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PUBLIC ISSUES FORUM



**GRIDLOCK: WHAT IS IT?  
WHAT CAUSES IT?**

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Campus Auditorium

8:00PM  
Northside Hall

Gridlock has been described as a paralysis in government which prevents our elected officials from acting in a free and responsible manner to respond to pressing problems that face the nation. Alternatively, gridlock has been dismissed as a slogan by those who feel that the relationships between the executive and legislative branches of government are as they should be. This spring's IUSB Public Issues Forum provides a distinguished panel of experts to explore these alternative conceptions of gridlock and the implications of gridlock for our future by discussing the following questions:

- WHAT IS "GRIDLOCK" AND IS IT A PROBLEM?
- WHAT ARE THE STRUCTURAL, FINANCIAL, AND CULTURAL DYNAMICS OF OUR CONGRESSIONAL POLITICS THAT CREATE GRIDLOCK?
- IS GRIDLOCK PART OF OUR FUTURE?

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### About The IUSB Public Issues Forum

Our democratic society and its representative government depend upon the participation of citizens who can evaluate the possible outcomes of existing and proposed policy, law, and political decisions. Too often, in a busy world, we rely on the media or defer to the judgments of technical experts to tell us what is best for us and our community. As a result, we may feel removed and detached from decisions affecting us. We may feel inadequately informed by, for example, TV news "sound bites" or the slogans of persuasive campaigns. As concerned and responsible citizens we must engage in rational and informed discussion of the important social, economic, and political challenges confronting us. Only through open discussion can we make sound decisions which reflect our interests as individuals and as a society.

To that end, the IUSB Public Issues Forum offers an ongoing series of symposia on significant issues that affect our Michiana community. Each Forum explores a different and significant issue through information offered by community leaders and experts followed by questions, discussion, and debate. In this way, the Forum brings us together as a community in the hopes of fostering careful consideration of the choices and problems that confront us.

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