

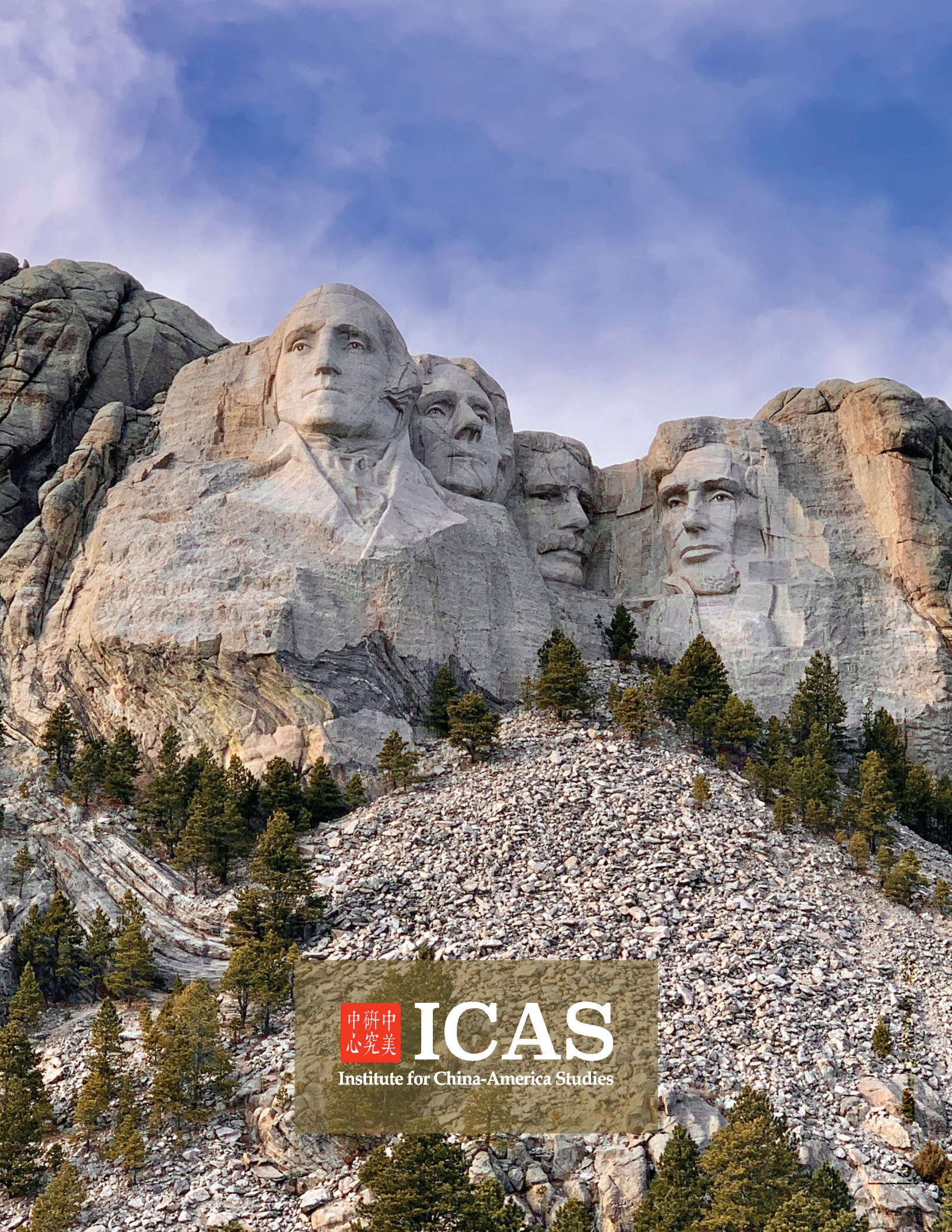


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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the ICAS board of directors and advisors, I am excited to share with you this brief snapshot of our accomplishments in 2021.

The timeline of varied U.S.-China engagements in 2021 shows us the ups and downs of the bilateral relationship. Common phrases such as “Dominance Around the Pacific,” “Strength in Commerce,” “High-Tech Supremacy,” “Human Rights and Freedoms,” and “A Voice in World Leadership” are the primary themes we now often hear that define China-U.S. bilateral relations.

We are facing old and new challenges which continue to shape one of the world’s most important bilateral relationships. Given the severity of the relationship, they must be addressed constructively. There was a broad consensus among American and Chinese specialists that neither country presented an existential threat to the other. Therefore, ‘managing irreconcilability’ rather than ‘managing competition’ should, conceptually, be a first-order priority for both sides, with active communications mechanisms established in this regard. Positive cooperation on trade, technology, and climate can dim the harsher edges of U.S.-China strategic competition and provide solutions to global problems that are not resolvable without meaningful U.S.-China collaboration.

