

GTI 2026 Annual Symposium
Looking Towards 2027: US-Taiwan Relations Amid Rising Tensions in Asia

October 7, 2026

8:45 AM - 4:40 PM (ET)

1777 F Street NW, Rockefeller-Peterson Room

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Agenda:

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| 8:00 AM – 8:45 AM | Registration |
| 8:45 AM – 8:50 AM | Welcome Remarks

Jennifer Hu
Chair of the Board and President, Global Taiwan Institute |
| 8:50 AM – 9:00 AM | Opening Remarks

Amb. Alexander Tah-Ray Yui
Representative, Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office |
| 9:00 AM – 10:25 AM | Panel One: Perspectives on Taiwan and the Geopolitics of Asia

Panelists:
Dr. Scott Harold (Georgetown University, RAND)
Dr. Wen-chin Wu (Academia Sinica)
Jacqueline Deal (Long Term Strategy Group)
Dr. Renato De Castro (La Salle University)

Moderator: Alexander Gray (American Global Strategies) |
| 10:25 AM – 10:40 AM | Break |

10:40 AM – 12:00 PM Panel Two: The US-Taiwan Trade and Technology Relationship

Panelists:

Riley Walters (Hudson Institute)
W. Patrick Wilson (Semiconductor & Innovation Group LLC)
Cathy Fang (Research Institute for Democracy, Society, and
Emerging Technology)

Moderator: Lotta Danielsson (US-Taiwan Business Council)

12:00 PM – 12:15 PM Break**12:15 PM – 12:30 PM Luncheon Keynote**

H.E. Dr. Chia-Lung Lin, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Taiwan
(recorded address)

**12:40 PM – 2:00 PM Panel Three: Non-Traditional Threats to Taiwan and Taiwan's
Efforts to Build Civil Resilience**

Panelists:

Dr. Michael Hunzeker (George Mason University)
Benjamin Sando (Global Taiwan Institute)
I-Chen Liu (ARTICLE 19)
Wei-An Tsai (Harvard Law School)

Moderator: John Dotson (Global Taiwan Institute)

2:00 PM – 2:15 PM Break**2:15 PM – 3:05 PM Fireside Chat: Policymaker Perspectives on US-Taiwan Policy**

Panelists:

W. Brent Christensen (Director, American Institute in Taiwan,
2018-2021 / Brigham Young University)
Laura Rosenberger (AIT Chair, 2023-2025)
Mark Montgomery (Rear Admiral, USN, ret. / Foundation for the
Defense of Democracies)

Moderator: Dr. Ely Ratner (Asst. SECDEF for Indo-Pacific
Security Affairs, 2021-2025 / Marathon Initiative)

3:05 PM – 3:20 PM Break

3:20 PM – 4:40 PM

Panel Four: Defense and Security Challenges in the Indo-Pacific

Panelists:

Dr. William Chih-tung Chung (Institute for National Defense and Security Research)

Jackson Karas (Institute for the Study of War)

Dr. Eyck Freymann (Hoover Institution)

Wallace “Chip” Gregson (Lieutenant General, USMC, ret. / Asst. SECDEF for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, 2009-2011)

Moderator: Dr. Raymond Kuo (Chicago Council on Global Affairs)

