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Introduction & Concluding Remarks



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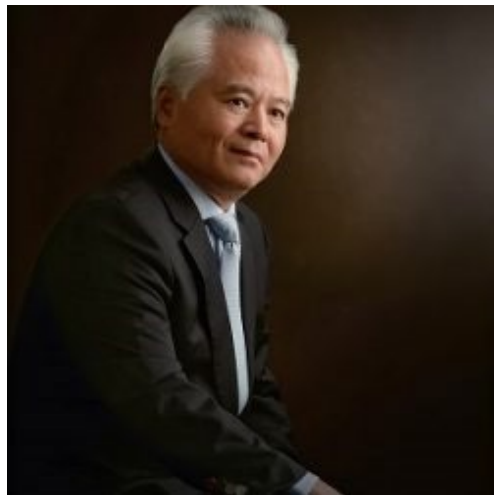
Executive Director & Senior Fellow, Institute for China-America Studies

Dr. Nong Hong holds a PhD of interdisciplinary study of international law and international relations from the University of Alberta, Canada and held a Postdoctoral Fellowship in the University's China Institute. She was ITLOS-Nippon Fellow for International Dispute Settlement (2008-2009), and Visiting Fellow at Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (2019), the Center of Oceans Law and Policy, University of Virginia (2009) and at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (2007). She is concurrently a research fellow with China Institute, University of Alberta, Canada, and the National Institute for South China Sea Studies, China. Her research takes an interdisciplinary approach to examining international relations and international law, with focus on International Relations and Comparative Politics in general; ocean governance in East Asia and the Arctic; law of the sea; international security, particularly non-traditional security; and

international dispute settlement and conflict resolution.

Her selected publications include *China's Role in the Arctic: Observing and Being Observed* (London and New York: Routledge, 2020), *UNCLOS and Ocean Dispute Settlement: Law and Politics in the South China Sea* (Routledge, 2012).

Opening Remarks



WU Shicun

Chairman of the Advisory Board, Institute for China-America Studies

Wu Shicun, PhD in history, is president and senior research fellow of the National Institute for South China Sea Studies, and deputy director of the Collaborative Innovation Center of South China Sea Studies, Nanjing University.

Dr Wu's research interests cover the history and geography of the South China Sea, maritime delimitation, maritime economy, international relations and regional security strategy. His main single-authored books include *Solving Disputes for Regional Cooperation and Development in the South China Sea: A Chinese Perspective* (Woodhead Publishing, 2013), *A Study on the South China Sea Disputes* (Hainan Publishing House, 2005) and *The Origin and Development of the Nansha Disputes* (Ocean Press, 1999). His main edited books include: *Recent Developments in the South China Sea Dispute: The Prospect of a Joint Development Regime* (London and New

York: Ashgate, 2014), *Securing the Safety of Navigation in East Asia: Legal and Political Dimensions* (Woodhead Publishing, 2013), *Maritime Security in the South China Sea* (Ashgate, 2009), *Selective Studies on World Famous Island Economic Bodies* (World Knowledge, 2006) and *Collection of Documents Relating to South China Sea Issues* (Hainan Publishing House, 2001). Dr Wu has published widely in academic journals and been the subject of frequent media interviews as a senior commentator on South China Sea issues.

Keynote Dialogue

SPEAKERS



CUI Tiankai

Chinese Ambassador to the United States

Cui Tiankai was appointed China's ambassador to the United States in March 2013. He previously served as Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs. Ambassador Cui was born in October 1952 in Shanghai and worked as an "Educated urban youth in the rural areas" in Heilongjiang province from 1969 to 1974. Upon his return to Shanghai in 1974, he began studying foreign language and interpretation at Shanghai Normal University and continued his study at Beijing Institute of Foreign Languages. Ambassador Cui also earned a master's degree in 1987 at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, DC. Upon graduation from Beijing Foreign Language Institute in 1981, he was appointed as an interpreter for the Secretariat at the headquarters of the United Nations. In 1984, he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) as an attaché and held a series of successively higher positions at MFA's Department of International Organizations and Conferences (attaché, third secretary, deputy division director, division director, and counselor). In 1996, he switched departments to become the deputy director-general of MFA's Information Department, and in 1997 returned to New York to serve as minister counselor with the Chinese Permanent Delegation to the UN. In 1999, Ambassador Cui went back to

Beijing as deputy director-general of MFA's Policy Research Office, becoming that office's director-general two years later. In 2003, Ambassador Cui moved to the Department of Asian Affairs as its director-general, and in 2006 ascended to the position of assistant minister of Foreign Affairs. He held this position for one year before being posted as China's Ambassador to Japan in 2007. In 2009, after two years as Ambassador to Japan, Ambassador Cui was appointed Vice Minister of MFA, where he served until his current ambassadorship. Ambassador Cui is married and has one daughter.