Currently in its seventh year of existence, ICAS has established itself as a fresh voice in the Washington, D.C. think tank community. When the pandemic struck and forced us to work remotely, ICAS, like many institutions, was forced to reassess its priorities. Throughout 2021, ICAS continually strived to provide a window into the worldviews of both the United States and China, thereby serving as a vehicle to promote greater understanding between these two countries and societies through our various research programs. In addition to publishing dozens of analysis pieces in 2021, ICAS also proudly launched two programs: the Trade ‘n Technology Program, established to chronicle and analyze the evolving dynamics of U.S.-China trade and technology affairs as they occur, and the Maritime Affairs Program, built to gather, display, and debate both historical and newly emerging maritime-related issues. With the launch of the Antarctic Tracker, the Maritime Issue Trackers project welcomed a new addition to its current scope of East China Sea, South China Sea, and the Arctic. This new Tracker aims at contributing research on developments in the Antarctic to ensure that geopolitical interactions and scientific endeavors are conducted peacefully and securely.

Despite the struggles and unknowns that it brought to 2021, the pandemic did not stop ICAS from engaging with the world and ensuring that pertinent analysis was conducted on the U.S.-China relationship. Even as we may not be able to resume international travel for academic exchange purposes in the short term, I am eager to see what we can continue to achieve with your support .

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nong Hong', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Nong Hong
Executive Director & Senior Fellow, ICAS

NOTES FROM OUR ADVISORS AND PARTNERS

“Despite the overall deterioration of U.S.-China relationship in the past several years, ICAS has shown time and again that both contentions and cooperation must be looked at objectively and placed on an equal footing as we enter this new chapter. I look forward to ICAS continuing to provide global audiences with its unique perspective and thereby build bridges that facilitate the exchange of ideas and people to people communications of our two countries.”

WU Shicun

Chairman of the Board

China-Southeast Asia Research Center on the South China Sea

“At a time of heightened US-China tensions, it is especially important that linkages be maintained and strengthened in order to better understand the perspectives of each party and to reduce the risks posed by misunderstanding. During the

Gordon HOULDEN

Director Emeritus

China Institute, University of Alberta

COVID pandemic, the opportunities for face-to-face meetings between Chinese and U.S. think tanks and universities have been sharply curtailed, but ICAS has by creative use of technology helped fit part of that gap.”

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Jusuf WANANDI

Senior Fellow & Cofounder

Centre for Strategic and International Studies

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“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.”

LIU Yawei

Senior Advisor on China

The Carter Center

Lately, U.S.-China relations appears to be in a seemingly endless flux ultimately headed downhill. In these times, the work that ICAS does is more vital than ever before in helping to clarify misconceptions, encourage frankness, and ultimately find those shrouded spots of engagement for a more stable future. As a long-time partner of ICAS, the China Program at The Carter Center looks forward to continuing its work alongside ICAS in this mission.

ZHU Feng

Director

China Program, The Carter Center

“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

Denis SIMON

Professor of China Business and Technology

Fuqua School of Business, Duke University

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.”

“As ICAS’ close partner, NISCCS 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 NISCCS, I look forward to further deepening our partnership in the coming years.”

WANG Sheng

President

National Institute for South China Sea Studies

— ABOUT US —

The Institute for China-America Studies is an independent think tank funded by the Hainan Freeport Research Foundation in China. Based in the heart of Washington D.C., ICAS is uniquely situated to facilitate the exchange of ideas and people between China and the United States. We achieve this through research and partnerships with institutions and scholars in both countries, in order to provide a window into their respective worldviews.

