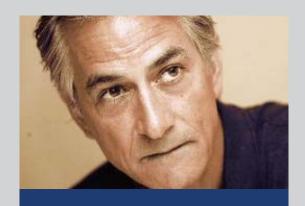
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# PAX AMERICANA: THE AMERICAN PEACE

### Synopsis:

The past 70 years has been the era of "Pax Americana," a period of relative stability thanks to the influence and ballast provided by the United States. But with Russian expansion and a rising China, how long can it last?

- Jeremy Adelman, Director, Global History
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- Daniel Benaim, Fmr. White House Advisor to VP Biden
- Pat Buchanan, Presidential Assistant

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- Steven Cook, Senior Fellow, CFR
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- Amb. (Ret.) Michael Gfoeller, Fmr. U.S.
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- John J. Hamre, President & CEO, CSIS
- Gen. Michael Hayden, Fmr. Director, CIA and NSA
- Amb. James F. Jeffrey, Fmr. U.S. Ambassador to Turkey
- Michael Kazin, Professor, Georgetown, Editor
   Dissent Magazine
- James Kirchick, Visiting Fellow, Brookings Institution
- Edward Luce, U.S. Commentator, Financial Times
- Alan Makovsky, Senior Fellow, CAP
- Gen. Stanley McChrystal (Ret.), U.S. Army



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- Walter Russell Mead, Professor, Bard College
- · Dambisa Moyo, Global Economist and Author
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- Alina Polyakova, Dir. of Research for Europe and Eurasia, Atlantic Council
- Barry Posen, Professor/Director of Security
   Studies Program, MIT
- Christopher Preble, Vice President, Cato Institute
- Rep. Dana Rohrbacher, (R-California)
- Amb. Wendy Sherman, Fmr. U.S. Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs
- Michael Williams, Program Director, International Relations, NYU
- · Alexis Crow, Geopolitical Investing Practice, PwC
- Chuck Hagel, Fmr. U.S. Secretary of Defense



### RUSSIA'S FOREIGN POLICY

### Synopsis:

To his detractors, Putin is an autocrat, crushing any threat to his power, while renewing Soviet-style expansionism. To his supporters, Putin represents Russia's redemption as a global superpower - and an alternative to the liberal democracy espoused by the West. Great Decisions explores what drives Putin's foreign policy.

- Madeleine Albright, Fmr. U.S. Secretary of State
- · John O. Brennan, Fmr. Director, CIA
- Ian Brzezinski, Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council
- Pat Buchanan, Presidential Assistant
- Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, Professor, NYU
- Amb. (Ret.) Nicholas Burns, Professor, Harvard Kennedy School

- Keith Gessen, Professor, Columbia University
- Amb. (Ret.) Michael Gfoeller, Fmr. U.S.
   Ambassador to Russia
- Amb. (Ret.) Tatiana Gfoeller, Fmr. U.S. Ambassador to Kyrgyzstan
- Gen. Michael Hayden, Fmr. Director, NSA and CIA
- Vladimir Kara-Murza, Vice Chairman, Open Russia
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- Alex Shephard, News Editor, The New Republic



### RUSSIA'S FOREIGN POLICY

- Wendy Sherman, Fmr. Deputy Secretary of State
- Dimitri Simes, President and CEO, The Center for the National Interest
- Katrina vanden Heuvel, Editor and Publisher, The Nation Magazine
- Michael Williams, Professor, NYU
- Amb. Volodymyr Yelchenko, Ukrainian Ambassador to the UN
- Boris Zilberman, Foundation for Defense of Democracies



# CHINA: THE NEW SILK ROAD

### Synopsis:

China is the second largest economy in the world, and it's expected to bump the U.S. out of the top rank in less than a decade. Beijing is increasingly looking beyond China's borders, toward investment in Asia and across the world. What does China's massive One Belt One Road Initiative mean for America?

