

Great Decison talk focuses on U.S., rising powers

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Great Decisions Lecture: The U.S. and Rising Powers



Jef Troxell, Army War College, the fifth of eight presenters for the 2009 Great Decisions program, speaks in the chapel assembly room on Feb. 20. Troxell spoke about how the U.S. has perceptively transitioned from the world's only super power and the "indispensible nation," into a post-American era in which it must compete with an increasing array of emerging powers. Photo by Thomas Zimmerman.

For a video of the lecture please go [here](#).

Feb. 19, 2009 -- Is economic power alone enough to change the balance of power in the 21st Century? That question, along with others, was discussed at the Great Decisions lecture on Friday, Feb. 20 in the Carlisle Barracks Post Chapel Assembly Room.

The presentation consisted of a quick tour through the past several decades relating how the U.S. has perceptively transitioned from the world's only super power and the "indispensible nation," into a post-American era in which it must compete with an increasing array of emerging powers.

Retired Col. Jef Troxell of the U.S. Army War College was the fifth of eight presenters for the 2009 Great Decisions program.

"State power will be examined in the context of military strength, soft power, and a strong emphasis on economic power," said Troxell. "We will assess the strengths and weaknesses of the most significant of these emerging powers and conclude by considering how the United States should respond as we move forward into the 21st century."

"The recently appointed Director of National Intelligence, Adm. Dennis Blair, testified before Congress last week that the, '...primary near-term security concern for the United States is the global economic crisis and its geopolitical implications.'" "Tomorrow's Great Decision discussion will examine that proposition in lively detail," said Troxell.

The Great Decisions lecture series is sponsored by the Carlisle Barracks Spouses' Club. This program has been a source of information for more than 40 years.

At the next lecture, scheduled for Feb. 27, Col. Alex Crowther of the U.S. Army War College will discuss Cuba and its future.

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