Coastal Carolina University presents:  
The Foreign Policy Association’s  
Great Decisions Program  

MYRTLE BEACH EDUCATION CENTER  
900 79TH AVE. N., MYRTLE BEACH  
Coffee social, 9:30 a.m.  
Program, 10 a.m. to noon  
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  

Feb. 6   The Rise of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria  
Speaker:  
Joseph Fitsanakis, Ph.D.  

Joseph Fitsanakis, Ph.D., an intelligence expert and assistant professor of politics at Coastal Carolina University, will outline the rise of ISIS in the Middle East. The discussion will focus on understanding the conditions that led to the rise of ISIS in the Middle East and the current state of the organization, as well as the challenges it poses for America’s foreign policy.

Feb. 13  The Mind behind Islamic Extremism  
Speaker:  
Suheir Daoud, Ph.D.  

Suheir Daoud, Ph.D., an associate professor of politics at Coastal Carolina University, will discuss how the majority of Muslims are not extremist and why Islamic extremism is the primary national security and human rights concern of the world today. Her presentation will help guide participants in understanding this ideology and the historical background that caused the rise of Islamic extremism.

Feb. 20  The Great Migration  
Speaker:  
Scott Firsing, Ph.D.  

Scott Firsing, Ph.D., a teaching associate at Coastal Carolina University, will discuss the role of push/pull factors in the current culture of migration and lead attendees in a group discussion to understand global migration when considering complex factors such as conflict and national interests.

Feb. 27  The United Nations  
Speaker:  
Ambassador Paul Meyer  

Ambassador Paul Meyer, former Canadian permanent representative to the United Nations and the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva and director-general of the Security and Intelligence Bureau, will speak on the role of the United Nations today, 70 years after its founding, and its future, given the challenges the institution faces, such as peacekeeping, counterterrorism, nonproliferation and humanitarian intervention.

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