

## World Affairs Councils and ICWA

### Our History

At the end of World War I there was a concern that the US would choose an isolationist foreign policy over engagement. In 1918 two organizations, the Foreign Policy Association and the World Affairs Councils worked together to nurture grassroots citizen involvement in international affairs. By 1947 these two organizations operated as a national organization composed of a network of independent community councils. In 1986 these two organizations merged into The World Affairs Councils of America (WACA). The Indiana Council on World Affairs was founded in Indianapolis in 1955 as one of these community councils.

For more than a half a century the Indiana Chapter has brought to Indianapolis meaningful programming to Indianapolis to help enlighten and engage its citizenry.

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## GREAT DECISIONS GENERAL INFORMATION

Established by the non-partisan Foreign Policy Association, Great Decisions addresses current international issues important to the United States. The Great Decisions Series includes a lecture followed by a group discussion. Participation is open to the public, with sessions scheduled for eight Tuesday evenings: January 31st, February 7th, 21st, 28th, March 7th, 21st, 28th, April 4th

### Location

**The Indiana Interchurch Center**  
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Registration 7:00 pm  
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## The 2017 Great Decisions Program

### January 31st: The Future of Europe

#### Dr. John McCormick, Indiana University

The outcome of the United Kingdom referendum on EU membership sent shockwaves across the globe. Now it faces an uncertain future. Amid a refugee crisis, lingering financial recession and the constant specter of terrorism, unity seems more imperative than ever. What will post-Brexit Europe look like, and how can U.S. foreign policy adapt?

### February 7th: Trade & Politics

#### Dr. Catherine Bonser-Neal, Indiana University

The U.S. political mood toward trade has gone sour. One need look no further than the 2016 presidential contest for the popular narrative: trade means that China wins, at America's expense. But do the numbers support that conclusion? Obtaining an accurate picture of U.S. economic stature requires a critique of those numbers. Only then can the U.S. develop appropriate policy solutions for the challenges at hand.

### February 21st: Latin America's Political Pendulum

#### Dr. Ana Maria Ferreira, Univ of Indianapolis

The pendulum of Latin American politics is swinging rightward once again. Yet as the "pink tide" recedes, the forces of change have more to do with socioeconomics than ideology. Dramatic economic and political crises have coincided in countries like Brazil and Venezuela. Still, the final result for Latin America may be the emergence of centrist, pragmatic modes of governance, and with them, opportunities for the U.S. to improve relations.

### February 28th: Nuclear Security

#### Dr. Pierre Atlas, Marian University

Nuclear nonproliferation was a top priority for the Obama administration. While the Iran Deal was a diplomatic victory toward this end, major threats persist from both state and non-state actors. Countries like North Korea, Russia, and India and Pakistan continue to challenge nonproliferation efforts. In a fractious world, which way forward for U.S. nuclear security policy?

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### March 7th: US Foreign Policy and Petroleum

#### Dr. Peter Schubert- IUPUI-Indianapolis

What is the effect of U.S. petroleum security on foreign policy? For 45 years, the country has alternated between periods of energy security and insecurity, sometimes able to wield petroleum as a useful instrument of foreign policy, sometimes not. Despite the so-called "energy revolution," the U.S. today is by no means disentangled from foreign dependence and global trends.

### March 21st: Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan

#### Dr. Milind Thakar, University of Indianapolis

Major internal conflict has plagued Afghanistan for four decades. The U.S., for its part, has conducted military operations in the country nearly continuously since 9/11. Today, war with the Taliban persists, and tensions between the U.S. and Pakistan have gradually deteriorated. Does the U.S. face a no win situation in Afghanistan and Pakistan?

### March 28th: Conflict in the South China Sea

#### Prof. Boyet Caparas, Indiana University

The South China Sea is a locus of competing territorial claims, and China its most vocal claimant. Beijing's interest has intensified disputes with other countries in the region in recent years, especially since China has increased its naval presence. Despite rising international pressure, including an unfavorable ruling by the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, China staunchly defends its policies in the region.

### April 4th: Saudi Arabia in Transition

#### Ghazal Alharbi-Indiana University Bloomington

As Saudi Arabia struggles to adjust to the drastic decline in oil revenue, Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman attempts to boldly transform the country and shift more power to the younger generation. At the same time, many countries such as the U.S. point out the lack of democracy, women's rights and human rights in Saudi Arabia, and blame its promotion of Wahhabism, an extremely conservative version of Islam, for creating jihadists. Bipartisan criticism of Saudi Arabia is rising in Congress. Both countries need each other, but they are at a crossroads in bilateral relations.

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