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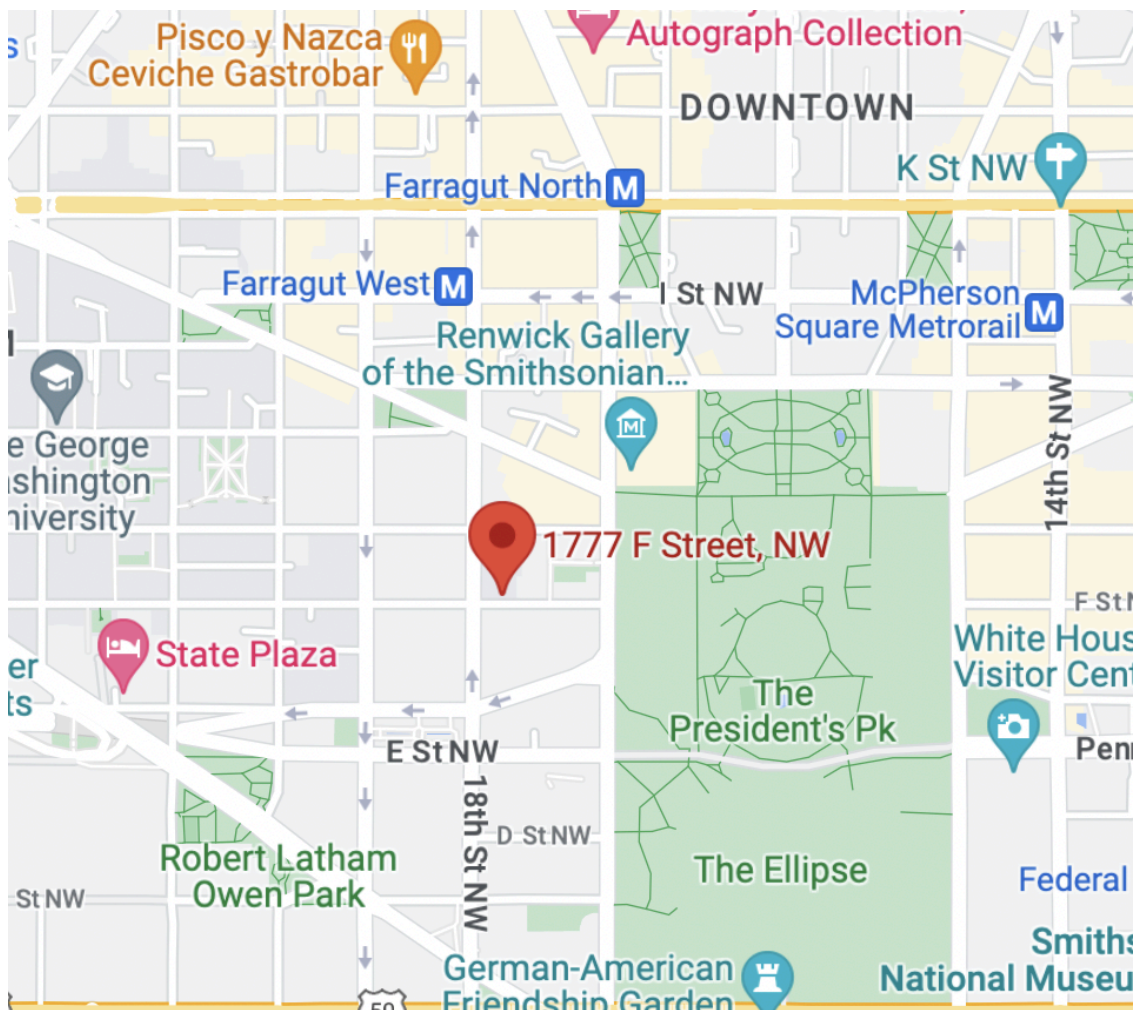
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Participant Bios

Welcome Remarks:



Jennifer Hu is the chair of the board of directors and president at the Global Taiwan Institute. A GTI co-founder, she previously served as vice chair of the board of directors from 2016-2020, before becoming chair in 2020. At GTI, she leads the institute's strategic growth and development, planning, and fundraising initiatives. In addition to her volunteer work at GTI, she is an expert in high-speed rail and intercity passenger rail safety and regulatory issues. Prior to joining large North American infrastructure projects in 2010, she spent several years in Taiwan where she held public service positions including presidential aide at the Office of the President of Taiwan, and the director-general of the Bureau of Civil Affairs at the Tainan City Government. She received a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; a Master of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University; and a Juris Doctor and a Master of Law in Business and Finance from The George Washington University Law School. She is a member of the New York and Texas Bars.

