



# Great Decisions 2010

The Friends of the Chanhassen Library are again sponsoring the Great Decisions Discussions, organized nationally by the Foreign Policy Association and locally by the Minnesota International Center.

*Here are the last four topics for 2010:*

## **Special Envoys    Speaker William Davnie**

**Saturday, Sept. 25 1 pm**

Special envoys can help bring attention and diplomatic muscle to resolve conflicts and global challenges but they also bring with them their own "special" problems. Will the Obama administration's reliance on special envoys increase the ability of the U.S. to deal with major international issues or complicate our diplomatic options?

## **Global Crime    Speaker Tom Hanson**

**Saturday, Oct. 23 1 pm**

From the booming sex trade in Eastern Europe, to online fraud syndicates in Africa and the drug cartels of Asia and Central America, crime is becoming increasingly organized and globalized. How can countries better protect citizens seeking the benefits of a globalized world from being exploited? What international actors can effectively fight global organized crime?

## **Persian Gulf    Speaker Gary Prevost**

**Saturday, Oct. 30 1 pm**

Now more than ever, the Persian Gulf region offers many difficult challenges to U.S. policymakers. How will Obama's direct appeal to Arabs and Muslims impact U.S. foreign policy in the region? What will the fallout of withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq be? Can the U.S. and its allies prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons?

## **Global Financial Crisis    Speaker Todd Lefko**

**Saturday, Nov. 13 1 pm**

The global financial crisis that began in late 2007 revealed major deficiencies in the regulation of markets and institutions, all of which came perilously close to collapse. Emergency measures to prevent a full collapse of the global financial system have led to mixed results. How will governments and the world community respond to this challenge?

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