Graham ALLISON

Douglas Dillon Professor of Government, Harvard University

Graham Allison is the Douglas Dillon Professor of Government at Harvard University where he has taught for five decades. Allison is a leading analyst of national security with special interests in nuclear weapons, Russia, China, and decision-making. Allison was the "Founding Dean" of Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and until 2017, served as Director of its Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs which is ranked the "#1 University Affiliated Think Tank" in the world. As Assistant Secretary of Defense in the first Clinton Administration, Dr. Allison received the Defense Department's highest civilian award, the Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service, for "reshaping relations with Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and Kazakhstan to reduce the former Soviet nuclear arsenal." This resulted in the safe return of more than 12,000 tactical nuclear weapons from the former Soviet republics and the complete elimination of more than 4,000 strategic

nuclear warheads previously targeted at the United States and left in Ukraine, Kazakhstan, and Belarus when the Soviet Union disappeared.

Dr. Allison's latest book, *Destined for War: Can America and China Escape Thucydides's Trap?* (2017), is a national and international bestseller. His 2013 book, *Lee Kuan Yew: The Grand Master's Insights on China, the United States and the World*, has been a bestseller in the U.S. and abroad. *Nuclear Terrorism: The Ultimate Preventable Catastrophe*, now in its third

printing, was selected by the *New York Times* as one of the "100 most notable books of 2004." Dr. Allison's first book, *Essence of Decision: Explaining the Cuban Missile Crisis* (1971), ranks among the all-time bestsellers with more than 500,000 copies in print. As "Founding Dean" of the modern Kennedy School, under his leadership, from 1977 to 1989, a small, undefined program grew twenty-fold to become a major professional school of public policy and government.

As Assistant Secretary of Defense under President Clinton and Special Advisor to the Secretary of Defense under President Reagan, he has been a member of the Secretary of Defense's Advisory Board for every Secretary from Weinberger to Mattis. He has the sole distinction of having twice been awarded the Distinguished Public Service Medal, first by Secretary Cap Weinberger and second by Secretary Bill Perry. He has served on the Advisory Boards of the Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, and the Director of the CIA.

Dr. Allison was the organizer of the Commission on America's National Interests (1996 and 2000), a founding member of the Trilateral Commission, a Director of the Council on Foreign Relations, and has been a member of public committees and commissions, among them the Baker-Cutler DOE Task Force on Nonproliferation Programs with Russia, the IAEA's Commission of Eminent Persons, and the Commission on Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Proliferation, and Terrorism.

Dr. Allison has served as a Director of the Getty Oil Company, Natixis, Loomis Sayles, Hansberger, Taubman Centers, Inc., Joule Unlimited, and Belco Oil and Gas, as well as a member of the Advisory Boards of Chase Bank, Chemical Bank, Hydro-Quebec, and the International Energy Corporation.

Dr. Allison was born and raised in Charlotte, North Carolina. He was educated at Davidson College; Harvard College (B.A., *magna cum laude*, in History); Oxford University (B.A. and M.A., First Class Honors in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics); and Harvard University (Ph.D. in Political Science).

MODERATED BY



Stephen A. ORLINS

President, National Committee on United States-China Relations

Steve Orlins has been president of the National Committee since 2005. Prior to that, he was the managing director of Carlyle Asia and the chairman of the board of Taiwan Broadband Communications, one of Taiwan's largest cable television and high speed internet providers. Prior to joining Carlyle, Mr. Orlins was a senior advisor to AEA Investors Inc., a New York based leveraged buyout firm, with responsibility for AEA's business activities throughout Asia.

