

GTI 2023 Annual Symposium
US-Taiwan Relations: A Global Partnership For Peace And Security

October 11, 2023

8:00 AM - 2:45 PM (ET)

1777 F Street NW, Rockefeller-Peterson Room

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| 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM | Registration |
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Ambassador Hsiao Bi-khim, Representative, Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) |
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H.E. Dr. Jaushieh Joseph Wu, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Taiwan (ROC) (video) |
| 9:15 AM – 10:45 AM | Panel One: Geopolitical and Economic Shifts in the Taiwan Strait

Panelists:
Hal Brands (American Enterprise Institute)
Kelley Currie (Atlantic Council)
Liza Tobin (Special Competitive Studies Project)
Han Sukhee (Yonsei University)

Moderator: Russell Hsiao (Global Taiwan Institute) |
| 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM | Coffee Break |
| 10:45 AM – 12:00 PM | Panel Two: Cross-Strait Relations, 2024 Elections, and US Policy

Panelists:
Ryan Hass (Brookings Institute)
David Sacks (Council on Foreign Relations) |

Igor Khrestin (George W. Bush Presidential Center)
Zack Cooper (American Enterprise Institute)

Moderator: Alex Wong (Hudson Institute and US-China Economic
and Security Review Commission)

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Luncheon Keynote

The Hon. Jedidiah Royal
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific
Security Affairs

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

Panel Three: Defense and Security Assistance

Panelists:

Elbridge Colby (Marathon Initiative)
John Culver (Atlantic Council)
Peter Mattis (Jamestown Foundation)
Devin Thorne (Insikt Group)

Moderator: John Dotson (Global Taiwan Institute)

2:15 PM – 2:45 PM

Closing Keynote

Laura Rosenberger
Chair, American Institute in Taiwan

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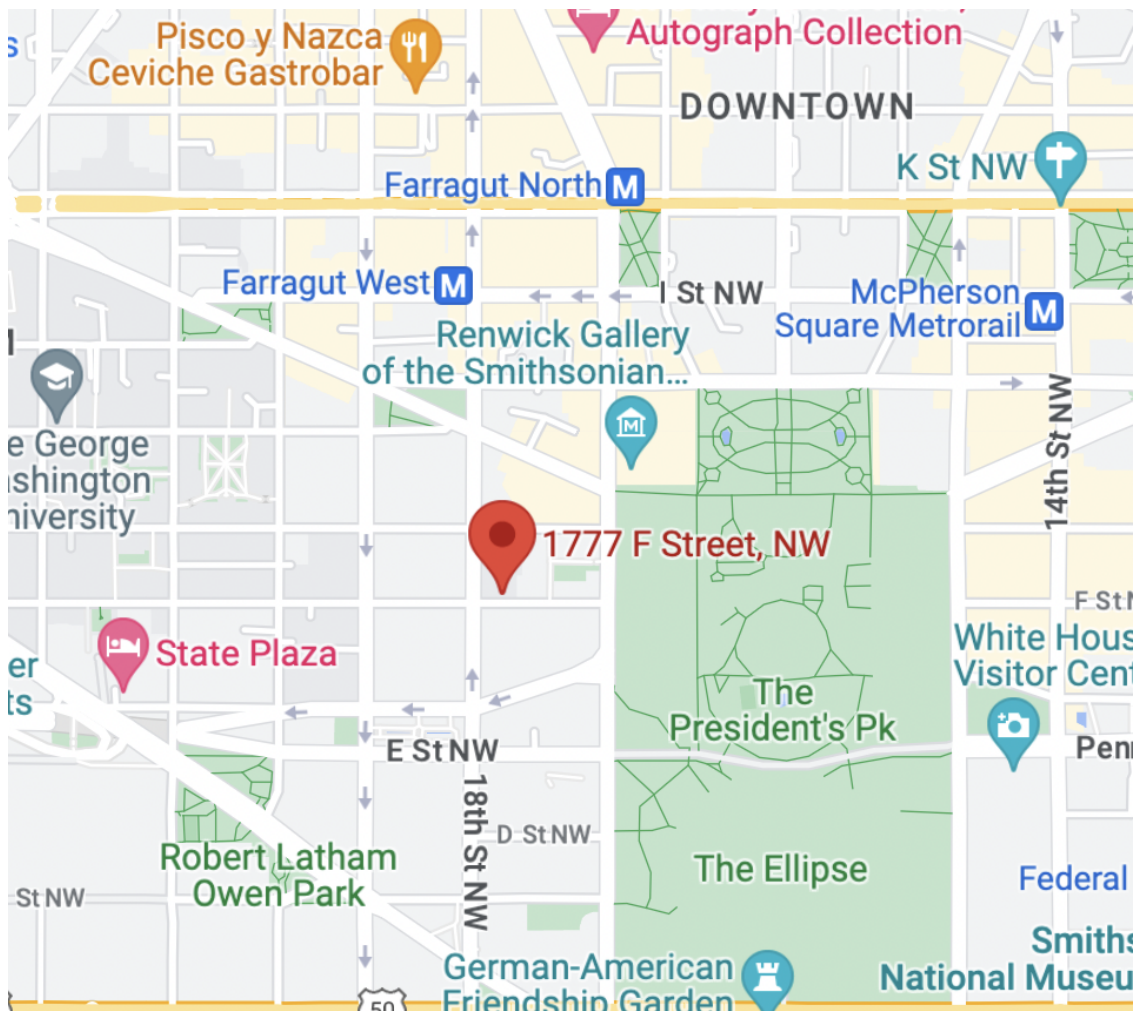
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Participant Bios

