

The Dyer Institute for Leadership and Public Policy, the Department of Politics, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, and the Center for Global Engagement at Coastal Carolina University will host the Great Decisions in Foreign Policy Lecture program. The lecture program is the oldest and largest grassroots world affairs educational program of its kind. A series of four lectures will take place during consecutive Saturdays in February, and each lecture is an opportunity to learn, discuss, and debate international affairs, national security, and U.S. foreign policy.

# GREAT DECISIONS IN FOREIGN POLICY LECTURE PROGRAM

**LOCATION:** Online due to social distancing needs

**LIVE LINK:** Visit [coastal.edu/scoess/spadonicentersandinitiatives/greatdecisions/](https://coastal.edu/scoess/spadonicentersandinitiatives/greatdecisions/) for weekly links to Zoom

**Time:** 10-11:30 a.m. via Zoom



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## Saturday, Feb. 5: Drug Policy in Latin America

The issue of migration to the United States from Latin America has overshadowed the war on drugs, which has been underway for decades with little signs of progress. What are the roots and the bureaucratic logic behind today's dominant drug policies in Latin America? Is it time to reconsider punitive drug policies that disrupt supply chains and punish drug possession?



*Speaker: Tony Payan, Ph.D., director of the Center for the United States and Mexico, Baker Institute for Public Policy, Rice University, Houston, Texas*



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## Saturday, Feb. 12: Climate Change

The ideological divide in the United States on the subject of climate change has impeded progress in curbing greenhouse emissions. But extreme weather events at both ends of the thermometer have focused attention on the consequences of inaction. What role will the United States play in future negotiations on climate?



*Speaker: Pam Martin, Ph.D., professor, Department of Political Science and Honors College Fellow, Coastal Carolina University*



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## Saturday, Feb. 19: The Quad Alliance

As part of the U.S. pivot to Asia, the United States has been in dialogue with Japan, Australia, and India in an effort to contain China. Recently, the Quad countries held joint naval exercises in the South Pacific. How effective will the actions of this alliance be?



*Speaker: Jordan Roberts, Ph.D., assistant professor, Department of Intelligence and Security Studies, Coastal Carolina University*



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## Saturday, Feb. 26: Outer Space

The launch of Sputnik 1 in October 1957 marked the beginning of the space era and of the space race between the United States and the Soviet Union. In the 21st century, there are many more participants in space, including countries such as India and China and commercial companies such as SpaceX. How will the United States fare in a crowded outer space?



*Speaker: Maj. Gen. Leah Lauderback, director of Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance, Headquarters U.S. Space Force*

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