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*



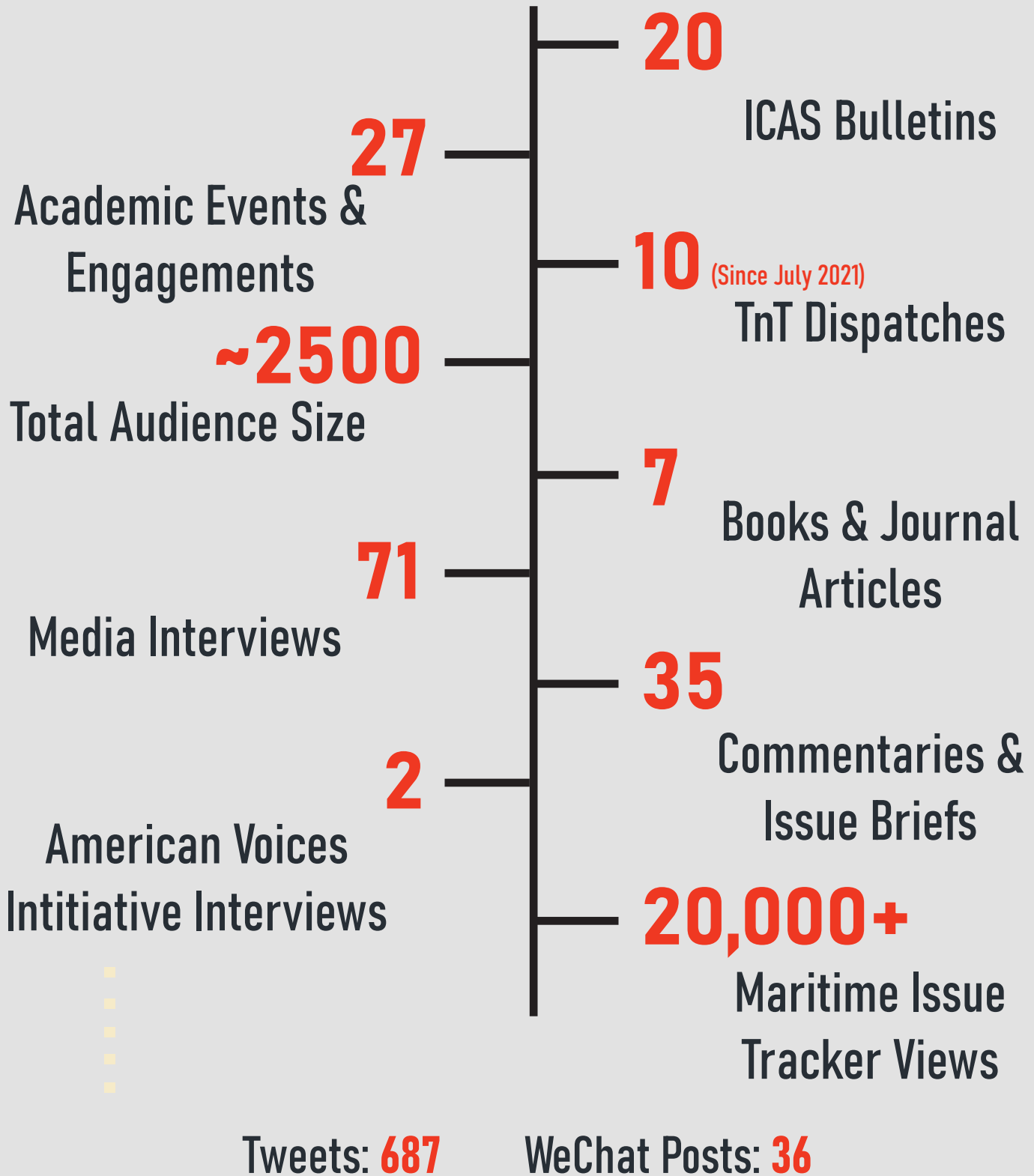
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- ICAS IN 2021 -

BY THE NUMBERS



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
Hosted by ICAS and The Carter Center
China Program

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



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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



Photo: Getty Images

“On October 4, United States Trade Representative (USTR) Katherine Tai unveiled the outlines of the administration's emerging “new approach” on trade policy towards China. Truth be told, the new approach appears awfully similar in substance, although not in tone, to her predecessor's approach.”

- Sourabh Gupta

China's Regulatory Clampdown on Big Tech: Motivations and the American Response

November 1



Photo: Getty Images

“China's recent spate of technology regulations have imposed short-term costs under the promise of long-term stability. They have also created an atmosphere of uncertainty for American investors against a backdrop of tightening U.S. rules against investment in Chinese firms. In particular, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has recently highlighted risks associated with possibly faulty Chinese firm disclosures.”

- Sara Hsu

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

August 24



Photo: The White House

“By-and-large, the overarching purpose of the Biden administration's emerging approach to technology controls bears similarities with the Trump team's approach: It seeks not so much to encourage China to cooperate and abide by rules-based, pro-market standards as much as it seeks to constrain China's technological rise.”

- Sourabh Gupta

TnT ICAS TRADE 'N TECH DISPATCH

Released every 2 weeks, the ICAS Trade 'n Tech Dispatch is a curated newsletter built to inform readers of notable recent developments in U.S.-China trade and technology ties.



Biden Administration Pursuing Supply Chain Security

In One Sentence

- Officials from the White House and the European Union call for harmonized collaboration between Washington and Brussels to address important supply chain challenges, especially in the area of semiconductors.
- Multiple U.S. agencies jointly updated the advisory for U.S. businesses with supply chains running through Xinjiang and added 14 more Chinese companies to Entity List in the Biden administration's latest efforts to crack down on alleged forced-labor utilization by Chinese and foreign businesses.
- The U.S. is advancing efforts to conduct its one-year reviews of supply chain vulnerabilities for the information and communication technology, defense, public health, energy, transportation, and agricultural commodities and food product sectors so as to build resilience amidst growing technology competition with China.