From 1983 to 1991, Mr. Orlins was with the investment banking firm of Lehman Brothers where he was a managing director from 1985 to 1991. From 1987 to 1990, he served as president of Lehman Brothers Asia. Based in Hong Kong, he supervised over 150 professionals with offices in Hong Kong, Korea, China, Taiwan, Thailand, the Philippines, and Singapore. Prior to joining Lehman Brothers, Mr. Orlins practiced law with Coudert Brothers and Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison in New York, Hong Kong, and Beijing.

From 1976 to 1979, Mr. Orlins served in the Office of the Legal Advisor of the United States Department of State, first in the Office of the Assistant Legal Advisor for Political-Military Affairs and then for East Asian and Pacific Affairs. While in that office, he was a member of the legal team that helped establish diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China.

Mr. Orlins is a *magna cum laude* graduate of Harvard College and earned his law degree at Harvard Law School. He speaks Mandarin Chinese and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

In 1992, Mr. Orlins was the Democratic nominee for the United States Congress in New York's Third Congressional District.

Outlook for U.S.-China Strategic Rivalry During Next Administration

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Gordon HOULDEN

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Gordon Houlden is the Director of the China Institute, Professor of Political Science and Adjunct Professor of the Alberta School of Business at the University of Alberta.

Professor Houlden joined the Canadian Foreign Service in 1976, serving in Ottawa and abroad. Twenty-two of his years in the Canadian Foreign Service were spent working on Chinese economic, trade and political affairs for the Government of Canada including five postings in China. His last assignment before joining UAlberta in 2008 was as Director General of the East Asian Bureau of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

Under Professor Houlden's leadership, the China Institute has focused on contemporary China studies, with an emphasis on PRC political, economic, and security issues. His third co-edited book on the South China Sea dispute will be published in early 2021.

SPEAKERS



Michael SWAINE

Director, The East Asia program, Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft

Michael D. Swaine, director of QI's East Asia program, is one of the most prominent American scholars of Chinese security studies. He comes to QI from Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, where he worked for nearly twenty years as a senior fellow specializing in Chinese defense and foreign policy, U.S.-China relations, and East Asian international relations. Swaine served as a senior policy analyst at the RAND Corporation.

Swaine has authored and edited more than a dozen books and monographs, including *Remaining Aligned on the Challenges Facing Taiwan* (with Ryo Sahashi; 2019), *Conflict and Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific Region: A Strategic Net Assessment* (with Nicholas Eberstadt et al; 2015) and many journal articles and book chapters.

Swaine is directing, along with Iain Johnston of Harvard University, a multi-year crisis prevention project with Chinese partners. He also advises the U.S. government on Asian security issues.

Swaine received his doctorate in government from Harvard University and his bachelor's degree from George Washington University.



ZHU Feng

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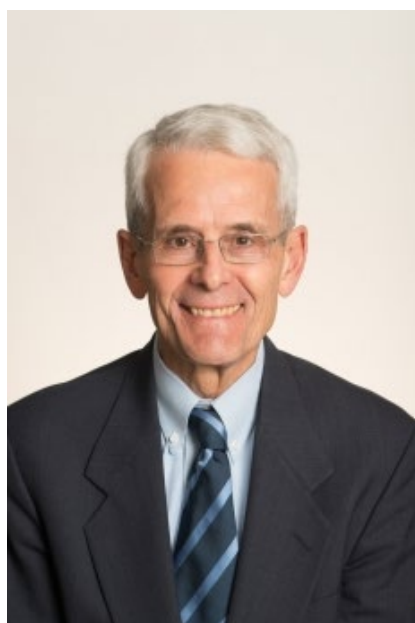
Zhu Feng is Executive Director of the China Center for Collaborative Studies of the South China Sea and a Professor of International Relations at Nanjing University.

He was formerly Deputy President of the Institute of Strategic & International Studies and a Professor in the School of International Studies at Peking University. Zhu started his current position in August 2014. He specializes in East Asian regional security, power relations and maritime security in the Asia-Pacific, and North Korea's nuclear proliferation issue.

As a leading Chinese security expert, Professor Zhu's book includes *International Relations Theory and East Asian Security* (2007), *China's Ascent: Power, Security, and Future of International politics* (co-edited with Professor Robert S. Ross, 2008), *China-Japan Security Cooperation and Defense Communication: the Past, Present, and Future* (Tokyo: Aiji Press, 2011), *China-US Relations and the World Order* (co-edited with Prof. G. John Ikenbery and Prof. Wang Jisi, MacMillan, 2014) and *America, China, and the Struggle for World Order: Ideas, Traditions, Historical Legacies, and Global Visions* (co-edited with G. John Ikenbery and Wang Jisi, Palgrave Macmillan, 2015).

