Great Decisions 2015

"Great Decisions" is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. Locally, Great Decisions features Army War College faculty's expert insights in a weekly series of presentations with question-answer opportunities for the eight most critical issues facing America each year.

The presentation series is free and open to the military and civilian community, scheduled for Friday afternoons at the United States Army Heritage and Education Center, 950 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle.



Brazil's Metamorphosis

Speaker: Dr. Evan Ellis.



Human Trafficking in the 21stCentury Friday, Jan. 23, 1 –

Speaker: Prof. Carol Horning, USAID visiting professor

The U.S. and the international community have adopted various treaties and laws to prevent trafficking, but to truly understand and combat the issue, they must find the root causes.

Carol Horning was assigned as the Professor of International Development and senior advisor at the Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute in February 2013. A career member of the Senior Foreign Service, with the rank of Counselor, Ms. Horning has served for 28 years with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). As USAID's Director of Democracy, Governance and Education in Bangladesh, Ms. Horning oversaw the Mission's counter-trafficking efforts, including research to identify trafficking

vulnerabilities and routes, prevention and public awareness activities, mitigation initiatives that offered safe shelter to children and women who had been victims, and regional efforts to counter the threat.



Privacy in the Digital Age Friday, Jan. 30, 1 – 3 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. G.K. Cunningham

The idea of "privacy" has undergone significant changes in the digital age.Legislation, both at home and abroad, hasn't kept pace with technological developments, leaving some wondering if privacy as we know it is long dead.



Sectarianism in the Middle East Friday, Feb. 6, 1-3 p.m.

Speaker: Bob Hervey

How does sectarianism fit into a larger narrative of the Middle East? How have governments manipulated sectarian differences? And finally, what is the U.S. doing about it?



Syria's Refugee Crisis Friday, Feb. 13, 1-3 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Larry Goodson

As Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and other neighbors strive to accommodate the millions of Syrians, the Syrians risk becoming a "lost generation."



Russia and the Near Abroad Friday, Feb. 20, 1-3 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Marybeth Ulrich

If Putin's Russia isn't afraid to take an aggressive stance against Europeanization in Ukraine, what does that mean for the rest of

Russia's neighbors?



U.S. Policy toward Africa Friday, Feb. 27, 1-3 p.m.

Speaker: Col. Tom Shepard

How can U.S. policy live up to its promise and values while securing its interests in the region?



India Changes Course Friday, Mar. 13, 1-3 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. David Lai

For the United States, change in India brings its own set of unknowns, heralding an age ruled by a prime minister new to national office and other policymakers who have been out of the public eye for a decade.

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