Mark the Essentials

- Despite disagreements over a variety of issues, officials from the U.S. and EU believe that there is shared understanding across the Atlantic that both sides should work together to address supply chain vulnerabilities and tackle these issues through a mixed approach of working with allies and building dedicated domestic and regional industrial capacity.
- The United States added an additional 14 Chinese companies to the Entity List for alleged human-rights violations, which came two weeks after the administration blocked the import of polysilicon-based products over forced labour concerns.
- A Department of Commerce official claims that the one-year supply chain review on the information and communications technology sector will reach out for stakeholders input “fairly soon.”

Keeping an Eye on...

- The Biden administration is taking supply chain security seriously. Although the administration is still at an initial stage of reviewing and reassessing U.S. supply chain

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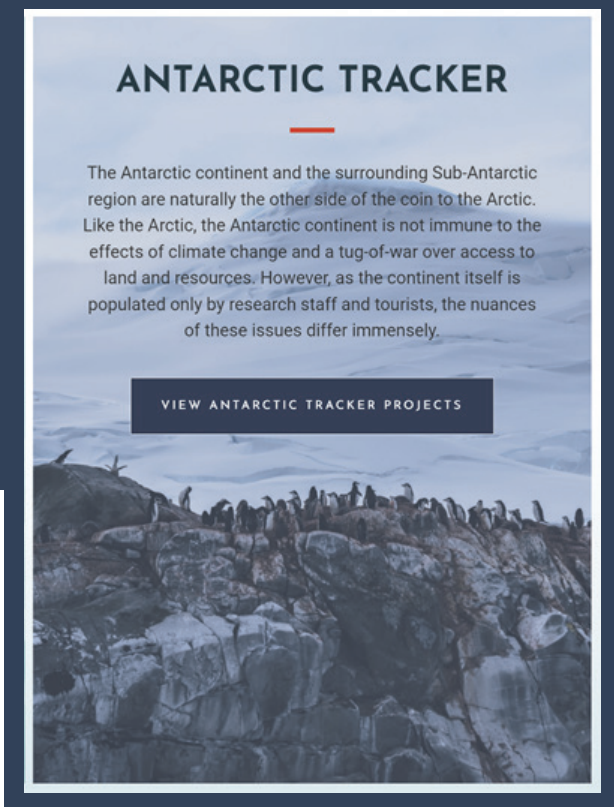
ICAS staff and fellows have always valued researching and understanding critical issues, conflicts, and resolutions in maritime affairs; evident by the multiple interactive maritime trackers that ICAS has released in recent years. In Fall 2021, ICAS officially developed and released the ICAS Maritime 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.

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.

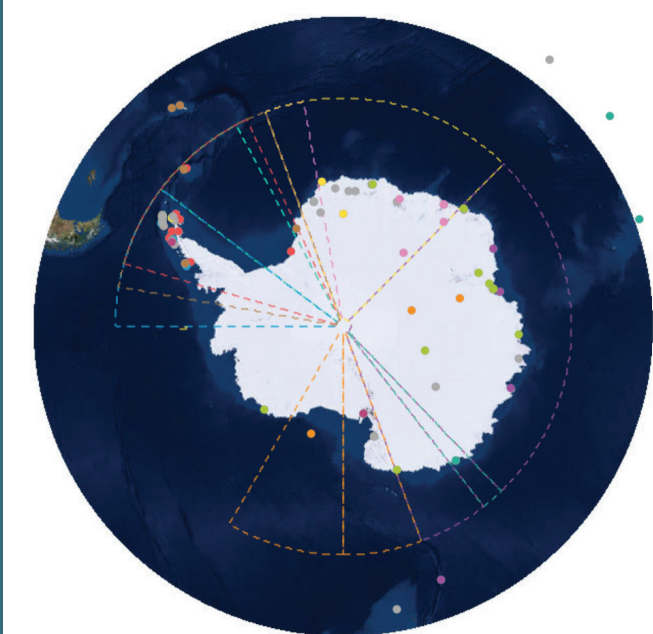
With the ICAS Maritime Issue Tracker Project now encompassing four regions, the ICAS team is looking forward to expanding and building on its issue trackers in 2022 as a part of our commitment to ensuring that the public, researchers, and policymakers have easy access to information on these critical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



ANTARCTIC TRACKER

The Antarctic continent and the surrounding Sub-Antarctic region are naturally the other side of the coin to the Arctic. Like the Arctic, the Antarctic continent is not immune to the effects of climate change and a tug-of-war over access to land and resources. However, as the continent itself is populated only by research staff and tourists, the nuances of these issues differ immensely.

