On behalf of the ICAS board of directors and advisors, I am excited to share with you this brief snapshot of our accomplishments in 2022.

In the past year of 2022, the main axis of U.S.-China relations features competition and confrontation—caught in a vortex where one side acts and the other counters—which seems to have reached a dangerous edge. The disturbing factors include the Taiwan issue, “decoupling” in trade and the high-tech industrial supply chain, the Ukraine crisis, and the U.S. perception of China as “number one strategic competitor” to reshape the international order, among others.

The meeting between President Joe Biden and President Xi Jinping in Bali is an important step in repairing the relationship between the two countries, releasing a signal to the outside world that the two sides are committed to managing their differences. Being more aware of each other's “red lines” on the Taiwan issue is crucial to avoiding military conflicts between the two. At the same time, China and the United States are also resuming dialogue in policy areas such as economy, finance, and climate change, and discussing guiding principles that can be used to maintain long-term stability in bilateral relations.

Although the atmosphere in the relationship between the two countries has improved since the meeting, followed by other diplomatic engagement such as the meeting between U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Asia-Pacific Affairs Daniel Kritenbrink and Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Xie Feng in December, there is still debate on whether the United States and China will inevitably face intense competition and confrontation in the coming years. Under the influence of multiple factors such as economic recession and geopolitical conflicts, the world is facing an increasingly severe “crisis moment.” Ensuring the basic stability of China-U.S. relations and striving to promote the improvement of bilateral relations is not only in the interests of the people of China and the United States, but also the expectations of the international community.

Currently in its eighth year of existence, ICAS has established itself as a fresh voice in the Washington, D.C. think tank community. ICAS continually strives to provide a window into the worldviews of both the United States and China, and thereby serve as a vehicle to promote greater understanding between these two countries and societies through our various research programs. In addition to publishing dozens of analyses and policy reports, in 2022, ICAS proudly launched its Blue Carbon and Climate Change Program (BCCC) that explores new policy pathways for sustainably developing the blue carbon economy and combating climate change. The BCCC Program, together with Trade 'n Technology Program—chronicling and analyzing the evolving dynamics of U.S.-China trade and technology affairs as they occur—and the Maritime Affairs Program—gathering, displaying, and debating both the historic and the newly developed maritime related issues—forms the three-pillar academic and policy research focus of the ICAS team.

ICAS looks forward to continuing to engage with the world and ensure that pertinent, timely analysis will be conducted on the U.S.-China relationship. I am eager to see what we can continue to achieve with your support.

Dr. Nong Hong
Executive Director & Senior Fellow, ICAS
“In 2022, as the green shoots of stabilization in the troubled China-U.S. relationship began to emerge late in the year, ICAS once again lived up to its reputation as an objective and fact-based observer of the most consequential bilateral relationship in the world. I look forward to ICAS continuing to provide American and global audiences with its unique perspective and thereby build bridges that facilitate the exchange of ideas and people between these two great nations.

WU Shicun
Chairman of the Board
China-Southeast Asia Research Center on the South China Sea

“This is a time of war in Europe, with extensive indirect involvement by many countries beyond the two protagonists. The outcome is uncertain. The global instability caused by that war adds urgency to efforts to stabilize the crucial Sino-American relationship. Prudent management of bilateral relations is needed in both capitals – ICAS can make a material contribution in assisting policy-makers to that end.”

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“With U.S.-China relations continuing to appear to be in a downward spiral, easily veering into conflict if not carefully monitored, the work that ICAS does is more vital than ever before. Through their constant efforts to provide a fresh, honest perspective on contentious issues, ICAS is able to identify misconceptions, encourage communication, and spot opportunities for meaningful, positive engagement as they ultimately work to stabilize this vital 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

“The last few years in particular have seen U.S.-China relations face a downhill battle. In these times, the work that ICAS does is more vital than ever before in helping to encourage frankness, correct misunderstandings, and eventually find those shrouded spots of engagement for a more stable future together. As a long-time partner of ICAS, the China Center for Collaborative Studies of South China Sea at Nanjing University looks forward to continuing its work alongside ICAS in this mission.”

ZHU Feng
Director
China Center for Collaborative Studies of SCS, Nanjing University

“The multitude of complexities in U.S.-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. The Team at ICAS continues to provide a highly credible platform for the objective exchange of views and opinions among top experts regarding the political, economic, and the S&T dimensions of Sino-U.S. relations.”

Denis SIMON
Clinical Professor of Global Business and Technology
Kenan Flagler Business School, UNC Chapel Hill

“Despite the overall deterioration of U.S.-China relations over 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.”