Introductory Remarks:

Ambassador Hsiao Bi-khim assumed her position as Taiwan's Representative to the United States in July 2020, after serving as a senior advisor to the president at the National Security Council of Taiwan. Representative Hsiao previously served four terms in the Taiwan Legislature, representing overseas citizens for the first term, and then the constituents of Taipei City and Hualien County through different terms. For many years she was ranking member of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee and previously the chair of the USA Caucus in the Legislative Yuan. She began her political career serving as director of the Democratic Progressive Party International Affairs Department. After Taiwan's first democratic change of government in 2000, she became an advisor in the Office of the President and was international spokesperson for all DPP presidential elections between 2000 and 2012. Representative Hsiao has taken on numerous leadership roles in international organizations. She was the chair of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD), an organization representing Asian democratic political parties. Between 2005 and 2012, she was elected vice president of the Bureau of Liberal International (LI), a London-based global political party organization. She is also a founding board member of the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy. Born in Kobe, Japan, Representative Hsiao grew up in Tainan, a city in southern Taiwan. She has an MA in political science from Columbia University in New York and a BA in East Asian studies from Oberlin College, Ohio.

Opening Keynote:

The Honorable Dr. Jaushieh Joseph Wu is the foreign minister of Taiwan. Prior to his current appointment, he was the secretary-general in the Office of the President (May 2017–February 2018), secretary-general of the National Security Council (May 2016–May 2017), secretary-general of the Democratic Progressive Party (May 2014–May 2016), executive director in the Committee on Policy Research and Coordination for the Democratic Progressive Party (June 2012–May 2014), representative to the United States for the Democratic Progressive Party (May 2012–May 2016), representative of Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (April 2007–August 2008), chairman of the Mainland Affairs Council (May 2004–April 2007), deputy secretary-general in the Office of the President (2002-2004), and research fellow in the Institute of International Relations at the National Chengchi University (1989–2002). Dr. Wu received his BA in political science from National Chengchi University in Taiwan, an MA in political science from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and a PhD in political science from The Ohio State University.

Panel One: Geopolitical and Economic Shifts in the Taiwan Strait

Moderator:

Russell Hsiao is the executive director of GTI, senior fellow at The Jamestown Foundation, and adjunct fellow at Pacific Forum. He is a former Penn Kemble fellow at the National Endowment for Democracy and visiting scholar at the University of Tokyo's Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia. He previously served as a senior research fellow at The Project 2049 Institute and national security fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies. Prior to those positions he was the editor of *China Brief* at The Jamestown Foundation from October 2007 to July 2011 and a special associate in the International Cooperation Department at the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy. While in law school, he clerked within the Office of the Chairman at the Federal Communications Commission and the Interagency Trade Enforcement Center at the Office of the US Trade Representative. Hsiao received his JD and certificate from the Law and Technology Institute at the Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law where he served as the editor-in-chief of the Catholic University's *Journal of Law and Technology*. He received a BA in international studies from the American University's School of International Service and the University Honors Program.

