2021 ANNUAL REPORT
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Chairman of the Board
China-Southeast Asia Research Center on the South China Sea

“U.S.-China relations seems to be in a seemingly endless downward spiral. It may easily veer into a conflict. The work that ICAS does is more vital than ever before in helping to identify misconceptions, encourage communication, and ultimately find meaningful spots of engagement that may contribute to stabilizing the bilateral relationship. As a long-time partner of ICAS, The Carter Center looks forward to continuing its cooperation with ICAS in this mission.”

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Senior Fellow & Cofounder
Centre for Strategic and International Studies

“The multiple complexities of US-China relations requires the engagement of sophisticated observers of the bilateral relationship who really understand the nuances and subtleties of the evolving situation on both sides of the Pacific. ICAS continues to provide a highly credible platform for the objective exchange of views and opinions among top experts regarding the political, economic and S&T dimensions of Sino-US relations.”

Denis SIMON
Professor of China Business and Technology
Fuqua School of Business, Duke University

“As ICAS’ close partner, NISCSS is proud to continuously work with ICAS to promote academic exchanges on the ever-evolving U.S.-China bilateral relationship. Over our years of partnership, ICAS consistently demonstrates a strong commitment to facts and objective policy-oriented research to provide fair assessment of the world’s most important bilateral relationship. As President of NISCSS, I look forward to further deepening our partnership in the coming years.”

WANG Sheng
President
National Institute for South China Sea Studies
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ICAS focuses on key issue areas in the U.S.–China relationship in need of greater mutual understanding. We identify promising areas for strengthening bilateral cooperation in the spheres of maritime security, economics, trade, technology, strategic stability, international relations as well as global governance issues, and explore avenues for improving this critical bilateral relationship.

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OUR VALUES

1. We strive to introduce fresh ideas and perspectives
2. We embrace collaborative pathways in our projects and dialogue programs
3. We engage policy questions with sincerity and frankness
4. We commit to producing objective and fact-based analyses
5. We endeavor to provide fair and balanced representation of viewpoints
6. We aspire to nurture future thought-leaders
7. We are conscious of our duty to be inclusive and diverse
ICAS IN 2021
BY THE NUMBERS

- Academic Events & Engagements: 27
- Total Audience Size: ~2500
- Media Interviews: 71
- American Voices Initiative Interviews: 2
- ICAS Bulletins: 20
- TnT Dispatches: 10 (Since July 2021)
- Books & Journal Articles: 7
- Commentaries & Issue Briefs: 35
- Maritime Issue Tracker Views: 20,000+
- Tweets: 687
- WeChat Posts: 36
In July 2021, ICAS established the ICAS Trade 'n Technology (TnT) Program, which chronicles and analyzes the evolving dynamics of U.S.-China trade and technology affairs as they occur. The goal of this program is to provide well-rounded, timely products on issues involving U.S.-China trade and technology developments and expand public dialogue surrounding this critical and contentious topic.

The featured projects of the TnT Program are the bimonthly Dispatch newsletter, in-depth Issue Brief analyses, various Media projects, and expert-driven Events that promote the free exchange of ideas on U.S.-China trade and technology ties.

Selected Trade 'n Tech Events

The Digital Frontier of U.S.-China Relations: Challenges and Opportunities

September 13
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Fintech, Big Tech, and the Investment Implications of China’s Regulatory Storm: What Gives?

November 3
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Trade 'n Tech Issue Briefs

Released periodically throughout the year, ICAS Trade 'n Tech Issue Briefs are in-depth, short-form analyses of important topical issue areas in U.S.-China trade and technology ties.

The Biden Administration’s Emerging “New Approach” on U.S.-China Trade and Tariffs
October 19

China’s Regulatory Clampdown on Big Tech: Motivations and the American Response
November 1

The Biden Administration’s Emerging Approach on Technology Controls: What its Handling of Three Trump-era Executive Orders Say
August 24

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Introducing the Antarctic Tracker

In 2020, ICAS identified the Arctic as an important area of study in assessing both the competitive and the cooperative relationship between the U.S. and China. In 2021, we expanded our mapping project the other side of the globe: The Antarctic.