Opening Remarks:



Ambassador Alexander Yui Tah-ray is Taiwan's Representative to the United States, a role he assumed in December 2023. He has over 35 years of experience in diplomacy and previously served as Taiwan's Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2021 to 2023. His past overseas assignments include serving as Taiwan's Representative to the European Union and Belgium, as well as Ambassador to Paraguay from 2015 to 2018. Ambassador Yui has held various leadership roles within Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, focusing on Latin American, European, and global affairs. Throughout his career, he has worked to expand Taiwan's global partnerships and strengthen its international presence. His extensive experience includes postings in New York, San Salvador, and

Geneva, reflecting his commitment to advancing Taiwan's foreign policy goals. Ambassador Yui received a BA in politics and foreign languages and a MA in Spanish literature from Texas A&M University.

Panel One: Perspectives on Taiwan and the Geopolitics of Asia:

Moderator:



Alexander Gray is the Chief Executive Officer of American Global Strategies LLC, an international strategic advisory firm that he co-founded with former U.S. National Security Advisor Robert C. O'Brien. Mr. Gray most recently served as Deputy Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff of the White House National Security Council (NSC). He is also a Senior Nonresident Fellow at the Global Taiwan Institute (GTI) and previously visited Taipei, Taiwan as a research fellow. His areas of expertise include defense, aerospace, maritime affairs, and technology.

Panelists:



Dr. Scott Harold is a senior political scientist at RAND, and a professor of policy analysis at the RAND School of Public Policy. He specializes in the foreign and defense policies of China, Japan, North and South Korea, Taiwan, and Oceania. Prior to rejoining RAND in April 2024, Harold served as a senior advisor to the deputy assistant secretary of Defense for East Asia in the Biden–Harris administration from 2022 to 2024. From August 2008 to March 2022, Harold worked as a senior political scientist at RAND and from 2015 to 2019 served as the associate director of the Center for Asia Pacific Policy at RAND. From 2006 to 2008 he worked at the Brookings Institution as a senior research analyst. Since 2006 he has been an adjunct professor of security studies at Georgetown University. He has also been an adjunct professor in the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University, and an adjunct professor of international affairs in the Elliott School of

International Affairs at The George Washington University. In 2024, Harold was awarded the Council on Foreign Relations/Hitachi International Affairs Fellowship—Japan. Previously, from 2012 to 2017, Harold was a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He has also held visiting fellowships at the Mercator Institute for China Studies, Institut Montaigne, and the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation. He is fluent in Chinese. His Ph.D. from Columbia University examined China's decision-making with respect to joining the World Trade Organization.



Dr. Wu Wen-chin is a research fellow at the Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica, Taiwan. His research interests include political economy, comparative authoritarianism, and public opinion, with a particular focus on Chinese politics and cross-strait relations. He has published widely in academic journals. His co-authored work in *Political Communication* received the 2022 Kaid-Sanders Best Political Communication Article of the Year Award from the International Communication Association. He was a visiting scholar at the Harvard-Yenching Institute (2019–2020).



Jacqueline Deal is a Non-Resident Senior Fellow in the Asia Program at the Foreign Policy Research Institute. She is a co-founder of the American Academy for Strategic Education, a non-profit focused on educating policy professionals, and President and CEO of the Long Term Strategy Group, a Washington, DC-based defense consultancy. As a member of State Armor's Board of Advisors, she provides strategic counsel on countering the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) sub-national influence and interference operations. Her recent work has focused on the history of the CCP and US-CCP relations.



Dr. Renato De Castro is a distinguished professor at the Department of International Studies, De La Salle University, Manila, and holds the Dr. Aurelio Calderon Chair in Philippines-American Relations. He has written over 100 articles on international

relations and security that have been published in several scholarly journals and edited works in the Philippines, Japan, South Korea, Canada, Malaysia, France, Singapore, Taiwan, Germany, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Australia, and the United States. In 2019, the Board of Trustees of the Philippine Political Science Association (PPSA) announced that Professor De Castro is the most prolific Filipino Political Scientist in terms of scholarly publication and one of the top 10 Filipino Political Scientists in terms of several citations. The 2022 AD Scientific Index ranked him 92nd among the top 100 scientists in the Philippines and one of the top 50 Social Scientists in the country. AD Scientific Index also ranked him as the number one Filipino Political Scientist in publications and citations. On December 20, 2024, the AFP Chief-of-Staff, General Romeo Brawner Jr. awarded Professor De Castro with the Sandigan AFP Stakeholder Award for his “extensive research, public education initiatives, and active involvement in institutions has significantly played a fundamental role in advancing the knowledge of regional security dynamics and its implications for Philippine sovereignty and regional security.” He earned his Ph.D. from the Government and International Studies Department of the University of South Carolina as a Fulbright Scholar in 2001.