Panelists:

Hal Brands is a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, where he studies US foreign policy and defense strategy. Concurrently, Dr. Brands is the Henry A. Kissinger Distinguished Professor of Global Affairs at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). He is also a columnist for Bloomberg Opinion. Dr. Brands has previously worked as special assistant to the secretary of defense for strategic planning and lead writer for the National Defense Strategy Commission. Dr. Brands is the author, coauthor, or editor of several books, including "The Lessons of Tragedy: Statecraft and World Order" (Yale University Press, 2019); "American Grand Strategy in the Age of Trump" (Brookings Institution Press, 2018); "Making the Unipolar Moment: U.S. Foreign Policy and the Rise of the Post-Cold War Order" (Cornell University Press, 2016); "The Power of the Past: History and Statecraft" (Brookings Institution Press, 2016); "What Good Is Grand Strategy? Power and Purpose in American Statecraft from Harry S. Truman to George W. Bush" (Cornell University Press, 2014); "Latin America's Cold War" (Harvard University Press, 2010); and "From Berlin to Baghdad: America's Search for Purpose in the Post-Cold War World" (University Press of Kentucky, 2008). Dr. Brands graduated from Yale University with a PhD, MA, and MPhil in history. He also received a BA in history and political science from Stanford University.

Kelley Currie is a nonresident senior fellow with the Freedom and Prosperity Center at the Atlantic Council's Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security. Previously, she served as US Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues and the US Representative at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. Prior to her appointment, she led the Department of State's Office of Global Criminal Justice (2019) and served under Ambassador Nikki Haley as the United States' Representative to the UN Economic and Social Council and Alternative Representative to the UN General Assembly (2017-2018). Throughout her career in foreign policy, Ambassador Currie has specialized in human rights, political reform, development and

humanitarian issues, with a focus on the Asia-Pacific region. From 2009 until her appointment to the USUN leadership, she served as a Senior Fellow with the Project 2049 Institute. She has held senior policy positions with the Department of State, the U.S. Congress, and several international and non-governmental human rights and humanitarian organizations. Ambassador Currie received a Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center, and an undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of Georgia's School of Public and International Affairs.

Liza Tobin is the senior director of research and analysis for economy at the Special Competitive Studies Project (SCSP). Before joining SCSP, she served on the National Security Council staff as China director, where she led the development of multiple US strategies and policies related to China, including on trade and economics, climate and the environment, military issues, and China's influence beyond the Indo-Pacific. Before serving at the National Security Council, Ms. Tobin worked for more than a decade in various capacities as a China specialist for the US government, including as a senior adviser at the US Indo-Pacific Command and an economic analyst at the CIA, and in various roles in the private sector and academia. She holds an MA in international relations with concentrations in China studies and international economics from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, a graduate certificate from the Hopkins-Nanjing Center, and a BA in China studies and biblical studies from Gordon College.

Han Sukhee is an associate professor at the Graduate School of International Studies, Yonsei University. He served as Korea's consul general in Shanghai from 2015 to 2017. In China, he taught at the School of Government, Peking University, for two years and worked as a visiting scholar at the Institute for Asia-Pacific Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). Dr. Han's main research interests are Sino-American relations, Sino-Korean relations, Sino-North Korean relations, and China's elite politics. Currently, he writes at the SSCI-listed *The Korean Journal of Defense Analysis*, *Korea Observer*, *The Korean Journal of International Relations*, and the *Journal of Korean Political Science Association*. He completed both a BA and MA program at the Department of Political Science and Diplomacy at Yonsei University. He received an MALD and Ph.D. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

Panel Two: Cross-Strait Relations, 2024 Elections, and US Policy

Moderator:

Alex Wong is a senior fellow at The Hudson Institute, as well as vice chairman of the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission. Prior to his current positions, Mr. Wong served as the deputy special representative for North Korea and the deputy assistant secretary for North Korea at the US Department of State. In that position, he was the number two negotiator in denuclearization talks with North Korea and guided the US-led international pressure campaign. Previously, Mr. Wong led the State Department's efforts to implement the Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy as the deputy assistant secretary for regional and security affairs in the State Department's East Asia bureau. In 2020, Mr. Wong was unanimously approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to be the US ambassador for special political affairs at the United Nations, a position in which he would have represented the United States on all matters before the UN Security Council. Prior to his most recent stint at the State Department, Mr. Wong was the foreign policy advisor and general counsel to Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR) and the foreign and legal policy director for the Romney-Ryan 2012 presidential campaign. Mr. Wong is a licensed attorney, spent years counseling Fortune 100 clients on international trade and governmental investigations matters, and began his legal career as a clerk for the honorable Janice Rogers Brown of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Mr. Wong graduated summa cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania and received his JD with high honors from Harvard Law School where he was the managing editor of the *Harvard Law Review* and an editor of the *Harvard International Law Journal*.

Panelists:

Ryan Hass is director of the John L. Thornton China Center and the Chen-Fu and Cecilia Yen Koo Chair in Taiwan Studies at the Brookings Institution. He is also a senior fellow in the Center for East Asia Policy Studies. He was part of the inaugural class of David M. Rubenstein fellows at Brookings, and is a nonresident affiliated fellow in the Paul Tsai China Center at Yale Law School. From 2013 to 2017, Hass served as the director for China, Taiwan and Mongolia at the National Security Council (NSC) staff. In that role, he advised President Obama and senior White House officials on all aspects of US policy toward China, Taiwan, and Mongolia, and coordinated the implementation of US policy toward this region among US government departments and agencies. He joined President Obama's state visit delegations in Beijing and Washington respectively in 2014 and 2015, and the president's delegation to Hangzhou, China, for the G-20 in 2016, and to Lima, Peru, for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders Meetings in 2016. Prior to joining NSC, Hass served as a foreign service officer in US Embassy Beijing, where he earned the State Department Director General's award for impact and originality in reporting, an award given annually to the officer whose reporting had the greatest impact on the formulation of US foreign policy. Hass also served in Embassy Seoul and Embassy Ulaanbaatar, and domestically in the State Department Offices of Taiwan Coordination and Korean Affairs. Hass received multiple Superior Honor and Meritorious Honor commendations during his 15-year tenure in the Foreign Service. Hass is the author of "Stronger: Adapting America's China Strategy in an Age of Competitive Interdependence" (Yale University Press, 2021), a co-editor of "Global China: Assessing China's Growing Role in the World"

(Brookings Press, 2021), of the monograph, “The future of US policy toward China: Recommendations for the Biden administration” (Brookings, 2020), and a co-author of “U.S.-Taiwan Relations: Will China’s Challenge Lead to a Crisis?” (Brookings Press, 2023). He also leads the Democracy in Asia project at the Brookings Institution and is co-chair of the international task force on Taiwan convened by the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

David Sacks is a fellow for Asia studies at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), where his work focuses on US-China relations, US-Taiwan relations, Chinese foreign policy, cross-Strait relations, and the political thought of Hans Morgenthau. He was previously the special assistant to the president for research at the Council on Foreign Relations. Prior to joining CFR, Mr. Sacks worked on political military affairs at the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), which handled the full breadth of the United States’ relationship with Taiwan in the absence of diplomatic ties. Mr. Sacks was also a Princeton in Asia fellow in Hangzhou, China. He received his MA in international relations and international economics, with honors, from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). At SAIS, he was the recipient of the A. Doak Barnett Award, given annually to the most distinguished China Studies graduate. Mr. Sacks received his BA in political science, magna cum laude, from Carleton College.

Igor Khrestin serves as the Bradford M. Freeman managing director of global policy at the George W. Bush Institute. Prior to joining the Bush Institute, he served as managing director at FGS Global, a public affairs firm. For nearly two decades, Khrestin worked in high-level roles in foreign affairs and advocacy. Khrestin was a senior advisor to former Senators Cory Gardner and Mark Kirk, and he also served as the staff director of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy. He served as the lead staffer for multiple major legislative initiatives enacted into law. These included the Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018, which authorized USD \$10 billion annually in new funding for US efforts in the Indo-Pacific region; the North Korea Sanctions and Policy Enhancement Act of 2016; and the Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019. Prior to his Hill tenure, Khrestin worked at the BGR Group and the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), where he conducted research on Eurasian affairs and published numerous articles, op-eds, and papers. He received a BA in political science from Illinois Wesleyan University, a certificate in government from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and an MA from Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service.

