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GREAT DECISIONS IN FOREIGN POLICY LECTURE SERIES

Feb. 1: Red Sea Security
Ambassador David Shinn, George Washington University

The Red Sea has remained vital for global trade since the time of ancient Egypt. Once home to the spice trade, the Red Sea now sees millions of barrels of oil a day transported across its waters. With major nations like China, France, Italy, and the U.S. building large ports and bases in the region, what does the future of the region look like? How important is Red Sea security for global security? Can the region be a place of global cooperation?

Feb. 8: India and Pakistan
Elizabeth Threlkeld, Stimson Center, Washington, D.C.

India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi rode a wave of Hindu nationalism to a historic reelection in 2019. His first order of business was to revoke the special status granted to the Kashmir region, inflaming the rivalry between India and Pakistan. How will the Kashmir situation affect the region, both economically and politically?

Feb. 15: Artificial Intelligence and Data
Paul Cerkez, Ph.D., CCU Department of Computer Science

Policy makers in many countries are developing plans and funding research in artificial intelligence (AI). Global growth is slowing, and not surprisingly, many policymakers hope that AI will provide a magic solution. The EU, Brazil, and other Western countries have adopted regulations that grant users greater control over their data and require that firms using AI be transparent about how they use it. Will the U.S. follow suit?

Feb. 22: Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
Elhem Daadaa, Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant from Tunisia

Almost every nation has enacted laws criminalizing human trafficking, and international organizations, governments, and NGOs sponsor a large variety of projects to curb trafficking and slavery. Billions of dollars have been allocated to these efforts. What is the international community doing to combat slavery and trafficking? What are the experiences like for those being trafficked?

Location: Johnson Auditorium, located in the E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration on Coastal Carolina University's Conway campus (119 Chanticleer Drive W.)

Time: 10 a.m. to noon

These events are free and open to the public.

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