- Madeleine Albright, Fmr. Secretary of State
- Amb. Max Baucus, Fmr. U.S. Ambassador to China
- Dan Blumenthal, Director of Asian Studies, American Enterprise Institute
- John O. Brennan, Fmr. Director, CIA
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- Nicholas D. Kristof, Columnist, The New York Times
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- Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman, U.S. Senator (Ret.), (I-Connecticut)
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- Daniel Rosen, Founder and China Director, Rhodium Group
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- Sheryl WuDunn, Co-Author, A Path Appears
- Boris Zilberman, Deputy Director of Congressional Relations, Foundation for Defense of Democracies
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## THE MEDIA AND FOREIGN POLICY

#### Synopsis:

The U.S. has thrived on its vibrant and free press since the Founding Fathers first put the concept into law in the Bill of Rights as an important, independent check on power. Now foreign policy is tweeted from the White House and "fake news" has entered the zeitgeist, while social media is proving to be a double-edged sword. What's next for media and the free press?

- Susan Moeller, Professor of Media and Int'l Affairs,
   University of Maryland
- Amb. Max Baucus, Fmr. U.S. Ambassador to China
- Ari Fleischer, Fmr. White House Press Secretary
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- Amb. Nicholas Burns, Professor, Harvard
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- David Dinkins, Fmr. Mayor, NYC
- Gen. Michael Hayden, Fmr. Director, CIA and NSA
- Lisel Hintz, Professor, Johns Hopkins University
- David Ignatius, Columnist, The Washington Post
- James Jeffrey, Senior Diplomat
- James Kirchick, Author and Visiting Fellow, Brookings Institution
- Nicholas D. Kristof, Columnist, The New York Times
- Indira Lakshmanan, Journalism Ethics Chair, Poynter Inst., Columnist, The Boston Globe
- Edward Luce, U.S. Commentator, The Financial Times
- Jared Malsin, Middle East Bureau Chief, TIME Magazine
- Mark Mazzetti, Washington Investigations Editor, The New York Times
- · Asli Peker, Professor, NYU



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- Noah Rothman, Associate Editor, Commentary
- Paul Senatori, Chief Analytics Officer, mediaQuant
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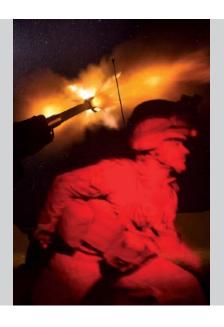
# TURKEY: A PARTNER IN CRISIS

#### Synopsis:

Once seen as a model of democracy, Turkey may be slipping toward autocracy. Critics charge that President Recip Tayyip Erdogan used a failed coup d'état in 2016 as a means of consolidating power - power he says is necessary to secure the state. Great Decisions producers traveled to Turkey to examine the relationship with this key U.S. ally.

- Elliot Ackerman, Author
- Mehmet Akarca, Director General of Press and Information, Turkish Government
- Mustafa Akyol, Writer and Journalist, AI Monitor
- Madeleine Albright, Fmr. Secretary of State
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- Pat Buchanan, Presidential Assistant

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- Asli Peker, Professor, NYU
- Noah Rothman, Associate Editor, Commentary Magazine
- Alina Polyakova, Dir. of Research for Europe and Eurasia, Atlantic Council
- Mesut Zeybek, wounded in July 2016 coup attempt



### CROSSROADS: AMERICA'S DEFENSE STRATEGY

#### **Synopsis**

The global power balance is rapidly evolving, leaving the United States at a turning point with respect to its level of engagement and the role of its military. How does the military function in today's international order, and what role should Diplomacy play in U.S. defense strategy?

- Elliot Ackerman, Author
- Gordan Adams, Professor Emeritus, School of Int'l Service, American University
- Madeleine Albright, Fmr. Secretary of State
- Andrew Bacevich, Professor Emeritus, Boston University
- · John O. Brennan, Fmr. Director, CIA

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- · Gen. (Ret.) David Petraeus, Fmr. Director, CIA
- Barry Posen, Ford Professor of Political Science and Director of Security Studies Program, MIT
- Christopher A. Preble, VP for Defense and Foreign Policy Studies, Cato Institute
- Dr. Stephen Randolph, Historian, U.S. Department of State
- Mitchell Reiss, President and CEO, The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

- Dan Russel, Resident Diplomat and Senior Fellow,
   The Asia Society
- Amb. Wendy Sherman, Fmr. U.S. Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs
- Gen. (Ret.) Stanley McChrystal, U.S. Army, Co-Founder, McChrystal Group



### SOUTH AFRICA: IN THE SHADOW OF MANDELA

#### Synopsis:

South Africa's transition from apartheid to a democracy captivated the world in the early 1990's. While it remains the most advanced country in Africa, allegations of state corruption and huge disparities in wealth threaten its revolutionary dream.