Zack Cooper is a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, where he studies US strategy in Asia, including alliance dynamics and US-China competition. He also teaches at Princeton University and is currently writing a book that explains how militaries change during power shifts. Before joining AEI, Dr. Cooper was the senior fellow for Asian security at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). He previously worked as co-director of the Alliance for Securing Democracy and senior fellow at the German Marshall Fund of the United States and research fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments (CSBA). He also served as assistant to the deputy national security adviser for combating terrorism at the National Security Council and as a special assistant to the principal deputy under secretary of defense for policy at the Department of Defense. Dr. Cooper has been published in academic

journals, including *International Security and Security Studies*, and in the popular press, such as the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Wall Street Journal*, among other outlets. He has also authored a variety of studies on Asia, on topics including US military strategy and posture in Asia, Chinese coercion, and US defense cooperation with regional allies and partners. He is the co-editor of two books, “Postwar Japan: Growth, Security, and Uncertainty Since 1945” (CSIS/Rowman & Littlefield, 2017) and “Strategic Japan: New Approaches to Foreign Policy and the U.S.-Japan Alliance” (CSIS/Rowman & Littlefield, 2014). Dr. Cooper graduated from Princeton University with a PhD and an MA in security studies and an MPA in international relations. He received a BA in public policy from Stanford University.

Luncheon Keynote

The Hon. Jedidiah P. Royal is the principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs (IPSA). A career member of the Senior Executive Service, he oversees IPSA's extensive portfolio – spanning China, Taiwan and Mongolia; East Asia; South and Southeast Asia; and Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia – and works across the national security enterprise to synchronize IPSA activities with foreign policy objectives. Before joining IPSA, Mr. Royal served as deputy director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA), where he coordinated implementation of a diverse array of security cooperation programs. Prior to joining DSCA, Mr. Royal served as the director of defense policy and plans at the US Mission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). In this capacity, Mr. Royal represented the United States to the NATO alliance on defense policy, capability, planning, deterrence, burden sharing and partnership matters. Prior to his position at NATO, Mr. Royal served in a variety of positions in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, most recently as acting deputy assistant secretary of defense for Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia affairs. He was also detailed to the National Security Council at the White House as director for Afghanistan and Pakistan from 2013-2015; served as the director for cooperative threat reduction policy in the office of Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction from 2010-2013; and served on exchange in Canberra, Australia as the director of strategic advice in the Australian Department of Defense from 2007-2010. Mr. Royal was also assigned to the Counter Proliferation Policy office and the Office of Negotiations Policy. Mr. Royal started his career in the United States Senate as legislative assistant for Near East and South Asia policy at the Foreign Relations Committee. Mr. Royal holds the degree of M. PHIL from the University of New South Wales where his research and writing focused on the economic-security nexus, in particular the consequences of economic volatility on security relationships. He completed his undergraduate studies in international affairs at The George Washington University.

Panel Three: Defense and Security Assistance

Moderator:

John Dotson is the deputy director at GTI. John has performed extensive writing and research on a range of political and national security issues related to US policy in East Asia, including Chinese propaganda and influence efforts, military-civil fusion efforts within the People's Liberation Army, and patterns in military coercion efforts directed against Taiwan. He is a proficient Mandarin linguist, who has performed extensive original research in indigenous Chinese language sources. Dotson holds an MA in National Security Studies from the US Naval War College, and a Master of International Public Policy from Johns Hopkins-SAIS.

Panelists:

Elbridge Colby is co-founder and principal of The Marathon Initiative, a policy initiative focused on developing strategies to prepare the United States for an era of sustained great power competition. Previously, Colby was from 2018-2019 the director of the Defense Program at the Center for a New American Security, where he led the Center's work on defense issues. Before that, he served as the deputy assistant secretary of defense for Strategy and Force Development from 2017-2018. In that role, he served as the lead official in the development and rollout of the Department's preeminent strategic planning guidance, the 2018 National Defense Strategy (NDS). He also served as the primary Defense Department representative in the development of the 2017 National Security Strategy. A member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the International Institute of Strategic Studies, Colby is a graduate of Harvard College and Yale Law School.