He sits on a couple of editorial boards of scholarly journals, consults independently for the Chinese government and the private sector, and comments frequently on television and radio and in the print media on Chinese foreign affairs and security policy. Professor Zhu sits on the Advisory Board of the Institute for China-America Studies, and was a former visiting fellow with the Center for East Asia Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution.

Professor Zhu began his undergraduate studies at the Department of International Politics at Peking University in 1981 and received his Ph.D. from Peking University in 1991.



Robert SUTTER

Professor, Elliott School, George Washington University

Robert Sutter is Professor of Practice of International Affairs at the Elliott School of George Washington University (2011-Present). He also served as Director of the School's main undergraduate program involving over 2,000 students from 2013-2019. His earlier full-time position was Visiting Professor of Asian Studies at Georgetown University (2001-2011).

A Ph.D. graduate in History and East Asian Languages from Harvard University, Sutter has published 22 books (four with multiple editions), over 300 articles and several hundred government reports dealing with contemporary East Asian and Pacific countries and their relations with the United States. His most recent book is *The United States and Asia: Regional Dynamics and Twenty-first Century Relations Second Edition* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2020).

Sutter's government career (1968-2001) saw service as senior specialist and director of the Foreign Affairs and National Defense Division of the Congressional Research Service, the National Intelligence Officer for East Asia and the Pacific at the US Government's National Intelligence Council, the China division director at the Department of State's Bureau of Intelligence and Research and professional staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.



SHEN Dingli

Professor, Institute of International Studies, Fudan University

Shen Dingli, a physicist by training, is a professor of international relations at Fudan University. He is the founder and director of China's first non-government-based Program on Arms Control and Regional Security at Fudan University.

His research areas cover China-U.S. security relationship, nuclear arms control and disarmament, nuclear weapons policy of the United States and China, regional nonproliferation issues concerning South Asia, Northeast Asia and Middle East, test ban, missile defense, export control, as well as China's foreign and defense policies. He has co-edited "China's Development Report", "China and South Asian Relations in the 1990s", "Conservatism and American Foreign Policy", "Realism and U.S. Foreign Policy" and published over 500 articles and papers, 1/2 of which abroad in a dozen foreign languages. In addition, he has published over 20 papers in physics in China and abroad.

As a key independent academic voice in China in arms control and nonproliferation, Dr. Shen has been invited to numerous conferences at home and abroad. Among three dozens of international conferences he has organized, The Shanghai Dialogue (or Shanghai Initiative), a high level track-II series of meetings since 1994 involving China, India, Pakistan and the United States, has been viewed as one of the most important multilateral unofficial talks on nuclear arms control and nonproliferation involving these countries.

Dr. Shen is a member of IISS and a number of other international organizations. He is on the editorial board of Contemporary Asia-Pacific Studies (China), South Asia Studies (China), Fudan Journal Social Sciences Edition (China), Journal of Contemporary China (U.S.), Journal of East Asian Studies (ROK/Japan/Taiwan), IRI Journal (ROK), INESAP Information Bulletin (Germany), and Nonproliferation Literature Review (U.S.), as well as on the international advisory board of Regional Studies (Pakistan). Dr. Shen also provides consulting service to China's MFA, MOFCOM etc. In January 2002 he was invited by Secretary General of the United Nations Kofi Annan to advise the Secretary General of the strategy panning for his second term, as the sole Chinese out of 40 persons chosen worldwide.

Dr. Shen was born in 1961. He received his Ph.D. in physics in 1989 from Fudan University and did his post-doc in arms control at Princeton University from 1989-1991. In 1997, he was awarded an Eisenhower Fellowship. From 1997-2000, he served as Fudan University's Director of Office of International Programs and Deputy Director of Office of Development and Research.



