



GREAT DECISIONS 2025

JEFFERSON COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT



Four Mondays, 2:00-3:30 pm, March 3-24

The Foreign Policy Association (FPA) is celebrating its 107th 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 identifies 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.

2025 dates and topics are (Note - we will be covering only 4 of the 8 topics offered):

- Mar 3 - America at a Global Crossroads
- Mar 10 - U.S. Changing Leadership of the World Economy
- Mar 17 - India: Between China, the West, and the Global South
- Mar 24 - The Future of NATO and European Security

A reference copy of the **Great Decisions 2025 Briefing Book** and the **CD Rom** are on reserve for use in the library, and another Briefing Book is available for short-term loan.

Additional Resources for Each Topic are available at:

- https://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/?act=gd_topics
- <https://jclibrary.info/programs-events/greatdecisions-2025/>

Great Decisions at JC Library is an outreach of the Salish Sea Fellowship's Adult Learning Programs (ALPs). See <https://salishseafellowship.org/other-activities-and-events/> for the full description of all our Spring 2025 program offerings, a community service.

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