John K. Culver is a nonresident senior fellow with the Atlantic Council's Global China Hub and a former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) senior intelligence officer with thirty-five years of experience as a leading analyst of East Asian affairs, including security, economic, and foreign-policy dimensions. Previously as national intelligence officer for East Asia from 2015 to 2018, Culver drove the Intelligence Community's support to top policymakers on East Asian issues and managed extensive relationships inside and outside government. He produced a large body of sophisticated, leading-edge analysis and mentored widely on analytic tradecraft. He also routinely represented the Intelligence Community to senior US policy, military, academic, private-sector and foreign-government audiences. Culver is a recipient of the 2013 William L. Langer Award for extraordinary achievement in the CIA's analytic mission. He was a member of the Senior Intelligence Service and CIA's Senior Analytic Service. He was also awarded the Distinguished Career Intelligence Medal.

Peter Mattis is president of The Jamestown Foundation, a position he began in Fall 2023. At Jamestown, he has also served as editor of *China Brief* from 2011 to 2013 and as a fellow in the China program from 2013 to 2018. Most recently, Mr. Mattis was a senior fellow with the US House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party on loan from the Special Competitive Studies Project where he served as Director for Intelligence. From 2019 to 2021, he served as the Senate-appointed staff director of the Congressional-Executive Commission on China (CECC) where he was a part of the

legislative team that passed the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act, Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act, Tibetan Policy and Support Act, and the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act. He began his government career as a counterintelligence analyst at the Central Intelligence Agency, where he earned exceptional performance awards for analytic leadership and community support. Mr. Mattis has written and spoken widely about the Chinese Government and Communist Party's politics, foreign policy, internal security, intelligence, and political influence activities – including testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, House Select Committee on Intelligence, US-China Economic and Security Review Commission, and the European Parliament. Mr. Mattis' writing and commentary have appeared in *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *The Diplomat*, *Sydney Morning Herald*, *Studies in Intelligence*, *International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence*, *War on the Rocks*, and *The National Interest*. He also has been quoted in major media outlets including the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times*, *Washington Post*, *The Economist*, BBC, *The Guardian*, and *Süddeutsche Zeitung*. Mattis is the author of “Analyzing the Chinese Military: A Review Essay and Resource Guide on the People’s Liberation Army” (2015) and co-author of “Chinese Communist Espionage: An Intelligence Primer” (2019)—both of which he wrote while a Jamestown fellow. He is a graduate of the University of Washington and Georgetown University.

Devin Thorne is a principal threat intelligence analyst with Recorded Future. He specializes in using publicly available Chinese-language sources to explain China's security strategies and their implementation, with a focus on maritime security, national defense mobilization, military-civil fusion, and propaganda. He was previously a senior analyst with the Center for Advanced Defense Studies (C4ADS) and has conducted research on behalf of the US Naval War College China Maritime Studies Institute, Korea Institute for Maritime Strategy, Hudson Institute, and US Department of State. Devin holds a BA from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and an MA from the Johns Hopkins University–Nanjing University Center for Chinese and American Studies. He lived, studied, and worked in China for multiple years. He speaks Mandarin.

Closing Keynote

Laura Rosenberger is the chair of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT). Prior to joining AIT, Ms. Rosenberger served as the director of the Alliance for Securing Democracy and a senior fellow at The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF). Before she joined GMF, she was foreign policy advisor for Hillary for America, where she coordinated development of the campaign's national security policies, messaging, and strategy. Prior to that, she served in a range of positions at the State Department and the White House's National Security Council (NSC). As chief of staff to Deputy Secretary of State Antony Blinken and as later, then-Deputy National Security Advisor Blinken's senior advisor, she counseled on the full range of national security policy. In her role at the NSC, she also managed the interagency Deputies Committee, the US government's senior-level interagency decision-making forum on our country's most pressing national security issues. Laura also has extensive background in the Asia-Pacific region, particularly Northeast Asia. She served as NSC director for China and Korea, managing and coordinating US policy on China and the Korean Peninsula, and in a variety of positions focused on the Asia-Pacific region at the Department of State, including managing US-China relations and addressing North Korea's nuclear programs. She also served as special assistant to Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs William Burns, advising him on Asia-Pacific affairs and on nonproliferation and arms control issues. Rosenberger first joined the State Department as a presidential management fellow.