel High School, Freshman Center**

**Topic: South Africa's Fragile Democracy**

**Briefing Book Author: by Sean Jacobs**



The African National Congress (ANC) party has governed South Africa since the end of apartheid in 1994. But the party today suffers from popular frustration with President Jacob Zuma, and it faces growing threats from both left and right opposition parties, even as intra-party divisions surface. Given America's history of opportunistic engagement with Africa, there are few prospects for a closer relationship between the two countries. Meanwhile, a weaker ANC could lead to political fragmentation and a disturbing shift for this relatively new democracy

**Presenter: Margaretha Geertsema-Sligh, PhD, Professor, Journalism, Butler University**



Dr. Margaretha Geertsema-Sligh is professor and director of the Eugene S. Pullman School of Journalism at Butler University, and director of the interdisciplinary program. Born and raised in South Africa, she moved to the United States in 1999 to pursue a Master's degree in journalism at Washington State University. She graduated with a PhD from the University of Texas, Austin, 2005. Areas of emphasis included media sociology, international communication and media, and cultural gender studies. Geertsema-Sligh teaches Global Media, Gender and News, and Media Writing. She was a Desmond Tutu Fellow in 2013 and 2014. For study abroad, she has taken Butler students to South Africa. Publications include articles on media and activism in South Africa, newsrooms in transition, connections between the global and local, and bringing women's history into a new core curriculum.

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**Indiana Council on World Affairs - Great Decisions 2018****February 20, 2018 7:00 - 9:00 pm - Location: Carmel High School, Freshman Center****Topic: Global Health: Progress & Challenges****Briefing Book Author: by Josh Michaud Adams**

Global health has been an indisputable success story over the past 30 years. Action by countries, communities and organizations has literally saved millions of lives. Yet the international community is in no position to rest on its laurels. Global measures of health status have improved, but terrible inequalities persist and the world faces a mix of old and new challenges. This means the next several decades will be just as important, if not more so, than the last in determining wellbeing across nations.

**Presenter: Robert M. Einterz, MD, Associate Dean, Global Health, Indiana University**

Dr. Robert Einterz is the Donald E. Brown Professor of Global Health, professor of clinical medicine, and director and associate dean of global health at Indiana University. He is also director of AMPATH. (Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare.), serving more than three million people in Kenya. Dr. Einterz completed training in internal medicine and received his MD at Indiana University Medical Center, 1983. Following service at Westside Community Center, Eskenazi Hospital, and the Indiana University Medical Center; he practices internal medicine in Indianapolis. He directed a primary health care program in rural Haiti, 1986-87. In 1989, he co-founded a partnership between Indiana University and Moi University, Kenya. In addition, he has worked with the Gates Foundation and POPFAR (President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.)

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**Indiana Council on World Affairs - Great Decisions 2018****February 27, 2018 7:00 - 9:00 pm - Location: Carmel High School, Freshman Center****Topic: Turkey: A Partner in Crisis****Briefing Book Author: Ömer Taşpınar**

Of all NATO allies, Turkey represents the most daunting challenge for the Trump administration. In the wake of a failed military coup in July 2016, the autocratic trend in Ankara took a turn for the worse. One year on, an overwhelming majority of the population considers the United States to be their country's greatest security threat. In the context of a worsening "clash of civilizations," even more important than Turkey's geostrategic position is what it represents as the most institutionally westernized Muslim country in the world.

**Presenter: Tijen-Demirel-Pegg, PhD, Political Science, IUPUI, Indianapolis**

Dr. Tijen Demirel-Pegg is Assistant Professor, Political Science and Global and International Studies, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis. She received her BA degree in international relations at Middle East Technical University, Ankara, 1995; and her MA, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey, 1997. Indiana University awarded her PhD, Political Science, 2011. Her major fields are international relations and comparative politics, and her minor fields are social science and data analysis. At IUPUI, she teaches Middle Eastern politics, political violence, and human rights. She serves as faculty mentor for global and international studies. In 2016, at an international political research conference in Prague, she presented a paper on Istanbul's 2013 Gezi Park Protests; and in 2014, she was a discussant on panels at the International Studies Association roundtables.

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**Indiana Council on World Affairs - Great Decisions 2018****March 6, 2018 7:00 - 9:00 pm - Location: Carmel High School, Freshman Center****Topic: Waning of Pax Americana?****Briefing Book Author: Carla Norrlof**

During the first months of Donald Trump's presidency, the U.S. began an historic shift away from Pax Americana, the liberal international order that was established in the wake of World War II. Since 1945, Pax Americana has promised peaceful international relations and an open economy, buttressed by U.S. military power. In championing "American First" isolationism, President Trump has shifted the political mood toward selective U.S. engagement, where foreign commitments are limited to areas of vital U.S. interest. Geopolitical allies and challengers alike are paying close attention.

**Presenter: John Clark, PhD, Director of Development, Center for Interfaith Cooperation**





Dr. John Clark is Director of Development and Communication at the Center for Interfaith Cooperation. As an adjunct professor, Indiana University's School for Public and Environmental Affairs, he teaches graduate courses on topics, such as: leading and governing in a global society, proposal writing and grant management, and social entrepreneurship. His BA is in Political Science, University of Washington; and his MA and PhD are from the University of California, Berkeley. Until 2005, as senior fellow at the Hudson Institute, he directed the Center for Central European and Eurasian Studies. In 2005, he helped establish the Sagamore Institute for Policy Research. He has authored more than a hundred books, articles and reports on topics, such as: the collapse of communism, environmental policy, welfare reform in the United Kingdom, economic development in Central Asia, and immigration in Indiana.