- Madeleine Albright, Fmr. U.S. Secretary of State
- Amb. (Ret.) Eric M. Bost, Fmr. U.S. Ambassador to South Africa
- · Pat Buchanan, Presidential Assistant
- John Campbell, Senior Fellow for Africa Policy Studies, CFR
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- · Cheri-Leigh Erasmus, Executive Director, SAWIP

- Amb. Patrick Gaspard, VP, Open Society Foundations, Fmr. U.S. Ambassador to South Africa
- Liesl Gerntholtz, Exec. Dir. of Woman's Rights
   Division, Human Rights Watch
- Susan K. Glover, Assistant Professor, American University
- Amb. Cameron Hume, Fmr. U.S. Ambassador to South Africa
- Sean Jacobs, Int'l Affairs Faculty, The New School
- Amb. Jerry Matjila, Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa to the UN
- Jeffrey D. Sachs , Professor, Columbia University



# GLOBAL HEALTH: PREVENTING PANDEMIC

### Synopsis:

For decades, the U.S. has been a leader in promoting global health. But foreign assistance has fallen out of favor in some circles in Washington, they argue the U.S. should help America first. Is the golden age of global health coming to an end, or just getting started?

#### **Featured Guests:**

- Madeleine Albright, Fmr. U.S. Secretary of State
- Jono Anzalone, Vice President, International Services American Red Cross
- Chris Collins, President, Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria
- Amb. Deborah L. Birx, US Global AIDS Coordinator,
   State Department
- · Carissa Etienne, Director, Pan-American Health

### Organization

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- Amb. Patrick Gaspard, VP, Open Society Foundations,
   Fmr. U.S. Ambassador to South Africa
- Helene Gayle, CEO, McKinsey Social Initiative
- Amanda Glassman, Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development
- Chuck Hagel, Fmr. U.S. Secretary of Defense
- Gen. Michael Hayden, Fmr. Director, CIA and NSA
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### PRODUCTION TEAM



MacDara King, Executive Producer

MacDara King is the Executive Producer of Great Decisions television & CIO at the Foreign Policy Association. In the past decade at FPA, he has produced over one hundred programs for broadcast on PBS, managed the development of some of the world's premiere global affairs web properties, launched the Global Jobs service, Global Career Boot Camps and founded FPA University, an international career development program.

### PRODUCTION TEAM



David Heidelberger, Producer/ Supervising Editor

David Heidelberger is an Emmy nominated producer and the supervising editor of Great Decisions on PBS. David has also edited television programs and commercials that have been seen across the United States and internationally. His editorial work on corporate films has helped raise funds and rebrand clients ranging from an Ivy League university to a corporate jet company. In the beauty world, he has edited television and viral campaigns for companies including Olay and Nordstrom. He has edited music videos for artists including singer/songwriter Ben Folds. He also writes software tools for video professionals.



Richardo Lopes, Director/Producer

As a producer and director of The Lopes Picture Company and XXL Media, Rick has produced and edited an eclectic range of award winning work: over 2000 commercials, branded content, webisodes/internet content, documentaries, four off-off Broadway plays and a PBS foreign policy series, "Great Decisions" produced with the Foreign Policy Association. Rick has garnered over a hundred industry awards, including: an Emmy, AICP – MOMA Show Award, Andy, ADDY, Clio, Cannes Film Festival, Telly, Davey, Pixie, New York Festival, and TV Guide's "Top 10 Super Bowl Spots." Rick has the pleasure of serving on the following boards, committees, organizations and award shows: AICP East Board; Beverage Dynamics Advertising Awards Judge; DGA-CQL Commercial Contract Administration Trust Trustee; New York Production Alliance board member – Educational Chair; Foreign Policy Association Fellow; and Vice-Chair of the National Maritime Historical Society.

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