

Great Decisions Audience Feedback: ‘Candy for the Brain’

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Global power balance, growing Sino-American tensions, Putin's foreign policy ambitions, and epidemics of infectious diseases are topics you may hear in the halls of Congress or on the Senate floor, but these were just four of the eight topics that were covered in this year's Great Decisions lecture series.

For the last eight Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m. at the Army Heritage and Education Center the Carlisle community look at our nation's foreign policy challenges and some strategy options for dealing effectively with issues arising with other nations.

"The Great Decisions program from the Army War College is like giving me candy," said Richard Slade. "To have access to experts in foreign policy who have had input into the formulation of that policy is an asset of nearly

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“This forum encourages me to hone or change my positions on a variety of issues and allows the prospect that I may affect the positions of others as well as influencing the policy makers themselves,” said Slade.

“We learned about Russia by focusing on the man Putin; we learned about global health from an Army physician who could give us both global and personal perspectives,” said Tom Diffenbach, a front-seat regular. “We learned about South Africa from a professor who has had assignments in thirty-five African countries; we learned about Pax America by challenging what the USA world role is,” he said.

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The eight topics covered this year were:

The waning of Pax Americana - Dr. Conrad Crane -

Russia's foreign policy - Col. Robert Hamilton -

China and America: the new geopolitical equation - Dr. Richard A.
Lacquement -

Turkey: a partner in crisis - Bob Hervey -

U.S. global engagement and the military – Dr. G.K. Cunningham -

South Africa's fragile democracy - Col. William Wyatt -

Global health: progress and challenges - Col. Robert Ferry -

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