With the ICAS Maritime Issue Tracker Project now encompassing four regions, the ICAS team is looking forward to expanding and building on its issue trackers in 2022 as a part of our commitment to ensuring that the public, researchers, and policymakers have easy access to information on these critical regions.

ICAS staff and fellows have always valued researching and understanding critical issues, conflicts, and resolutions in maritime affairs; evident by the multiple interactive maritime trackers that ICAS has released in recent years. In Fall 2021, ICAS officially developed and released the ICAS Maritime Affairs Program (MAP) to better gather, display, and debate both the historic and the newly developed maritime related issues.

The goal of this program is to inform and stimulate open, fact-based, intellectual discussion on an array of topics including but not limited to international law of the sea, maritime security, fisheries, shipping, oil and natural gas management, and marine environment protection.

Selected Maritime Affairs Events

Book Talk – Security, Strategy, and Military Dynamics in the South China Sea: Cross-National Perspectives

September 28 | Virtual (Zoom)

Published in July 2021 by Bristol University Press, this comprehensive volume brings together the expertise and knowledge of more than a dozen academics and professionals, all of whom are leading experts in their respective areas.

Hosted virtuously by ICAS and the University of Alberta China Institute, this book talk brought together 10 expert contributors to the long-awaited research volume published in July 2021. The topics of discussion varied from the complexities of overlapping security regions in the South China Sea to current dynamics with Taiwan to the United States’ growing involvement in the Indo-Pacific to the multiple third-party country’s perspectives on the U.S.-China strategic competition as they relate to the South China Sea.

Symposium on Global Maritime Cooperation and Ocean Governance 2021

November 8-9 | Hainan, China (Hybrid)

Hosted by the China-Southeast Asia Research Center on the South China Sea (CSARC) together with the National Institute for South China Sea Studies (NISCSS), ICAS, and other partners, the SGMCOG was inaugurated in November 2020 when it brought together over 500 participants and audience members from different regions both online and offline. The 2021 GMCOG included seven sessions and a series of keynote addresses from regional leaders and experts in their field, continuing to offer an international platform for thought-provoking dialogues and promote academic research and exchange on maritime cooperation and ocean governance.

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All participants of the Book Talk, experts in their field, were editors and/or chapter authors of the book itself.

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With a change in presidency and majority control shifting to the Democratic Party, the United States is facing a major era of change that will invariably alter both domestic and foreign policymaking. In 2021, the team at ICAS assembled the major U.S. international affairs policy positions in the Biden Administration, organized into four categories.

The objective of the Tracker is to identify and understand the official positions of key players in the Biden Administration who directly or indirectly impact the trajectory of the U.S.-China relationship.

Selected Commentaries

Introducing the ICAS Biden Administration International Affairs Personnel Tracker: How President Biden’s Appointees Will Shape the Trajectory of U.S.-China Relations

Matt Geraci & Jessica Martin

January 20

US-China relations: How Joe Biden’s return to multilateralism can revive climate change cooperation

Sourabgh Gupta

February 1

Putting a blue collar on Biden’s trade policy

Nong Hong

February 3

America is Back, but China Never Left: How the Biden Administration Intends to Rebuild US Leadership in the UN

Matt Geraci

March 11

The Biden Administration’s Plans for the U.S. in Space: More Questions than Answers

Jessica Martin

May 19

An Emerging Trend Towards Building Back Better U.S.-China Relations: Key Takeaways from the Yang-Sullivan Meeting

Yilun Zhang & Amanda Jin

October 7
On December 9th, ICAS held its 2021 Annual Conference. Given the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, the conference was conducted in a hybrid mode with a mix of in-person and virtual participation, and with a virtual audience tuning in from both sides of the Pacific. The conference was inaugurated with introductory remarks by the Chairman of ICAS’ advisory board, Dr. Wu Shicun, followed by the highlight of the conference – a keynote dialogue featuring Madame Xu Xueyuan, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Chinese embassy in Washington, D.C., and Ms. Susan Thornton, ex-acting Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, now a senior fellow at Yale Law School & Brookings Institution.

