

Great Decisions Topics and Presenters

Date	Chapter	Topic	Presenter	Snack
2/4	1	US special envoys	Gail Bliss	Janice Baldwin
2/11	5	Global financial crisis	Pat Levin	Allie Hammond
2/18	4	U.S.–China security relations	Helen Horn & Ralph Petersen	Lois Bernbeck
2/25	2	Kenya, R2P re: Prevent genocide	Gail Bliss	Priscilla Thain
3/4	7	The Persian Gulf	Barbara Voltz	Barbara Voltz
3/11	6	Russia and its neighbors	Clare McArdle	Colleen McCabe
3/18	3	Global crime*	_____	_____
3/25	8	Peacebuilding & conflict resolution	Lee Brown	Dories Neis

*[At Issue with Ben Merens](#) is following the UW Milwaukee Great Decisions lecture series. The Global Crime topic will be discussed Monday evening March 15 at 5 PM on WHA. That is one reason “Global Crime” has moved to the end of the list. The WPR series is taking some liberties with the topics. For example the Special Envoy’s topic was pretty much ignored in favor of a discussion of Afghanistan and Pakistan. The Persian Gulf segment has been turned into a discussion of Iraq, so that program is unlikely to be helpful in preparing for that segment.

Q: Why aren’t we going “in order” through the book?

A: Some presenters aren’t available the week that would be “in order.” The units that still need presenters were moved later in the series to give time to recruit volunteers, and to give those volunteers time to prepare.

The Global Hot Spots Lecture at the Pyle Center Friday 2/19 will address the destructive residue of colonialism in Africa. So the Kenyan Genocide topic has been moved to 2/25.

Q: How much do I need to know about a topic to volunteer to lead the discussion?

A: I knew nothing special about Special Envoys before I read the booklet. We have a 30-minute video segment to supplement the reading materials.