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## **Indiana Council on World Affairs - Great Decisions 2018**

**March 20, 2018 7:00 - 9:00 pm - Location: Carmel High School, Main Cafeteria**

**Topic: Russia's Foreign Policy**

**Briefing Book Author: Allen Lynch**



Under President Vladimir Putin, Russia is projecting an autocratic model of governance abroad and working to destabilize liberal democracies. Russia caused an international uproar in 2016, when it interfered in the U.S. presidential contest. But Putin's foreign policy toolkit includes other instruments, from alliances with autocrats to proxy wars with the U.S. in Georgia, Ukraine and Syria. How does Putin conceive of national interests, and why do Russian citizens support him? How should the United States respond to Putin's attempts to spread right-wing authoritarianism?

**Presenter: Ed Delaney, JD, Indiana House of Representatives**



Ed Delaney serves in the Indiana House of Representatives, having retired from Barnes and Thornberg and subsequently from Delaney & Delaney. He earned his BA and MA in International Relations from State University of New York, Binghamton; and his JD from Harvard University. In the course of his studies, he became fluent in the Russian language. He represented the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in an arbitration hearing under the Dayton Peace Accords; and has served as an election monitor for the International Republican Institute in Russia. He was the founding lawyer of Investigative Reporters and Editors, Inc. Domestically, he has served as an adjunct professor of law at Indiana University, Bloomington; served former Governor Bayh as Chair, Indiana Development Finance Authority; and served the Indianapolis Bar Association Judicial on its Evaluation Committee.

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## **Indiana Council on World Affairs - Great Decisions 2018**

**March 27, 2018 7:00 - 9:00 pm - Location: Carmel High School, Freshman Center**

**Topic: U.S. Global Engagement & the Military**

**Briefing Book Author: Gordon Adams**



The United States is at a turning point when it comes to global engagement and the role of its military. Some argue for an "America First" paradigm, with a large military to match. Others envision a more traditional assertion of U.S. multilateral leadership. Still others favor greater restraint and cautious cooperation with emerging powers. What is the role of the U.S. military force, arms sales and security assistance in the shifting international system? How does the balance of capabilities in the U.S. foreign policy toolkit impact strategic engagement?

**Presenter: Pierre Atlas, PhD, Professor, Political Science, Marian University**



Dr. Pierre Atlas, professor of political science at Marian University, Indianapolis, directs the Richard G. Lugar Franciscan Center for Global Studies which includes the minor in Global Studies, the Lugar Fellow scholarship program, and the annual Global Studies Speaker Series. His BA is from Arizona University, his MA from the University of Toronto, and his PhD from Rutgers University, all in political science. While serving in the U.S. Army in the 1980's, he studied Arabic. As a comparative political scientist, he devotes much of his career to studying and writing articles and book reviews about the Middle East, and has presented numerous conference papers on Middle East politics. Among courses he teaches are Politics of the Middle East, Civil Wars and Ethnic Conflicts, American Foreign Policy, and Politics of the Global Economy. He writes a monthly column for the *Indianapolis Star*.

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## **Indiana Council on World Affairs - Great Decisions 2018**

**April 10, 2018 7:00 - 9:00 pm - Location: Carmel High School, Freshman Center**

**Topic: China & America: the New Geopolitical Equation**

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**Briefing Book Author: David Lampton**

Over the past several years, China has implemented an expansive strategy of economic diplomacy in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond. Where the United States has taken a step back from multilateral trade agreements and discarded the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), China has made inroads through initiatives like One Belt, One Road and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). What are China's geopolitical objectives? What do its actions mean for the international balance of power, and how should the United States respond?

**Presenter: Weilin Long, MA, MPA, Executive Director, Global Chamber® Indianapolis**

Weilin Long is a cross-cultural collaborator for businesses and organizations. Having lived half her life in China and half in the U.S., she offers unique, authentic perspectives on China and America. She received her Masters Degree from Kansas State University and her undergraduate degree as an English language major in China. Her public and private executive positions include: WLong Consulting Group, Inc., International Center Asian Learning Center of Indiana, Mayor's Minority Business Development Office, State Health Department, and Council on Aging. Weilin serves on several advisory boards, such as: America China Society of Indiana, Indiana Civil Rights Commission, and Indiana Asian Times. With the Global Chamber® Indianapolis, LLC., she helps companies in Indiana connect to the world.

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**Conclusion:**

Between now and the Spring of 2018, many unimaginable world events will likely to transpire. By participating in the Indiana Council on World Affairs Great Decisions 2018 of the Foreign Policy Association, you become part of an Indianapolis area citizenry who will be better informed to understand the complex world within which we live.

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**Mailed: \$5.00 additional**

**Notes:**

Series Registration on-line - Available up to the 4th session, February 27, 2018.  
Single Session Registration - Available for entire series on-line or at the door.  
Briefing Book & DVD - Available for on-line order up to February 27, 2018 for March 6, 2018 pick-up.  
Briefing Book & DVD - Available for entire series at the door, based on availability.

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**Indiana Council on World Affairs  
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Briefing Book & DVD**

The Great Decisions series covers eight topics.

The Foreign Policy Association publishes a Briefing Book and produces a DVD which is broadcast on PBS and available for purchase.

Before each meeting, when participants preview the information it enriches the learning experience.

These materials are available directly from the Indiana Council on World Affairs on a pre-order basis, or at the sessions, as available.

If you want to reserve a book, when you register for the Great Decisions, the Briefing Book or the DVD may be added to your "ticket" as an add-on item right before you hit the green "Pay Now" button. Then, you may pick up the book at the next session.

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