

# **GREAT DECISIONS 2019**

## **ALPs at the JC Library**

### **An Outreach from the Adult Learning Program (ALPs)**

### **Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

The Foreign Policy Association (FPA) is celebrating its 101<sup>st</sup> year. Its roots were in support of President Woodrow Wilson's advocacy of the League of Nations after WWI. Its mission is to serve as a catalyst for developing awareness, understanding, and informed opinion on U.S. foreign policy and global issues. Through its balanced, nonpartisan programs and publications, the FPA encourages citizens to participate in the foreign policy process.

FPA's **Great Decisions Program** is America's largest foreign affairs education and discussion program. Launched in Portland, Oregon in 1954, the program gained media attention, was picked up by local schools, and soon gained national attention. Each year, the FPA selects eight timely global topics and produces a briefing book, a DVD, and multiple online resources to engage and inform participants. FPA staff then seeks to poll and widely publicize what foreign policies participants support.

#### **2019 dates and topics are:**

- March 28 - Refugees & Global Migration
- April 4 - The Middle East: Regional Disorder
- April 11 - Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future?
- April 18 - The Rise of Populism in Europe
- April 25 - Decoding U.S./China Trade
- May 2 - Cyber Conflicts & Geopolitics
- May 9 - The U.S. & Mexico: Partnership Tested
- May 16 - The State of the State Department & Diplomacy

The **Great Decisions 2019 Briefing Book** (optional) is available for purchase (\$25) at the library while supplies last or online at [http://www.fpa.org/great\\_decisions/](http://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/), where it is also available in Ebook editions. There is one copy on reserve for reading at the library.

#### **Additional Resources for Each Topic** are also available at:

- [http://www.fpa.org/great\\_decisions/?act=gd\\_topics](http://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/?act=gd_topics)
- <https://jclibrary.info/great-decisions-2019/>

The **Great Decisions 2019 Ballot** is the means by which the FPA polls participants about their policy preferences. After participating in a topic discussion, please visit [www.fpa.org/ballot](http://www.fpa.org/ballot) and tell the FPA what you think. The FPA compiles these opinions and share them in briefings with staff of the White House, State Department, Pentagon, and many other agencies. This is your chance to have your voice heard. If you submit a ballot, you will also receive the compilation this summer.