



# World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area

## The Passport Newsletter

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### Geopolitics and Energy: A Conversation with Daniel Nussbaum

Chair, Energy Academic Group, Naval  
Postgraduate School

Wednesday, May 24, 2023  
Carmel Mission Inn

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Energy. It seems to be in the news and all around us—Energy security, energy policies, energy technologies, energy and climate security, energy infrastructure, energy infrastructure protection and resilience, and so on.

In this talk, Dr. Nussbaum will discuss some background issues like what is energy, where it comes from, and how much do we use, and then look at what are the risks to continued supply.

Dr. Nussbaum will discuss these topics through the three lenses of “What?”, “So what?”, and “Now what?”. The question-and-answer period will provide an opportunity to engage in a dialog, although Dr. Nussbaum urges us to remember that neither he nor anyone else has a functioning crystal ball.

Dan Nussbaum is the Chair of the Energy Academic Group at the Naval Postgraduate School, an organization that cuts across traditional academic disciplines, blending technology and policies, and focusing on teaching and research. He previously was the Director of the Naval Center for Cost Analysis, in which he was the Chief Advisor to the Secretary of the Navy on all cost estimates and cost-benefit analyses.

Dan has a bachelor’s in mathematics and economics, a Ph.D. in mathematics, and post-doc in econometrics and national security studies. He is the author of several books on cost estimating and is in the painful throes of completing a book on Operational Energy

He and his wife, Beverly, have been married for 57 years and have two children and five grandchildren.



After dinner and before the speaker, the Monterey High AWQ team (Eunwoo Kim, River Valdivia, Sindha Gokaraju, and Taylor Boothe) will be sharing their experience representing WACMB at the national AWQ competition in Washington DC. During their presentation, WACMB members will be able to ask questions. We will also be honoring the team by presenting the Monterey High principal with a plaque.

#### Location

Peninsula Ballroom  
Carmel Mission Inn  
3665 Rio Road  
Carmel, CA

#### Menu

Salad: Seasonal field greens, tomato, cucumber,  
red onion with a red wine vinaigrette

Artisan rolls and butter

Chicken Breast Florentine topped with tomato  
concasé with garlic mashed potatoes

*Vegetarian Alternative:* Vegetable Lasagna

Chocolate layer cake with creme anglaise and  
raspberry puree

Coffee & Tea

#### Agenda

6:00 PM: Registration

6:25 PM: Dinner

6:55 PM: Special [Academic World Quest](#)  
Presentation

7:20 PM: Dr. Nussbaum

#### Tickets

\$49 for Members

\$54 for Guests

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#### Vaccination Requirements

All those attending WACMB in-person events must show proof of full Covid-19 vaccination, including a booster.

To prove your vaccination status, you can present either your vaccination card or your State of California QR code. You only need to present such proof once. Your documentation will be noted, and that box will be automatically checked for future meetings.

**For the time being, no auditors will be permitted to attend any WACMB in-person meetings. This is to ensure that every person in the room has been vaccinated and boosted.** Thank you for your cooperation with our efforts to keep our members healthy!

### Great Decisions Wrap-up

by: Nate Blakely

The *Great Decisions* Discussion group series produced by the Foreign Policy Association wrapped up with a discussion of Climate Migration last month on April 3rd. The series was conducted by Boyd Haight and Linda Dilger for eight consecutive weeks, with topics including: US-China relations, economic warfare, Latin American politics, and [more](#). WACMB hosts these *Great Decisions* lectures, as well as the [monthly discussions](#), as events free to the public. The discussion group functions as both a site of civic engagement and an opportunity to attract new members to the organization.

Boyd Haight notes that, “The discussion group has been a good way to attract members to WACMB and also to identify and cultivate volunteers and board members.” The format of the discussions includes pre-discussion materials that participants read, along with a lecture viewed concurrently. These materials are then discussed in a semi-structured way allowing all participants to express their thoughts and insight. Haight, for example, has 39 years of experience in international development work, working as both a Peace Corps volunteer and UN staff member. Given his background, his knowledge and analysis on the topics serves to center the conversation and provide learning opportunities for participants.

In our polarized world, it’s rare that people with sometimes widely differing views are able to all read the same material, get together, and discuss policy options outside of an academic context. This is the value of the discussion groups conducted by WACMB. They serve as a way for people to engage with each other and formulate informed positions on pressing issues. Linda Dilger says through the group her “knowledge of foreign policy has developed from being with [the] discussion group folks...I hope one day to attract more people to attend and discuss foreign policy. I feel as Americans we need to better understand our place in the world.”



### Come join the conversation!

Now that the 2022 Great Decisions discussion series has been completed, the OLLI Discussion Group will take its usual seasonal hiatus until the fall.

However, the [WACMB Discussion Group](#) will keep the conversation going. The group plans to meet once a month beginning in early May. Topics will often dovetail with those covered in the WACMB Luncheon or Dinner lectures, but may sometimes address other world affairs-related topics of interest.

WACMB Discussion Group meetings will be held online via Zoom, facilitated by Boyd Haight and Linda Dilger. If you are interested in participating in the group, please send an email to [discussiongroup@wacmb.org](mailto:discussiongroup@wacmb.org) and let us know so you can receive the Zoom link. Come join the conversation!



### Join Us!

When you join the World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area, you become part of an organization of thoughtful and engaged global citizens who seek to learn more about contemporary world affairs. You can see benefits provided to the public by the Council, and the additional benefits for members, on our web page at <https://www.wacmb.org/membership/>

Please join us at an upcoming event or discussion group and consider becoming a member of the Council or renewing your current membership.

Our Regards,

Judith Glickman

President of The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area

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