Jusuf WANANDI
Senior Fellow & Co-founder
Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Indonesia

“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 a 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

“2022 ANNUAL REPORT”

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The Institute for China-America Studies (ICAS) is an independent think tank in Washington D.C. ICAS focuses on the evolving dynamics in the U.S.-China relationship to promote greater collaboration and mutual understanding through sincere exchanges of fresh ideas, objective policy-oriented research, and fair assessments of this critical bilateral relationship.

Our research focuses on China-U.S. strategic relations, maritime security, economics, trade and technology relations, climate change policy, global governance, and other issues central to the bilateral relationship. Ultimately, we aim to provide a window into the worldviews of both the United States and China, and thereby serve as a vehicle to promote greater understanding between these two countries and societies.

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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 2022
BY THE NUMBERS

50 Analytical Publications
- 2 Book Chapters
- 4 Reports
- 7 Issue Briefs
- 32 Commentaries
- 5 Blog Posts

25 Events & Academic Engagements
- 11 ICAS Hosted/Co-Hosted Events
- 11 Academic Engagements
- 2 Student Visits
- 1 Expert Voices Initiative Interview
- 1,300+ Total ICAS Event Attendees

1,785 Total Communications Engagements
- 1,463 Tweets
- 151 LinkedIn Posts
- 47 WeChat Posts
- 12 New YouTube Videos
- 112 Mass Emails

96 Media Appearances

712 New Subscribers

66 ICAS Newsletter Issues
- 26 ICAS Bulletins
- 24 TnT Dispatches
- 11 MAP Handbills
- 5 BCCC Quarterlies
Newly established in early 2022, the ICAS Blue Carbon and Climate Change (BCCC) Program explores new policy pathways for sustainably developing the blue carbon economy and combating climate change through open dialogue and novel policy research.

The goal of this program is to establish a platform for academic exchange between experts around the world to produce tangible policy recommendations for countries to follow together. Most prominently, the program endeavors to find new pathways for multilateral engagement and mediation in areas of competition to promote mutually beneficial cooperation on climate change where possible.

The ICAS BCCC Program currently features four types of projects that help the Program achieve its goal.

**BCCC Quarterly**

Released the first week of every new quarter, the BCCC Quarterly is a magazine-style newsletter that records the most important trends and developments regarding blue carbon and climate change policies and regulations in China, the U.S., and other regions, as well as international regimes, such as under the United Nations framework. It also includes two special sections — the ‘Theme of the Quarter’ and the ‘Blue Carbon Country Profile’ — that aim to bring a fresh and applicable element to each issue.

The ICAS Team also produces a concentrated Chinese language version of this product to disseminate to an Asian audience so that both sides have access to our research.

**BCCC Research**

Working in a field that is yet young, the BCCC Program Team releases commentaries, issue briefs, and other analytical publications that explore the complexities and emerging news in the field of blue carbon.

**BCCC Events**

Hosted periodically throughout the year, ICAS Blue Carbon & Climate Change (BCCC) events promote the free and equal exchange of ideas on policy pathways for sustainably developing the blue carbon economy and combating climate change, especially as they relate to or involve the United States, China, and other regions.

**BCCC Media**

ICAS BCCC Program media projects include but are not limited to short-form periodicals and Twitter campaigns. We welcome anyone curious about this field to follow us on Twitter and explore our #ICASBCCC and #BCCCGrove campaigns.

**Selected Commentaries**

- **Marine Protected Areas in the High Seas: A Multilateral Resolution and Unilateral Quandary for Blue Carbon Conservation**
  - Matt Geraci
  - June 21

- **Protecting Blue Carbon From Extreme Weather's Destruction and For Its Mitigation**
  - Zhangchen Wang
  - September 30

- **Closing the Climate Financing Gap: New Proposals and Emerging Risks**
  - Amanda Jin
  - December 28

- **Challenges and Expectations for the Conservation and Restoration of Seagrass beds as Blue Carbon Ecosystems**
  - Keita Furukawa
  - December 31
In 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. Topics of interest range from private sector technology developments and trends in multinational trade to domestic legislation, diplomatic engagements, and global governance involving the intersection of trade and technology.

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 ICAS TnT Program currently features four types of projects that help the Program achieve its goals.

**TnT Dispatch**

Released about every 2 weeks, the TnT Dispatch is a curated newsletter built to inform readers of notable, recent developments in U.S.-China trade and technology ties. The content of the Dispatch typically includes 2–3 themed news sections highlighting ongoing trends in U.S.-China trade and technology issues and, if applicable, a summary list of major related issues and actions that have taken place on U.S. Capitol Hill in recent weeks. Each of these sections finish with a succinct, expert analysis of trends to keep an eye on and a list of sources.