David FINKELSTEIN

Vice President & Director, China and Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, Center for Naval Analysis

David M. Finkelstein, Ph.D. is a Vice President at CNA and director of CNA's China and Indo-Pacific Security Affairs Division. A long-time student of Chinese and Asian affairs, he is widely published. His 1993 historical monograph, *From Abandonment to Salvation: Washington's Taiwan Dilemma, 1949-50* (GMU Press), was hailed in *Presidential Studies Quarterly* as "blazing a new trail" and as certain to "take an important place in the literature of U.S.-China relations in the mid-20th Century." He is also author of "Breaking the Paradigm: Drivers behind China's Current Period of Reform" (2019), co-editor of *Civil-Military Relations in Today's China: Swimming in a New Sea* (M.E. Sharpe, 2006), *China's Revolution in Doctrinal Affairs: Recent Trends in the Operational Art of the Chinese People's Liberation Army* (CNA, 2005) and *China's Leadership in the 21st Century: The Rise of the Fourth Generation* (M.E. Sharpe, 2002).

A retired U.S. Army officer, Finkelstein held command and staff positions at the platoon, company, battalion, and major Army command levels. He also held significant China-related positions at the Pentagon as an advisor to the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He also served on the faculty at the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he taught Chinese history.

Finkelstein holds a Ph.D. in Chinese history from Princeton University, and he is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, the U.S. Army Command & General Staff College, and the Army War College. He has also studied Mandarin Chinese in Tianjin, China at Nankai University.

Outlook for U.S.-China Engagement on Trade, Technology and Environment During Next Administration

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Yawei Liu is Director of The Carter Center's China Program. Yawei Liu has been a member of numerous Carter Center missions to monitor Chinese village, township and county people's congress deputy elections from 1997 to 2011. He has also observed elections in Nicaragua, Peru and Taiwan. He has written extensively on China's political developments, grassroots democracy and US-China relations.

Yawei edited three Chinese book series: Rural Election and Governance in Contemporary China (Northwestern University Press, Xian, 2002 and 2004), the Political Readers (China Central Translation Bureau Press, 2006) and Elections & Governance (Northwestern University Press, 2008). He is the coauthor of Obama: The Man Who Will Change America (Chinese language, 2008). He is the founder and editor of China Elections and Governance (www.chinaelections.org, a website

sponsored by The Carter Center on political and election issues of China. It was forced off line by the Chinese government in April 2012; it can still be accessed outside China.) He has also published numerous commentaries in Global Times, Study Times and China Youth Daily. Recently, Yawei was involved in launching a new magazine called US-China Perception Monitor, part of the new initiative on US-China relations by The Carter Center (www.uscnpm.org).

Yawei is also the associate director of the China Research Center based in Metro Atlanta (since 2007). He was president of the United Society of China Studies(2010-2011). He is a senior fellow at the Chaha'er Institute, a think tank based in Beijing. He is visiting professor at the Institute of Advanced Studies in Social Sciences at Fudan University (since 2008) and a research fellow at the School of International Affairs and Public Administration at Shanghai Jiaotong University (since 2010). Yawei Liu is a professor of political science at East China Normal University and adjunct faculty member at the Department of Political Science at Emory University in Atlanta, GA.

Yawei Liu earned his B.A in English literature from Xian Foreign Languages Institute (1982), M.A. in recent Chinese history from the University of Hawaii (1989) and Ph. D. in American History from Emory University (1996).

SPEAKERS



David BALTON

Senior Fellow, Polar Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center

David A. Balton is a Senior Fellow with the Woodrow Wilson Center's Polar Institute. He previously served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries in the Department of State's Bureau of Oceans, Environment and Science, attaining the rank of Ambassador in 2006. He was responsible for coordinating the development of U.S. foreign policy concerning oceans and fisheries, and overseeing U.S. participation in international organizations dealing with these issues. His portfolio included managing U.S. foreign policy issues relating to the Arctic and Antarctica.

Ambassador Balton functioned as the lead U.S. negotiator on a wide range of agreements in the field of oceans and fisheries and chaired numerous international meetings. During the U.S. Chairmanship of the Arctic Council (2015-2017), he served as Chair of the Senior Arctic Officials. His prior Arctic Council experience included co-chairing the Arctic Council Task Forces that produced the 2011 *Agreement on*

Cooperation on Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue in the Arctic and the 2013 *Agreement on Cooperation on Marine Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response in the Arctic*. He also chaired separate meetings on Arctic fisheries that produced the *Agreement to Prevent Unregulated High Seas Fisheries in the Central Arctic Ocean*.