Madame Xu and Ms. Thornton engaged in a wide-ranging discussion on bilateral, regional, and multilateral issues ranging from the Taiwan Straits tensions to China’s COVID-19 quarantine protocols. Both acknowledged that Asia and the world are currently looking to the U.S. and China to provide constructive and concerted leadership to tackle the numerous challenges in their bilateral relationship, as well as the challenges to regional and global governance. Ms. Thornton counseled that governments should not fetishize ideological competition but work together to provide global public goods and wisely manage their differences. For her part, Madame Xu requested the U.S. side to scrap the mutually defeating trade tariffs and commit to qualitatively better two-way people-to-people exchanges.

The Keynote Dialogue was followed by two panels focused on the outlooks for U.S.-China strategic rivalry and U.S.-China engagement on trade, technology, and climate issues in the Biden era.
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

The Digital Frontier of U.S.-China Relations: Challenges and Opportunities
September 13 | Virtual
The ICAS TnT Program hosted a public event with The Carter Center China Program to debate the deepening patterns of U.S.-China competition in the area of digital and core technologies. The panelists expressed various perspectives on the escalating U.S.-China race to seize the commanding heights in the area of digital and core technologies, concurring that the digital frontier is an arena of immense opportunity, as major economies race to build out a smart and better regulated digital economy fueled by a range of innovations.

Fintech, Big Tech, and the Investment Implications of China’s Regulatory Storm: What Gives?
November 3 | Virtual
The ICAS TnT Program hosted a public event with The Carter Center China Program to discuss the motivations behind China’s regulatory clampdown on Big Tech over the past twelve months. The panelists expressed various perspectives on China’s new laws, regulations, and guidelines to bring its dynamic and flamboyant Big Tech sector to heel, and one theme was constant in the discussion: the unpredictability of the Chinese state as it goes about reining-in its ‘Wild West’ tech sector.

How Biden’s Climate Change Policy Impacts its Bilateral Relationships with China and Canada
March 4 | Virtual
Earlier in the year, ICAS hosted an event with the University of Alberta China Institute to discuss the potential signs of the U.S. recommitting itself to the global climate agenda and what its effects on global energy supplies, food security, trade might mean for its relationships around the world. This event brought together experts from the United States, Canada, and China to provide their expertise on this increasingly vital topic.

3rd China-U.S.-Canada Trilateral Dialogue
November 17-18 | Virtual
ICAS hosted a public event co-sponsored by the National Institute for South China Sea Studies, the Carter Center and the China Institute of the University of Alberta. The two-day event featured two panels, both of which included participants from China, the U.S., and Canada. Panel I was on “Politics and Security” while Panel II was on ‘Technology, Climate and Human Exchange.’

10th Track II Dialogue on Maritime Affairs & International Law
December 6-7 | Virtual
ICAS co-hosted the 10th round of U.S.-China Track II Dialogue on Maritime Affairs and International Law in December. Established in October 2014, the purpose of this dialogue is to convene American and Chinese legal experts to explore the issues surrounding China’s recent maritime disputes and escalated tensions in both the South China Sea and the East China Sea in order to better understand their impact on China’s relationships with its neighbors and U.S.-China relations.

January 27-28 | Virtual

China-U.S.-Canada Relations on Arctic Governance
May 26 | Virtual

Symposium on Global Maritime Cooperation and Ocean Governance 2021
November 8-9 | Hainan, China (Hybrid)

ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENTS
Aside from participating as an event host or sponsor, ICAS scholars have also contributed their expertise on U.S.-China relations and maritime studies at forums both inside and outside the United States.

South China Morning Post China Conference: United States 2021
December 7-8 (Virtual)
Hosted by South China Morning Post

New Inclusive Asia Dialogue 2021
October 26 (Virtual)
Hosted by the Centre for New Inclusive Asia

China-Philippines Think Tank Dialogue on Ocean Governance and Maritime Cooperation
August 28 (Virtual)
Co-organized by National Institute for South China Sea Studies, Philippine Association for Chinese Studies, and China-Southeast Asia Research Center on the South China Sea

China-ASEAN Think Tank Dialogue on the South China Sea
August 26-27 (Virtual)
Co-organized by National Institute for South China Sea Studies, Centre for Strategic and International Studies Indonesia, and China-Southeast Asia Research Center on the South China Sea