Panel Two: The US-Taiwan Trade and Technology Relationship

Moderator:



Lotta Danielsson is the executive vice president of the US-Taiwan Business Council, a non-profit organization dedicated to developing the trade and commercial relationship between the United States and Taiwan. She is also a Nonresident Fellow at the National Bureau of Asian Research. Lotta is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Council. Her work includes membership retention and development, research on current Taiwan policy issues, and research to identify the needs of U.S. businesses in Taiwan. She oversees all member products and services, and manages the development of new value-added membership

services. She also oversees all events and conferences, and she has planned the annual U.S.-Taiwan Defense Industry Conference – which serves as an important platform for bilateral dialogue on Taiwan’s national security and defense needs – since its inception in 2002. In addition, Lotta supervises responses to member requests, prepares press releases, manages websites and social media, and acts as the Council editor. She has served as Executive Vice President since 2025 and as Vice President since 2003, after joining the Council as Director of Corporate Affairs in 2000.

Panelists:



Riley Walters is a senior non-resident fellow of the Global Taiwan Institute and Senior Fellow at Hudson Institute. His areas of expertise include international trade policy, investment regulations, technology and innovation, cybersecurity, and the intersection of economics and national security. He is also an expert on east Asian political affairs, primarily focusing on Japan and Taiwan. Riley was formerly the senior policy analyst and economist at The Heritage Foundation’s Asian Studies Center. Walters is a prolific writer, contributing extensively to policy papers and media outlets including *Global Taiwan Brief*, *The Hill*, *Japan Times*, *The Messenger*, *The Diplomat*, *The Washington Times*, *The National Interest*, Geopolitical Intelligence Services, and others.



W. Patrick Wilson is a founding principal of Semiconductor & Innovation Group, facilitating specialized government relations and policy strategy consulting for businesses in the semiconductor, artificial intelligence, quantum and related fields. Until January 2026 he was the Corporate Vice President, Government Affairs for MediaTek (Taiwan’s second largest public company). He joined MediaTek in 2020 following two years of appointed service at the US Department of Commerce, leading the Office of Business Liaison, within the Office of the Secretary. Prior to joining OBL, Wilson led corporate government relations for US headquartered manufacturing companies

Cummins Inc. Babcock and Wilcox Company (now BWE) and for seven years the Semiconductor Industry Association. The SIA is the trade association representing America's largest chip makers. Before joining the government affairs world, he worked in the US Congress, House and Senate; Last serving as Director of Coalitions and Senior Counsel for the House Small Business Committee and Executive Director of the House Manufacturing Caucus. He also formerly served as Legislative Counsel for Kansas Senator Sam Brownback and as Legislative Director for Rep. Mike Pence of Indiana. A veteran of Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn, Wilson has served as an artillery officer in the US Army and Virginia National Guard since 2004 and is currently a Civil Affairs Officer in the US Army Reserve. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in International Studies & Economics from the University of Denver Korbel School and also attended the Denver Sturm College of Law.



Cathy Fang serves as a Policy Analyst in the National Security and Economic Security Research Program at DSET, where she specializes in analyzing the convergence of technology and geopolitical dynamics. Her research portfolio encompasses critical technological domains, with particular emphasis on the semiconductor industry and the strategic implications of emerging technologies including unmanned aerial vehicles, satellite systems, and subsea telecommunications infrastructure. Currently, she contributes as an editor and podcast host at US-Taiwan Watch. Prior to her role at DSET, she held the position of policy analyst at the Project 2049 Institute. Her professional background includes tenure as a legislative assistant at Taiwan's Legislative Yuan and research experience at the Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University (NCCU). She holds an M.A. in Asian Studies and International Security from the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University, and a B.A. in Political Science from National Chengchi University.

