GREAT DECISIONS 2015

Great Decisions is a participatory discussion group that deals with eight topics selected by the Foreign Policy Association. Participants will be asked to prioritize topics of interest, and groups will be created to lead particular sessions on these topics. The booklet from the FPA provides the basic read, along with possible discussion questions and a bibliography suited to the topic. A video is also available and often provides additional thoughts on the topic. Members will use a communications chain with both e-mail and telephone numbers, which allows them to keep open lines of conversation and sharing throughout the program. Everyone is asked to look for articles, lectures, television programs, etc, related to the topics and to share that information with the leaders of the topic. Discussion leaders will hopefully search beyond the booklet to enhance their presentations. The use of videos, power-point slides and paper handouts are all possible, if the PSRC staff is requested sufficiently in advance to set up machines or make copies. Everyone is encouraged to connect with media outlets that are not their usual choice, to broaden the range of thoughts on all topics.

2015 Topics:

- Russia and the Near Abroad
- Sectarianism in the Middle East
- U.S. Policy Toward Africa
- Human Trafficking in the 21st. Century
- Privacy in the Digital Age
- India Changes Course
- Syria’s Refugee Crisis
- Brazil’s Metamorphosis

In addition, a Far East expert has offered to provide a special one-day presentation on China.

We look forward to meeting new folks and welcoming back those who have already enjoyed the connections made in previous years. The world changes quickly, so get ready for the daily headlines that may turn everything upside down. This is your chance to recommend policy and try to break the gridlock in Washington! The three course leaders will be available to assist as needed.

Required Reading: 2015 Foreign Policy Association Booklet. It will be available at the Princeton Senior Resource Center at a cost of approximately $20.00.

Leaders: Richard Kaye is a former high school principal. Susan Fox is a psychologist. Don Benjamin is a former electric utility engineer and director.

Wednesday: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., 8 weeks beginning March 4.