



GREAT DECISIONS 2023

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The Foreign Policy Association (FPA) is celebrating its 105th 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 (to government agencies, international affairs groups, and the public) what foreign policies GD participants support.

2023 dates and topics are:

- Mar. 22 & 23 - Course Overview & War in Ukraine
- Mar. 29 & 30 - Energy Geopolitics
- Apr. 5 & 6 - China & the U.S.
- Apr. 12 & 13 - Economic Warfare
- Apr. 19 & 20 - Politics in Latin America
- Apr. 26 & 27 - Global Famine
- May 3 & 4 - Iran at a Crossroads
- May 10 & 11 - Climate Migration

A reference copy of the **Great Decisions 2023 Briefing Book** is on reserve for use and copying in the library, and another is available for short-term loan. Copies are available for purchase (\$35) at http://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/, where it is also available in E-book editions (\$25).

Additional Resources for Each Topic are available at:

- https://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/?act=gd_topics
- <https://jclibrary.info/programs-events/greatdecisions-2023/>

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