Luncheon Keynote



H.E. Dr. Chia-lung Lin (林佳龍) is the Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Republic of China (Taiwan). Minister Lin has a distinguished background in political science, public administration, and government service. He holds a PhD in political science from Yale University and previously served as mayor of Taichung and Minister of Transportation and Communications. Lin has an academic career with significant international experience, having taught at National Chung Cheng University and worked in various government positions. Known for his strategic thinking, he focuses on Taiwan's global engagement, particularly strengthening diplomatic ties and promoting Taiwan's democratic values.

Panel Three: Non-Traditional Threats to Taiwan and Taiwan's Efforts to Build Civil Resilience

Moderator:



John Dotson is the director at GTI. He has served previously as a US Navy officer, as a staff member of the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission, and as an editor of the Jamestown Foundation's publication *China Brief*. John has performed extensive writing and research on a range of political and national security issues related to US policy in East Asia, to include Chinese propaganda and united front work, elite politics within the Chinese Communist Party, military-civil fusion efforts within the People's Liberation Army, and Taiwan defense policy. He is a proficient Mandarin linguist, who has performed extensive original research in indigenous Chinese language sources. John holds an M.A. in National Security Studies (with "highest distinction") from the US Naval War College, and a Master of International Public Policy from Johns Hopkins-SAIS.

Panelists:



Dr. Michael Hunzeker is an associate professor at George Mason University’s Schar School of Policy and Government, the associate director of the Schar School’s Center for Security Policy Studies, and a senior nonresident fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments. His work on deterrence, military adaptation, and war termination has appeared in *Security Studies*, *The Journal of Strategic Studies*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *Parameters*, *Defense One*, *Foreign Policy*, *War on the Rocks*, and the *RUSI Journal*. Dr. Hunzeker is also the author of *Dying to Learn: Wartime Lessons from the Western Front*, with Cornell University Press. Dr. Hunzeker served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 2000–06 and holds an AB from the University of California, Berkeley, as well as a PhD, MPA, and AM from Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School.



Benjamin Sando is a research fellow at the Global Taiwan Institute, where he investigates PRC united front influence operations and hosts the Global Taiwan Insights podcast. He previously worked at the Doublethink Lab NGO in Taipei, Taiwan, studying PRC united front strategy for the China Index project. Sando holds an M.A. in Asian Studies from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. He completed his B.A. at Stanford University, where he majored in International Relations and minored in Mechanical Engineering. Sando has lived in Seoul, South Korea, as a researcher at the ROK National Assembly Research Service and the Yonsei University Institute for Sinology. Fluent in Mandarin and Korean, his writing has been published by the *Global Taiwan Brief*, Council on Foreign Relations, *East Asia Forum*, *The Diplomat*, *NK News*, and others.



Liu I-Chen is the Asia Pacific Program Officer at ARTICLE 19, where he leads research, advocacy, and programming relating to China’s human rights abuses, with a particular focus on freedom of expression and information online and offline in the Indo-Pacific region. Liu is a co-founder of Frontline

Democracy (2025-), was a project manager at Doublethink Lab (a non-profit organization that builds evidence, methods, and coalitions that make authoritarian power legible), and analyzed policy for the New Power Party. Liu attended Fu Jen Catholic University and National Taiwan University where he obtained an M.A. in Sociology.



Wei-An Tsai is an S.J.D. Candidate at Harvard Law School. Her research examines the history of media governance in Taiwan and the challenges it faces in the age of disinformation and propaganda. Her dissertation proposes a media governance paradigm that safeguards democratic discussion and resists authoritarian influence. Prior to Harvard, she served as a legal advisor to a Minister of Taiwan, working on issues related to national security, communications and social media policy, and judicial reform.

