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

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

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### **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.

Great Decision is a nation-wide program with participants in community-based meetings and PBS viewing - all learning about and discussing the important topics.

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, Political Science, 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 3, 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:** All sessions will be held at Carmel High School, Freshman Center, Door #13, except March 20, 2018, which will be held in the Main Cafeteria. Parking: West side of the building.

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**Indiana Council on World Affairs  
Great Decisions 2018 Program**

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

**Topic: Media & Foreign Policy**

**Briefing Book Author: Susan Moeller**



Today state and non-state actors maneuver a complex, rapidly evolving media landscape. Conventional journalism competes with user-generated content, and official communication channels are circumvented through social media. As foreign policy is tweeted from the White House, “fake news” is entering the zeitgeist, with misinformation posing complex security threats.

**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. 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.

**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**



Since the 1994 apartheid end, the African National Congress (ANC) party has governed South Africa. But the party suffers from popular frustration with President Jacob Zuma, as it faces threats from left and right opposition parties and from intra-party divisions. Given America’s history with Africa, there are few prospects for a closer relationship

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



Dr. Margaretha Geertsema-Sligh, Professor of Journalism, Butler University, was born and raised in South Africa. Areas of emphasis included media sociology, international communication and media, and cultural gender studies. She teaches Global Media, Gender and News, and Media Writing, and 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, and bringing women’s history into a core curriculum.

**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**



In the past 30 years, the success story of global health by action of countries, communities and organizations has saved millions of lives. Yet the international community must not rest. Although global health status measures have improved, inequalities persist with the world facing old and new challenges. The next several decades will be important in determining wellbeing across nations.

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



Dr. Robert Einterz, professor of clinical medicine, Associate Dean, Global Health, Indiana University, is also director of AMPATH. (Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare.), serving more than three million people in Kenya. 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..

**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. After a failed military coup in July 2016, the autocratic trend strengthened and the population considers the U.S. a security threat. In the context of a “clash of civilizations,” is Turkey’s geo-strategic position as the world’s most institutionally westernized Muslim country.

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



Dr. Tijen Demirel-Pegg, Assistant Professor, Political Science and Global and International Studies, Indiana University-Purdue University, received her BA and MA degrees in Ankara, Turkey. 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 has presented a paper on Istanbul’s 2013 Gezi Park Protests.

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

**Topic: Waning of Pax Americana?**

**Briefing Book Author: Carla Norrlof**



With Donald Trump’s presidency, the U.S. has begun an historic shift away from Pax Americana, the established liberal international order since World War II’s end in 1945. Pax Americana has promised peaceful international relations with an open economy, buttressed by U.S. military power. “American First” isolationism, shifts the political mood towards selective U.S. engagement.

**Presenter: John Clark, PhD, Director, 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, grant writing and management, and social entrepreneurship. He has authored more than a hundred books, articles and reports on topics, such as: the collapse of communism, environmental policy, and immigration in Indiana.

**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 projects an autocratic governance model abroad and works to destabilize liberal democracies. In 2016, Russia caused an international uproar when it interfered in the U.S. presidential contest. Putin’s foreign policies include other instruments, from alliances with autocrats to proxy wars with the U.S. in Georgia, Ukraine and Syria.

**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. 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 lawyer for the International Republican Institute in Russia. He was the founding lawyer of Investigative Reporters and Editors, Inc .

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**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**



At this turning point for U.S. global engagement with a military role, some argue an "America First" paradigm, with a large military to match, while others envision a more traditional assertion of U.S. multilateral leadership. Still others favor greater restraint and cautious cooperation. The role of U.S. military force, arms sales, and security assistance, in the shifting international system, will be considered.

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



Dr. Pierre Atlas, is a professor of political science at Marian University, 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.

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**April 3, 2018 7:00 - 9:00 pm - Location: Carmel High School, Freshman Center**

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

**Briefing Book Author: David Lampton**



While China has implemented an expansive strategy of economic diplomacy in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond, the U.S. 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).

**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. 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 become better informed to understand the complex world within which we live.

**Please join us!**

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**\$30.00 Member 8-Session Series Ticket (per person)**  
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**\$ 9.00 Member 1-Session (per person)**  
**\$10.00 Non-Member 1-Session (per person)**  
**\$ 5.00 College Student 1-Session**  
**Free High School Student**

**Briefing Book - Member, Pick-Up at Session: \$20.00**  
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