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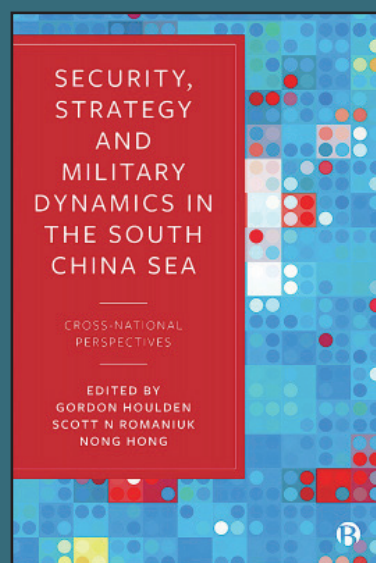


ICAS Antarctic Maritime Tracker Phase I

- Research Stations -
- Maritime Claims -

Selected Maritime Affairs Events

Hosted periodically throughout the year, ICAS Maritime Affairs Program Events promote the free and equal exchange of ideas on maritime affairs and international law, especially as they relate to U.S.-China relations



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

September 28 | Virtual (Zoom)



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

Hosted virtually 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.

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.

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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 (NICSS), ICAS, and other partners, the SGMOG 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.



ICAS Executive Director Nong Hong presenting alongside other experts in Session 5: Ocean Governance Practices in the Arctic

BIDEN ADMINISTRATION INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS PERSONNEL TRACKER

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.

-SCROLL AND CLICK ON THE CATEGORY TO EXPLORE THE FULL LIST OF PERSONNEL FOR EACH FOREIGN POLICY TOPIC-

Diplomacy & Foreign Policy	Trade & Finance	Defense & Security	Climate, Health & Technology
 Antony Blinken Secretary of State	 Janet Yellen Secretary of Treasury	 Lloyd Austin Secretary of Defense	 Jennifer Granholm Secretary of Energy
 Wendy Sherman Deputy Secretary of State	 Gina Raimondo Secretary of Commerce	 Kathleen Hicks Deputy Secretary of Defense	 Anthony Fauci Chief Medical Advisor on COVID-19 to the President

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.

Biden Administration International Affairs Personnel Tracker

Antony Blinken



Secretary of State

Antony Blinken has a storied foreign policy career. He has advised President-elect Biden on foreign policy since 2002 and served as Deputy Secretary of State under the Obama administration from 2015-2017. Blinken also served as Assistant to the President and Principal Deputy National Security Advisor to President Obama. During the first Obama term, he was National Security Advisor to Vice President Biden. Blinken held the role of Democratic Staff Director for the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee from 2002 to 2008 and was a member of President Clinton's National Security Council staff from 1994 to 2001.

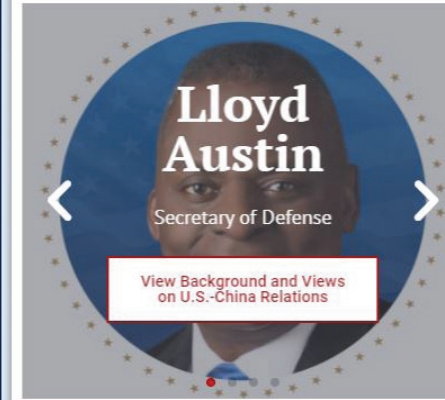
Blinken succeeded Michael Pompeo, who made his name as a staunch critic of the Chinese government. Pompeo significantly shifted the rhetorical tone between the U.S. and China, regularly chastising the Chinese government on news and social media platforms on issues ranging from China's initial handling of the COVID-19 virus, to updating the official U.S. position on China's claims in the South China Sea, to increasing U.S. engagement with Taiwan. Antony Blinken will thus be taking charge of the State Department during a time when U.S.-China relations are at its lowest point in decades.

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Key Members of the U.S. Department of Defense



- Lloyd Austin – Secretary of Defense
- Kathleen Hicks – Deputy Secretary of Defense
- Mark Milley – Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff
- John Aquilino – Commander of the USINDOPACOM

Key Members of Other National Defense Offices



- Alejandro Mayorkas – Secretary of Homeland Security
- Merrick Garland – Attorney General
- John Demers – Assistant Attorney General
- Avril Haines – Director of National Intelligence

Following the release of the sixth and final phase, individual pages are periodically updated as time and circumstances allow to maintain relevancy.

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- Phase Three: March 10, 2021
- Phase Four: April 20, 2021
- Phase Five: June 24, 2021
- Phase Six: December 28, 2021

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Putting a blue collar on Biden's trade policy

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

Nong Hong
February 3

Matt Geraci
March 11

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

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

Jessica Martin
May 19

Yilun Zhang & Amanda Jin
October 7

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

2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

PROSPECTS FOR U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS UNDER THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

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.