Fireside Chat: Policymaker Perspectives on US-Taiwan Policy

Moderator:



Dr. Ely Ratner is a Principal at The Marathon Initiative, a bipartisan think tank dedicated to preparing the United States for an era of sustained great power competition. He served as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs from 2021-2025. Prior to confirmation, he was the Director of the DoD China Task Force and a Senior Advisor to China to the Secretary of Defense. Before arriving at the Department of Defense, Dr. Ratner was the Executive Vice President and Director of Studies at the Center for a New American Security (CNAS), where he was a member of the executive team and responsible for managing the Center's research agenda and staff. Dr. Ratner served from 2015 to 2017 as the Deputy National Security advisor to Vice President Joe Biden, and from 2011 to 2012 in the office of Chinese and Mongolian affairs at the State Department. Outside of government, Dr. Ratner has worked as a Senior Fellow for China Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, a Senior Fellow and Deputy Director of the Asia-Pacific Security

Program at CNAS, and as an Associate Political Scientist at the RAND Corporation. Dr. Ratner received his B.A. from Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa. He earned his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley.

Panelists:



W. Brent Christensen became an adjunct professor in Brigham Young University's Political Science Department in January 2024 after 35 years in the US Foreign Service. In his last assignment in the Foreign Service, he served as the US representative to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Montreal, Canada. Previously, he was director of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) from 2018 to 2021. He also served as deputy director of AIT and as director of the State Department's Office of Taiwan Coordination. He has served three assignments at the US Embassy in Beijing, as well as assignments at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, and in the US missions in Hong Kong and South Africa. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, he was a captain in the US Air Force. He earned an MA in East Asian studies from George Washington University, a BA in Chinese language and literature from Brigham Young University, and a DMD degree from the Oregon Health and Science University. He has received a Presidential Meritorious Service Award, the State Department's Charles E. Cobb Jr. Award, and honorary doctorates from National Sun Yat-sen University and Kaohsiung Medical University.



Laura Rosenberger was the Chair of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT, 2023-2025). Previously, she 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 Tony 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 U.S. 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 Bill 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.



Mark Montgomery serves as senior director of the Center on Cyber and Technology Innovation (CCTI) at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD), and as an FDD senior fellow. Mark served for more than three decades in the U.S. Navy, held senior leadership roles in Congress, and is a recognized expert on cyber and technology policy. He is co-author of the book *Axis of Aggressors: Countering the Cooperation of China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea*. At CCTI, Mark leads efforts to advance U.S. national and economic security through technology innovation, counter

cyber threats against the United States and its allies, and combat adversary cyber-enabled economic warfare (CEEW) campaigns. Prior to joining FDD, Mark was policy director for the Senate Armed Services Committee under Sen. John S. McCain, where he coordinated efforts on national security strategy, force posture, capabilities, and cyber policy. Mark served 32 years in the U.S. Navy as a nuclear-trained surface warfare officer, retiring as a rear admiral in 2017. From 1998 to 2000, he served at the National Security Council as director for transnational threats. His writing and analysis have been published in *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Foreign Policy*, and *Foreign Affairs*, among others. He regularly travels to Ukraine, Taiwan, and Israel to engage in strategic policy discussions, lead tabletop exercises, and support military planning and training. Mark holds graduate degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Oxford and completed the U.S. Navy's nuclear power training program. He is also an adjunct professor at Georgetown University.

Panel Four: The Military Threats to Taiwan and Taiwan's Defense Response

Moderator:



Dr. Raymond Kuo is the Vice President of Research for Geostrategy and Diplomacy and the Marshall M. Bouton Senior Fellow for Asian Studies at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs. His first book – *Following the Leader: International Order, Alliance Strategies, and Emulation* – explains how military alliance strategies generate international order. His second book – *Contests of Initiative: Confronting China's Gray Zone Strategy* – recommends three courses of action for the U.S. to defeat and deter Chinese coercion in the East and South China Seas. His other scholarly research has been published in *International Security*, *the Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *International Relations*, *Ethnopolitics*, and *International Migration*. Dr Kuo was previously the inaugural Director of the Taiwan Policy Initiative and a Senior Political Scientist at RAND. He served as an

Assistant Professor of Political Science at Fordham University and, before that, at the University at Albany, SUNY. He also served as the Executive Director of the Midwest International Policy Institute, as well as working in foreign policy and strategy at the United Nations, the National Democratic Institute, and the Democratic Progressive Party (Taiwan), among others. He holds a Ph.D. in Politics from Princeton University; an M.Sc. in International Relations from the London School of Economics; and a B.A. from Wesleyan University.

