

CURRENT ISSUES IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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It has been said that the United States is the last best hope of man on earth. We might reasonably debate that point but the fact is that the United States in 2016 is the world's only super-power. In this study group we look at a half dozen major foreign policy "hot button" issues which threaten world stability. We look at cause, possible solution and implications if the issue is not resolved. Issues include ISIS as a territorial caliphate and a propaganda machine, Russia in the Mid-East and vs NATO, China with its powerful ambitions and slowing economy, religion including the Sunni/Shia conflict and the role of the Pope, world-wide immigration including migrants and refugees and world wealth-from ebola to zika.

Readings: The written materials for this study group will be contained in a course pack containing articles about the "hot button" issues from journals, magazines, newspapers and websites. Sources include Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, The Economist, The Guardian, The Atlantic and the websites of Al Jazeera, the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

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Week One:	ISIS- territorial caliphate and propaganda machine
Week Two:	Russia- in the Mid-East and vs NATO
Week Three:	China- powerful ambitions vs a slowing economy
Week Four:	Religion in Foreign Affairs- Sunni vs Shia and The Pope
Week Five:	World-Wide Immigration- migrants and refugees
Week Six:	World Health- from Ebola to Zika