ASEAN at the Crossroads: Fostering Collective Strengths for Addressing Regional Issues
June 9-10 (Virtual)
Hosted by Stimson Center, German-Southeast Asian Center of Excellence for Public Policy and Good Governance, Mekong Environment Forum, Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace, The Takagi Fund for Citizen Science, Earth Journalism Network, and Rotary Peace Fellowship Alumni Association

2021 Harvard Law School China Law Symposium
April 11 (Virtual)
Hosted by the Harvard Law School China Law Association

Shifting to Great Power Competition: Emerging and Continuing Threats with China
March 23-24 (Virtual)
Hosted by Georgetown University

ICAS Events Partners in 2021
- China Institute of the University of Alberta
- The Carter Center
- National Institute for South China Sea Studies
- China-Southeast Asia Research Center on the South China Sea
- China Forum of the Center for International Security and Strategy
**BOOK, BOOK CHAPTERS & JOURNAL ARTICLES**

*Security, Strategy, and Military Dynamics in the South China Sea*
Co-edited by Gordon Houlden, Scott Romaniuk, and Nong Hong
(Bristol University Press, 2021)

*“China” Chapter Contributions by Nong Hong, Matt Geraci, Yilun Zhang, Jessica Martin, Amanda Jin, and Asiana Cooper*

In Seokwoo Lee (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Public International Law in Asia: Volume One, Northeast Asia* (Brill | Nijhoff, 2021)

Chapter by Sourabh Gupta “India and the South China Sea Crucible: Cautious Inclinations of an Extra-Regional ‘Leading Power’”
In *Security, Strategy, and Military Dynamics in the South China Sea* (Bristol University Press, 2021)

Article by Nong Hong “China and the Antarctic: Presence, policy, perception, and public diplomacy”
In *Marine Policy* Volume 134 (September 2021)

Article by Nong Hong “Weighing the Sources of International Law: The Arctic, Antarctica and the South China Sea”
In *Asia-Pacific Journal of Ocean Law and Policy* 6(2) (October 2021)

**REPORTS**

*Will It Be a Cold War Redux? Understanding the Role of the Committees on the Present Danger in the Context of U.S.-China Strategic Competition*

By Sourabh Gupta · April 2021

**COMMENTARIES & BLOG POSTS**

*Sourabh Gupta*  
January 18  
The limits of Biden

May 3  
How cooperation on climate change, polar research can help thaw US-China relations

*Matt Geraci*  
June 2  
Sincerity and Tolerance of Criticism are Needed to Mend U.S.-China Ties

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September 20  
The Taiwan Question as a Bipartisan Bridge on U.S.-China Relations

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Old Wine in a New Bottle: Biden’s Emerging China Trade Policy

*Sara Hsu*  
November 22  
U.S.-China Trade War: Still Going Nowhere

*Matt Geraci*  
December 9  
Making Sense of the Buzz: What does ‘U.S.-China Climate Cooperation’ actually mean?

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*Breaking the Ice*  
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ICAS IN THE MEDIA

ICAS scholars frequently contribute to a range of U.S., Chinese, and international written and televised media outlets, providing insights and analysis on maritime security, Asia-Pacific economics, trade, strategic stability, nuclear weapons policy as well as global governance issues. Examples from 2021 include:

- Xinhua
- CGTN
- BBC
- China Daily
- RT
- Global Times
- Newsweek
- Press TV
- The Star
- South China Morning Post
- The Express Tribune

A VARIETY OF OPINIONS

The series seeks to elicit an array of opinions from American experts across a range of topics, extending from economics, trade, politics, maritime security, foreign policy to strategic stability.

IN-DEPTH AMERICAN POINT OF VIEW

Our goal is to provide a global audience an in-depth specialist view from an American perspective on a topical issue of significant interest in U.S.-China relations.

Dr. Denis Simon on the State of U.S.-China S&T Educational Exchanges
August 26, 2021

In this installment of American Voices Initiative, Dr. Denis Simon of Duke University’s Fuqua School of Business joined us virtually to discuss the past, present, and future of U.S.-China S&T educational exchanges. On the agenda for discussion included: the history of educational exchanges between China and the U.S., pushback against the spread of Confucius Institutes, the ongoing Department of Justice’s China Initiative, China’s growing desire to set international norms in S&T, new reforms from the Chinese government aimed at driving technological self-sufficiency, and the impact of COVID-19 on international educational exchanges.

