



GREAT DECISIONS 2024

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In-Person & Online - Thursdays, 6-7:30 PM, February 15→March 28

The Foreign Policy Association (FPA) is celebrating its 106th 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.

Each week, we'll discuss the U.S. foreign policy options introduced in each section. Then you'll be asked to offer your opinions on each topic through an online survey available at https://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/ This is your chance to have your voice heard.

2024 dates and topics are (Note - we are skipping the final topic due to scheduling constraints):

- Feb 15 - Mideast Realignment
- Feb 22 - Climate Technology
- Feb 29 - Science Across Borders
- Mar 7 - U.S.-China Trade Rivalry
- Mar 14 - NATO's Future
- Mar 21 - Understanding Indonesia
- Mar 28 - High Seas Treaty

A reference copy of the **Great Decisions 2024 Briefing Book** is on reserve for use and copying in the library, and another is available for short-term loan. A few copies are available for purchase at the library (\$28) or they can be ordered online (\$35) at http://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/

Additional Resources for Each Topic are available at:

- https://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/?act=gd_topics
- <https://jclibrary.info/programs-events/greatdecisions-2024/>

Great Decisions at JC Library has been facilitated since 2013 by Joyce Francis, Ph.D. Joyce taught International Relations at George Mason, Tulane, and American University prior to moving to the Olympic Peninsula. For further information about the Great Decisions 2024 program, contact Joyce at joyce.francis.pt@gmail.com.