Keynote Dialogue



Gordon Houlden
Director Emeritus
China Institute, University of
Alberta

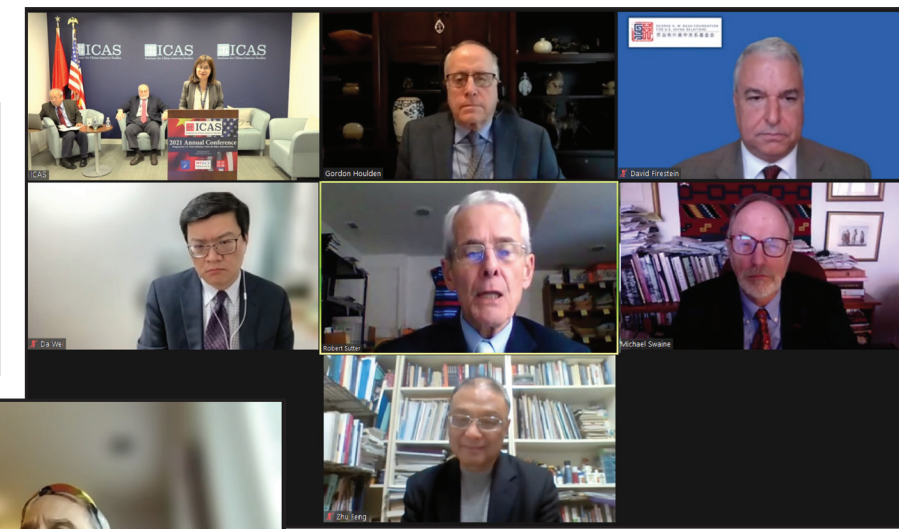


Xu Xueyuan
Deputy Chief of Mission & Minister
Embassy of the People's Republic
of China



Susan Thornton
Senior Fellow
Paul Tsai China Center, Yale
Law School

Panel I Outlook for U.S.-China Strategic Rivalry



Panel II Outlook for U.S.-China Engagement on Trade, Technology and Climate



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



How Biden's Climate Change Policy Impacts its Bilateral Relationships with China and Canada

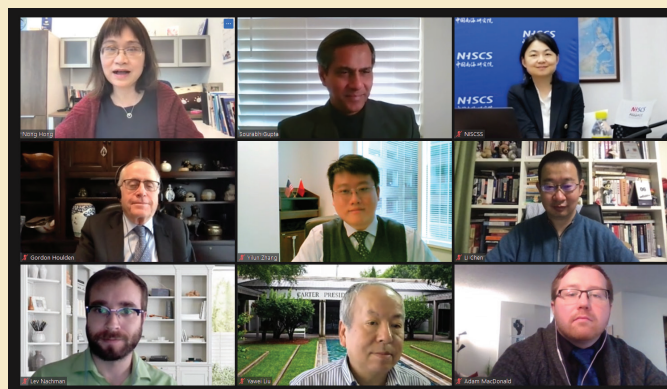
March 4 | Virtual

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.

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.



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.

US-China Engagement: Past Achievements & Future Adjustments-An Online Dialogue on US-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

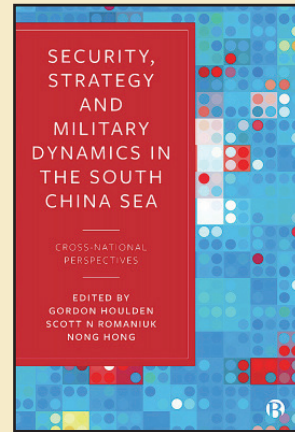
March 23-24 (Virtual)
Hosted by Georgetown University

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

PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS

BOOK, BOOK CHAPTERS & JOURNAL ARTICLES

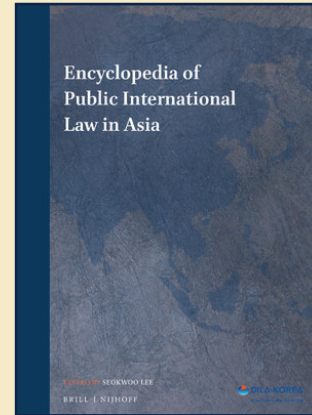


Security, Strategy, and Military Dynamics in the South China Sea

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)

