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Library series begins with China

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The Great Decisions discussion series explores how remote global challenges are increasingly impacting communities.

A kick off is planned for Jan. 26, 2:30-4:30 p.m., in Hardesty Regional Library's Frossard Auditorium, 8316 E. 93rd St.

The featured speaker is Dr. Kalpana Misra, dean of arts and sciences at The University of Tulsa. Misra will address "China's Foreign Policy" to begin the eight-week discussion series. A \$15 briefing booklet presents articles on these featured topics.

Defense Technology

From robotic planes to cyberweapons to 3D printing and human enhancement, new "game-changing" technologies are moving from science fiction to battlefield reality.

Israel and the United States

Modern Israel's struggles with the Palestinians have turned what was meant as a safe haven into the center of a decades-long conflict.

Turkey's Challenges

Turkey is a nation at a crossroads, a bridge over an ever-growing chasm between the East and West. Islamic Awakening

Energy Independence

Energy independence, by taking the bargaining chip of oil dependence off the table, would be good for American foreign policy. But the very technological advances that make independence possible have created

a dilemma for lawmakers.

Food and Climate

Even as a sixth of the world’s population suffers from chronic hunger, a changing climate threatens to wreak havoc on already insecure and vulnerable populations. As food and water become scarce and once fertile land becomes barren, the United States finds itself faced with new challenges in securing the globe.

China’s Foreign Policy

China has gone to great lengths to emphasize the “peaceful” nature of its meteoric rise. Yet few dispute that China is the dominant regional power in Asia – and in recent years Beijing began to flex its muscles regionally in order to advance its strategic interests.

U.S. Trade Policy

America’s foreign policy tools are not limited to sanctions, treaties or military campaigns – they also include the sales pitch. The logic behind this pitch, or “economic statecraft,” is simple: promote the benefits of democracy and the free market.

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