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Great Decisions Program

The Department of Politics, the Dyer Institute for Leadership and Public Policy, and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Coastal Carolina University are hosting the Great Decisions in Foreign Policy Lecture program. The lecture program is the oldest and largest grass-roots 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.

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900 79TH AVE. N., MYRTLE BEACH
Coffee social, 9:30 a.m.
Program, 10 a.m. to noon
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Feb. 4  The Future of Europe

Robert Henry Cox, Ph.D., and Mariam Dekanozishvili, Ph.D.

Robert Henry Cox, Ph.D., is a professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of South Carolina. As specialist on public policy in Europe, he has written extensively on the welfare state exploring the moral foundations of welfare programs. Cox’s current research examines sustainability programs in Europe. Mariam Dekanozishvili, Ph.D., is an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science at Coastal Carolina University. She teaches and researches European/EU politics, with a particular focus on integration and policy-making in the EU and EU energy policy. Her current research explores EU’s renewable energy policy and the European Neighborhood Policy.

Feb. 11  Trade and Politics in Latin America

Ambassador Patrick Duddy

Ambassador Patrick Duddy is the Semans International Visiting Professor in Duke University’s Office of Global Strategy and Programs and serves as a senior advisor for Global Strategy. He is also director of Duke University’s Center for Latin American and Caribbean studies. He teaches in both the Fuqua School of Business and the Sanford School of Public Policy. Before joining the Duke faculty, Ambassador Duddy served as a U.S. diplomat for nearly 30 years. At his retirement from the U.S. Foreign Service, he was one of the Department of State’s most senior Latin American specialists with exceptionally broad experience in trade, energy, public affairs and crisis management. From 2007 to 2010, he served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela for both President Bush and President Obama.

Feb. 18  Nuclear Security

Chris Ferrero, Ph.D.

Chris Ferrero, Ph.D., is an assistant professor of intelligence and national security in Coastal Carolina University’s Department of Politics. He specializes in U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East, with particular focus on Iran. Prior to entering academia, he worked as a weapons of mass destruction analyst for the U.S. Department of State and the Missile Defense Agency. He teaches classes on international relations, Middle East politics, foreign policy, national security and intelligence studies.

Feb. 25  Conflict in the South China Sea

Min Ye, Ph.D.

Min Ye, Ph.D., is an associate professor in the Department of Politics at the Coastal Carolina University. His research interests include international conflict, foreign policy analysis, East Asian politics and formal modeling. He is the author or co-author of articles published in International Interactions, Studies of Conflict and Terrorism, Korean Journal of Social Science, Journal of Political Science Education, Journal of Political Science, Korea Observer, Pacific Focus, Foreign Policy Analysis, and Journal of Asian and African Studies.