Great Decisions: Lewes

Course category: (IA) International Affairs

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This Great Decisions 2027 course is being offered in hybrid format: in-person in Lewes, and online as well.

As our “regulars” know, this is a discussion course where it is most meaningful and beneficial when everyone has done the readings in the Great Decisions 2027 briefing book, and thus everyone can benefit not just from those readings but from the various viewpoints and contributions shared during the discussion phase of each class.

It is for this reason that I require everyone to purchase the briefing book and do the readings so as to be an informed participant. The reading for each topic runs for about 10 pages.

The primary way to purchase this Great Decisions 2027 briefing book is directly from the Foreign Policy Association. As this book has yet to be published, I will provide details as to how to purchase it when this becomes available.

For those of you who will be attending online, I will provide a â€˜ZOOM Guidance Memo' which will explain how you can participate online.

If you would like to lead the discussion on any of the topics of particular interest to you, or if you have specific knowledge or experience with, I would welcome your contacting me to discuss your participation (the earlier the better).

Our format for each class has typically been the following:

- The instructor spends some time (+/- 15 mins) at the outset focusing on the background and on the major issues related to the topic;
- This is followed by viewing the Great Decisions DVD for that topic, which usually lasts for about 20-25 minutes;
- Followed by class discussion for the remainder of class time.

Since politics unavoidably plays a role in any foreign affairs issue, we nevertheless try to avoid any speech during our classes that may be partisan in nature. We might not all agree on an issue, but we do so with respect for each other.

We have a great set of topics this semester, and I look forward to our discussions of them with you.

Sergei Boboshko