



The Passport

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WAC in the Time of Coronavirus

Dear WACMB Members,

As we all shelter in place and hope to flatten the curve, your WACMB board and committee members are focusing on the future and planning some exciting and enlightening programs for you. Here's what you need to know:

* Both the March and April Luncheons have been postponed. Here's what Judy Sloan and the program committee have in the works for future luncheons:

- Professor Craig Whiteside of the Naval War College at NPS, who was to speak at our March luncheon, will speak on ISIS: A Retrospect and Prospects for the Future;
- Professor Anna Grzymala-Busse of Stanford University will speak on the erosion of new democracies in Eastern Europe, with a particular focus on Poland and Hungary;
- Dr. Jonathan Lipman, professor emeritus at Mt. Holyoke College, will speak on Islam and Muslims in China.

* The *Great Decisions* program concluded on March 23. If you missed it, or if you'd like to experience it in a different version, check out these videos from the Foreign Policy Association: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDHHJksdsrQFAfjQi4VehimW1_n3SnyGf

* Judith Glickman and the MPC Discussion Group team are exploring ways for the group to meet virtually. Check our website (www.wacmb.org) for further updates.

* Speaking of our website, did you know that videos of many of our recent luncheon talks are posted there? If you missed a talk or want to see one again, go to our website (either type www.wacmb.org into your computer's browser, or scan the QR code on the back of this Passport with your smartphone or tablet). Find the General Information menu: it's on the right side of the home page on the computer screen, and near the bottom of the page on the smartphone. Click on the "Past Speakers, Topics, and Videos" link, and there you are!

* Continue to check the website for further updates about all of your favorite WACMB programs.

* While our mission is to promote the presentation, discussion, and study of international affairs, our greatest concern right now is the health of our members. As we explore new ways to accomplish our mission while minimizing our members' exposure to COVID-19, we welcome your suggestions. Please send them to wacmb@redshift.com - and stay healthy!

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