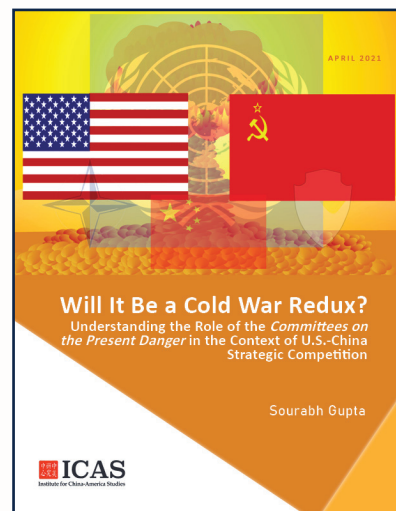
Article by Nong Hong “China and the Antarctic: Presence, policy, perception, and public diplomacy”

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)

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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

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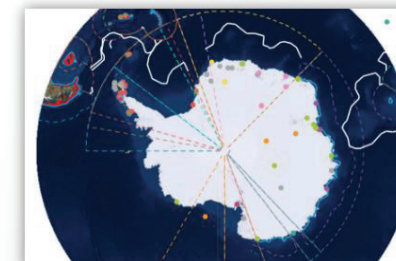


Breaking the Ice

Previewing the High-Level U.S.-China Meeting in Anchorage

Sourabh Gupta · March 17, 2021

China, U.S.
Economics & Trade, Global Politics, Security, Technology



The Other Side of the Polar Coin

The Antarctic Maritime Tracker

Matt Geraci · November 5, 2021

The Antarctic
Global Politics, Maritime Studies, Security



From Pragmatism to UNCLOS Purism

The Evolution of U.S. Paracel Islands Policy

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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



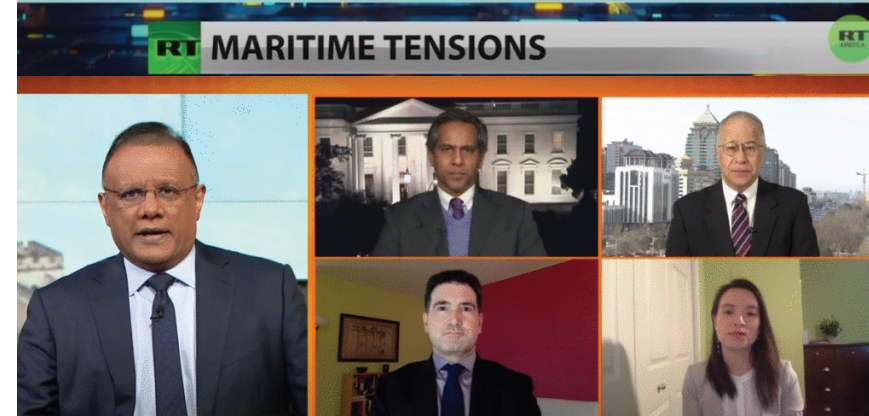
In this installment of American Voices Initiative, we sat down virtually with Mr. David Sandalow of the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Columbia University. On the agenda was the critical climate change issue, the state of U.S.-China cooperation as well as domestic, national, and 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?

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ICAS IN THE NEWS

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	BBC	South China Morning Post
CGTN	China Daily	Newsweek
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“...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

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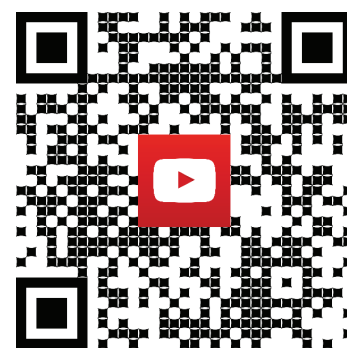
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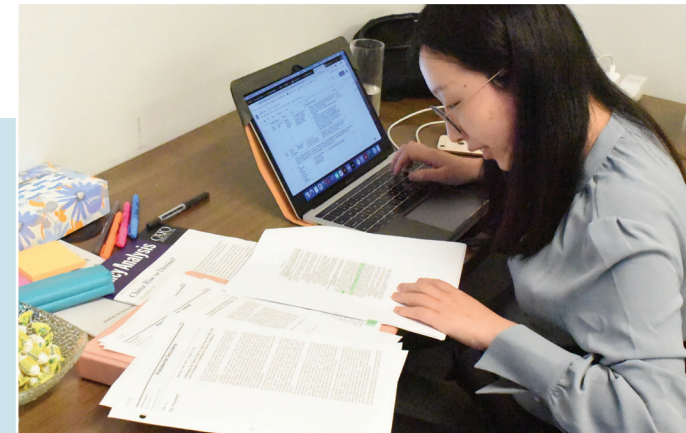
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Our interns in 2021



Amanda Jin

“ Interning at ICAS is a 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. ”



Lan Cheng

“ 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. ”



Alec Caruana

“ 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. ”

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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.



