

**GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP**  
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**January 8, 2013**

**10:15 A. M. – 12:30 P. M.**

**Foreign Policy Implications of Climate Change**

Topic Leader: Ken Krieger  
Moderator: Tyler Beebe

**AGENDA**

10:15: Kickoff

- Welcome and Introduction of Guests & New Chapter Members
- Briefing Book Orders
- Topic Leader Presentation
- Group Discussion
- Noon : Five Minute Break
- Current Events

***CHAPTER MOTTO - "DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT  
FONDNESS FOR DISPUTE OR DESIRE FOR VICTORY" – BEN FRANKLIN***

**SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND TOPICS**

- January 22, 2013 -- **The Future of the Euro**  
Topic Leaders: Tyler Beebe and Peter Grunthal
- February 5, 2013 -- **Humanitarian Intervention**  
Topic Leader: Howard Jacobs
- March 5, 2013 -- **Myanmar and Southeast Asia**  
Topic Leader: Charles Kimball
- March 19, 2013 -- **Threat Assessment**  
Topic Leader: Gary Wenglowski
- April 2, 2013 -- **Egypt**

Topic Leaders: Mike Kornfield and Peter Kuniholm

- April 16, 2013 -- **Iran**  
Topic Leader: Fred Piker
- April 30, 2013 -- **NATO**  
Topic Leader: Tyler Beebe
- May 14, 2013 -- **China in Africa**  
Topic Leader: Joe Adams

## TODAY'S TOPIC

Climate Change is real! But, the impacts will not be felt consistently across the planet. Some regions will be relatively immune from the worst impacts on agricultural output and natural resources. Others may experience devastating shortages of food, fuel and fresh water. Rising seas may also make the traditional homelands of vast populations uninhabitable.

Questions for discussion may include:

To what extent can we anticipate political instability, the collapse of nations, aggression to secure diminishing resources, mass migrations and other threats to international security?

Why have two decades of effort by the United Nations and successive international conferences failed to develop incentives to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions or to identify strategies to deal with the results of that failure?

What are the likely impacts of Climate Change on the U.S., North America, Europe, Africa, Asia and South America? Does the expectation that some nations will be more secure than others influence their reluctance to join in emission reduction strategies?

Are China and other developing nations correct in claiming that much of their emissions are actually the result of other countries' exporting their "dirty" industrial operations?

Should the international community pursue a legally binding treaty to replace the Kyoto Protocol? Should the U.S focus its resources on mini-lateral forums, rather than the U.N. climate framework? Should international carbon trading be a central part of U.S. climate change strategy.

Should the world agree to country by country targets for cutting greenhouse gas emissions? Should trade sanctions be used to enforce climate change rules?

## **SUGGESTED READING**

See the separate reading recommendations from Topic Leader Ken Krieger.