Mr. David Sandalow on U.S.-China Cooperation Regarding Climate Change
May 28, 2021

In this installment of American Voices Initiative, we sat down virtually with Mr. David Sandalow of the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Columbia University. On the agenda was the critical climate change issue, the state of U.S.-China cooperation as well as domestic, national, and sub-national developments within the U.S. and China on this issue. Since the Biden administration took office, climate change is widely considered to be one of the few areas that could allow for meaningful engagement and cooperation within a broken U.S.-China relationship. But what could this engagement actually look like?

September 24 - BBC World Service

“...the issue between China and other claimant states has lasted for decades...China sees that, despite all these differences or conflicts, it is able to manage the situation in the South China Sea through diplomacy or confidence-building and we see a lot of ongoing maritime cooperation...China’s claims are very clear...”

Nong Hong describing China’s perspective on the tense situation in the South China Sea

January 26 - CGTN America

“...[Xi] once again struck a cautionary tone...the subtext has changed also in terms of the dual circulation policy and now China sees itself going forward as part of its next Five-Year Plan. So when he talked cooperation, China has been moving forward in its own way and if cooperation is not going to be had internationally...”

Sourabh Gupta speaking about President Xi Jinping’s 2021 Davos Forum address
online connection
advancing our communications strategy

ICAS continues to be fully committed to keeping up with technological shifts in a rapidly changing society, sharing academic research to make it more accessible, and engaging with professionals, the media, and the general public. After launching its new website in August 2020, the ICAS Team continued to work to improve its public relations and online connections in the hopes of providing our viewers with a clearer, fresher, and more engaging experience online with the Institute. Highlights of this are new Twitter hashtag campaigns and the official formation of two ICAS Programs: Maritime Affairs Program (MAP) and the Trade ‘n Technology (TnT) Program to better discuss and disseminate information in these fields. In 2022 we will continue to strive to expand and improve the Institute’s social media presence as the Team aims to dynamically engage with the public on these vital, ever-changing issues.

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Our interns in 2021

Amanda Jin
Lan Cheng
Alec Caruana

Engaging & Encouraging the Next Generation
Internships with ICAS

The Institute for China-America Studies prides itself on preparing young and emerging professionals for their future careers in international relations, security studies, economics and trade, energy and the environment, and more. The ICAS Internship Program provides its interns with numerous professional development experiences, such as authoring commentaries, blog posts, and issue primers, as well as the opportunity to participate in and meet scholars and experts at Track II dialogues hosted by ICAS. It is the hope of ICAS that its interns will gain an appreciation for the importance of promoting U.S.-China relations as they grow into their future careers. Follow us on social media to hear about new postings!

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Interning at ICAS is an uniquely rewarding and illuminating experience. All members of the ICAS team deeply care about my professional and personal growth. I feel supported to further my research interests and am also given the opportunities to challenge myself with previously unfamiliar issues.

Interning at ICAS provides me with both a wide and a deep perspective to view delicate international relations with. Getting to know what kind of world we are live in is really meaningful to me.

Interning at ICAS is a uniquely enriching foray into China studies. Its tight-knit staff and collaborative atmosphere let interns sample from a smorgasbord of research opportunities that span the breadth of U.S.-China relations, but we’re also given the freedom and responsibility to delve deeply into our own research aims right off the bat.
The ICAS Team is comprised of five full-time staff members in our Washington, DC office, in addition to a number of non-resident fellows and interns who support our work. Our scholars come from a diverse set of backgrounds, with professional experience in China, the United States, Canada, Asia and Europe. Our research covers maritime security, economics, trade and high technology relations, strategic competition, global governance and other issues central to the China-U.S. bilateral relationship.

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The ICAS advisory board provides invaluable guidance for our day-to-day operations. All esteemed scholars in their field, the work of our board members closely coincides with ICAS’ research portfolio and complements the work of our scholars. Their advice enables ICAS to stay on top of the latest developments in the fields of maritime security, economics and trade, and strategic stability. We are grateful for their commitment and dedication toward improving the most important bilateral relationship in the world.
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