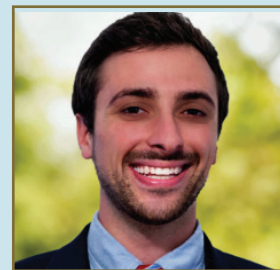
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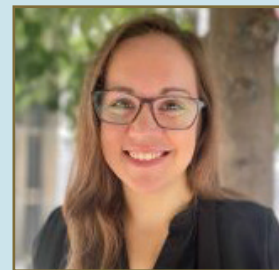
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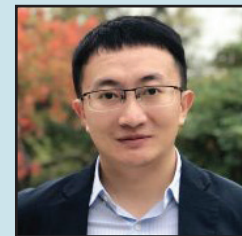
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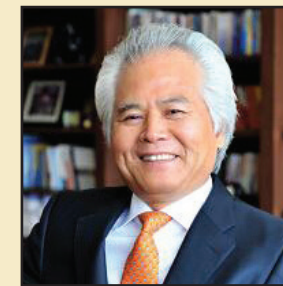


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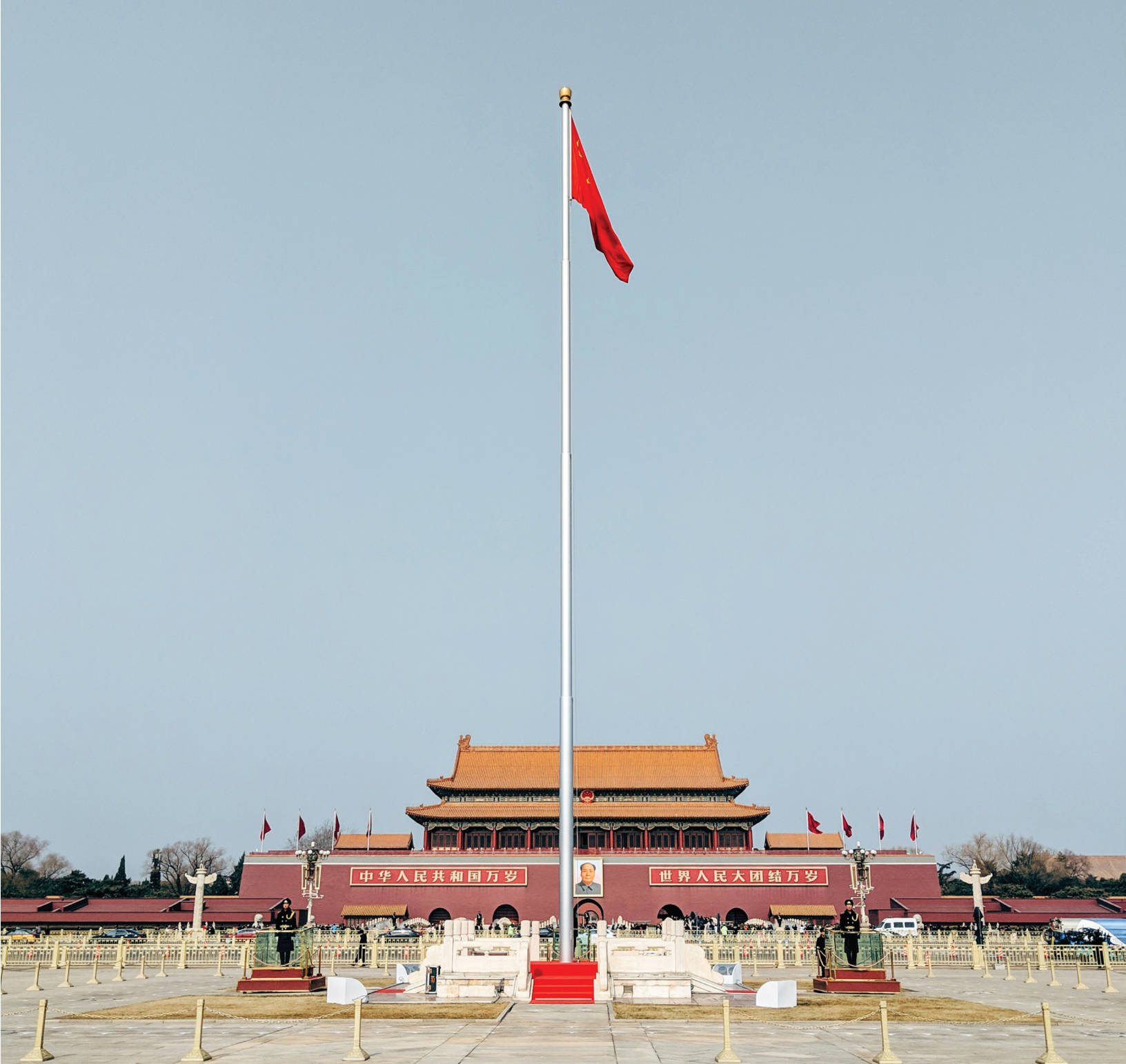
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