Ambassador Balton previously served for 6 years as Director of the Office of Marine Conservation in the Department of State and for 12 years in the Department's Office of the Legal Adviser.

Ambassador Balton received his A.B. from Harvard College in 1981 and his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1985. He has also appeared as a soloist with the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, D.C. (juggling oranges).



Yukon HUANG
Senior Fellow, Asia Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Yukon Huang is a senior fellow with the Asia Program. He was formerly the World Bank's country director for China and earlier director for Russia and the Former Soviet Union Republics. He is an adviser to the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, and various governments and corporations. His research focuses on China's economy and its regional and global impact.

Huang has published widely on development issues in both professional journals and the public media. He is a featured commentator for the Financial Times on China, and his articles are seen frequently in the Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg, Foreign Affairs, the National Interest, and Caixin. His books include *East Asia Visions*, *Reshaping Economic Geography in East Asia*, and *International Migration and Development in East Asia and the Pacific*. His latest book, *Cracking the China Conundrum: Why Conventional Economic Wisdom Is Wrong*, was published by Oxford University Press (2017).

He has a PhD in economics from Princeton University and a BA from Yale University.



David DOLLAR
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David Dollar is a senior fellow in the John L. Thornton China Center at the Brookings Institution and host of the Brookings trade podcast, Dollar&Sense. He is a leading expert on China's economy and U.S.-China economic relations. From 2009 to 2013, Dollar was the U.S. Treasury's economic and financial emissary to China, based in Beijing, facilitating the macroeconomic and financial policy dialogue between the United States and China. Prior to joining Treasury, Dollar worked 20 years for the World Bank, serving as country director for China and Mongolia, based in Beijing (2004-2009). His other World Bank assignments focused on Asian economies, including South Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Bangladesh, and India. Dollar also worked in the World Bank's research department. His publications focus on economic reform in China, globalization, and economic growth. He also taught economics at University of California Los Angeles, during which time he spent a semester in Beijing at the Graduate School of the Chinese

Academy of Social Sciences in 1986. He has a doctorate in economics from New York University and a Bachelor's in Chinese history and language from Dartmouth College.



Sally Yozell

Director, Environmental Security, Stimson Center

Sally Yozell is a Senior Fellow and Director of the Environmental Security program at the Stimson Center. Yozell's research examines the suite of environmental threats that have the potential to undermine national, regional, or global security. Her work focuses on ocean security, climate security and wildlife protection.

Yozell leads a team of experts who explore the links between natural resources protection, environmental crime and global security issues to develop security strategies that combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing, thwart illicit wildlife networks and increase transparency and traceability throughout the seafood supply chain. She also devises innovative resiliency strategies to address climate and ocean risk, particularly in coastal cities. Since 2017 Yozell has served in an advisory role to the host governments for the annual global Our Ocean Conference. She and her team conduct research and take it to action by engaging civil society, governments and the private sector.

Previously, Yozell served as Director of Policy and as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). She also worked as a Regional Director for Marine Conservation at The Nature Conservancy; was

a Vice President in the applied marine science group at Battelle Memorial Institute; and worked for almost a decade in the U.S. Senate as an environment and energy advisor to Senator John Kerry.

Yozell holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Vermont.



Sourabh GUPTA

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Sourabh Gupta is a senior Asia-Pacific international relations policy specialist with two decades of Washington, D.C.-based experience in a think tank and political risk research and advisory capacity. His key area of expertise pertains to the intersection of international law, both international maritime law (Law of the Sea) and international trade and investment law, with the international relations of the Asia-Pacific region. His areas of specialization include: analysis of major power relationships (China-U.S., China-Japan, China-India, U.S.-Japan, U.S.-India, Japan-India; Russia-Japan relations) and key flashpoint issues in the Asia-Pacific region; analysis of outstanding territorial disputes and maritime law-related developments in Asia; and analysis of developments in World Trade Organization and Asia-Pacific investment, trade and economic regionalism-related policy and politics.

He is a member of the United States Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific (USCSCAP) and was a 2012 East Asia Forum Distinguished Fellow. Prior to joining ICAS, he was a Senior Research Associate at Samuels International Associates, Inc., an international consulting firm specializing in government relations and global trade and investment matters. He holds master's degrees in security studies and international relations from the Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University and the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, respectively. His bachelor's degree was awarded by the University of Mumbai.