Speakers:



Dr. William Chih-tung Chung is an assistant research fellow in the Division of Defense Strategy and Resources at the Institute for National Defense and Security Research, Taiwan, an assistant professor at the National Defence University, Taiwan, and an associated senior research fellow at ISDP, Stockholm. His research interests include security and strategic studies with a particular focus on Taiwan's national security strategy, Sino-American relations, the South China Sea, European security, and military technology development. His research and commentary on Taiwan's security appears in international media outlets such as BBC, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *Der Spiegel*, *Politiken*, and Agencia EFE. He completed his military service as a second lieutenant in the political warfare division of the ROC Army from 1988 to 1990. He subsequently served as a senior parliament assistant in Taiwan's Legislative Yuan from 1991 to 1999. He holds a Ph.D. from the Department of International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science, a M.A. in War Studies from the King's College London, and a B.A. in Political Science from National Taiwan University.



Jackson Karas is a China Researcher at the Institute for the Study of War. Jackson previously interned at ISW with the China team in the summer of 2024 and is an alumnus of the Hertog War Studies Program. His time with ISW, both as an intern and participant in the War Studies Program, motivated his interest in ISW's work and mission. Jackson also participated in a 2023 seminar on military theory and strategy at the American Enterprise Institute. His academic experience has largely centered on military history, particularly in conceptualizing the relationship between ideology and the development of military doctrine in the Soviet Union, Communist China, and Fascist Italy. Jackson graduated summa cum laude from Georgetown University in May 2025 with a BA, majoring in both history and philosophy. His study of history has focused on Western Europe and China in the 19th and 20th centuries. Jackson was also inducted into the Georgetown chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa honors society in the spring of 2025, as well as Georgetown's History honors society.



Dr. Eyck Freymann works on strategies to preserve peace and protect U.S. interests and values in an era of systemic competition with China. He is the author of several books, including *Defending Taiwan*, *The Arsenal of Democracy*, and *One Belt One Road*. Dr. Freymann is a Hoover Fellow at Stanford University, where he directs the Allied Coordination Working Group. He is also a Non-Resident Fellow at the U.S. Naval War College, China Maritime Studies Institute; the Columbia University Center on Global Energy Policy; and the Institute of Geoeconomics in Tokyo. He also advises businesses and asset managers at Greenmantle, a consultancy. He writes the Integrated Strategy newsletter and comments frequently in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Foreign Affairs*, *The Economist*, *War on the Rocks*, *The Wire China*, and *The Atlantic*, among other venues, focusing on bipartisan approaches to pressing national security issues. His scholarly work on these topics has appeared in *The China Quarterly* and *Texas National Security Review* and

is forthcoming in International Security. Before Hoover, Dr. Freymann held fellowships at Harvard and Columbia. He holds four degrees in history and China Studies from Oxford, Cambridge, and Harvard.



Lieutenant General Wallace “Chip” Gregson (USMC, Ret.) served as the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Asian and Pacific Security Affairs from 2009-2011. From 2003 to 2005, he was Commanding General of the Marine Corps Forces Pacific and Marine Corps Forces Central Command, where he led and managed over 70,000 Marines and Sailors in the Middle East, Afghanistan, East Africa, Asia and the United States. From 2001 to 2003 he served as Commanding General of the III Marine Expeditionary Force in Japan, where he was awarded the Japanese Order of the Rising Sun, the Gold and Silver Star; the Korean Order of National Security Merit, Gukseon Medal; and the Order of Resplendent Banner from the Republic of China. Prior to his time in Japan he was Director of Asia-Pacific Policy in the Office of the Secretary of Defense from 1998 to 2000. Lt. Gen. Gregson is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations; the U.S. Naval Institute; and the Marine Corps Association. He is a Trustee of the Marine Corps University Foundation. His civilian education includes a Bachelor’s degree from the U.S. Naval Academy, and Master’s degrees in Strategic Planning from the Naval War College, and International Relations from Salve Regina College.