**TnT Publications**

TnT Program scholars release a variety of publications throughout the year of varying length and content to best inform and update the audience on key issues. TnT issue briefs are in-depth, short-form analyses of important topical issue areas in U.S.-China trade and technology ties. Other publications include more in-depth, far-reaching reports and smaller, more timely publications like commentaries.

**TnT Events**

Hosted periodically throughout the year, TnT events promote the free exchange of ideas on U.S.-China trade and technology ties. To support this goal of free exchange of ideas, most TnT events are open to the public, are viewable online both during and after the event takes place, and are typically conducted in the form of a roundtable where relevant experts — from both the U.S. and other nations — share their analyses and then discuss a series of interactive, timely questions on the issue.

**TnT Media**

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**Selected Publications**

- **China's Improving IP Protections Too Late to Stop Tech Rivalry with U.S.**
  - Sara Hsu
  - January 11

  - Sourabh Gupta
  - May 31

- **Indo-Pacific between economic growth, technological competition and security**
  - Sourabh Gupta
  - June 6

- **Tech blockade just counterproductive**
  - Sourabh Gupta
  - November 16
CAS 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 2021, ICAS officially developed and released the ICAS Maritime Affairs Program (MAP) to better gather, display, and debate both historic and newly developed maritime related issues; especially those that have the potential to impact U.S.-China relations.

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 to ultimately identify potential issues for cooperation and productive engagement.

The ICAS MAP Program currently features four types of projects that help the Program achieve its goals.

**Maritime Issue Trackers**

The ICAS Maritime Issue Trackers project is an online, collaborative platform designed to encourage intellectual exchange on maritime developments and issues around the world. The longest-running project at ICAS, it currently features trackers for three regions:

- Polar (Arctic & Antarctic)
- East China Sea
- South China Sea

The ICAS Team is looking forward to updating current maps and releasing new additions in 2023 as a part of our commitment to ensuring that the public, researchers, and policymakers have easy access to information on these critical regions.

**MAP Publications**

MAP publications focus on analyzing and understanding the evolving and long-standing multinational interactions uniquely found in the maritime realm. MAP publications can range in size from blog posts and commentaries to full-length books and our monthly maritime newsletter, the MAP Handbill.

**MAP Events**

Hosted periodically throughout the year, ICAS MAP events promote the free and equal exchange of ideas on maritime affairs and international law, especially as they relate to U.S.-China relations. The format of maritime-related events that ICAS team hosts or co-hosts — and participate in as experts themselves — can range from public roundtables to multinational conferences and private dialogues between field experts.

**MAP Media**

ICAS MAP Program media projects include but are not limited to short-form blog posts and Twitter campaigns. We welcome anyone curious about this field to follow us on Twitter and explore our #ICASMAP and #MAPWave campaigns.

**Selected Publications**

- **Having its Cake and Eating it Too:** The U.S. and State Practice in Outlying Archipelagos
  - Alec Caruana
  - January 18

- **China’s cautious navigation amid talk of a new Cold War in the Arctic**
  - Nong Hong
  - March 1

- **The South Pacific Ocean: Another battleground for China-US competition?**
  - Nong Hong
  - April 21

- **Taiwan Wargame Simulations Could Exacerbate U.S. Strategic Miscalculation**
  - Yilun Zhang
  - September 30

  - Sourabh Gupta & Yilun Zhang
  - August 19

Released the last Tuesday of every month, the MAP Handbill is a specialized newsletter that highlights the major news stories, research products, analyses, and events occurring in or with regard to the global maritime domain during the past month. Each issue also includes a Spotlight: a short-form written background and analysis of a specific issue related to maritime affairs, which changes with each issue. The goal of the Spotlight is to help our readers quickly and accurately understand the basic background of a vital topic in maritime affairs and how that topic relates to ongoing developments today.

Like all ICAS newsletters, the MAP Handbill is also released as quarterly collections and a singular, annual volume at the end of the year.
2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE


On November 2nd, ICAS organized its 2022 Annual Conference. Given the lingering effects of the 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 opened by Dr. Hong Nong, Executive Director of ICAS and the introductory remarks were delivered by Dr. Wu Shicun, Chairman of ICAS’ advisory board.

Dr. Wu’s introductory remarks were followed by the highlight of the conference – a keynote dialogue featuring Mr. Jing Quan, Minister at the Chinese embassy in Washington, D.C., and Ms. Susan Thornton, ex-acting Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs and now a senior fellow at Yale Law School. The dialogue was moderated by Mr. Gordon Houlden, an ex-senior Canadian diplomat and Director Emeritus of the China Institute at the University of Alberta.

The Keynote Dialogue was followed by two panels focused on the outlooks for U.S.-China strategic rivalry in the Biden era and U.S.-China engagement and disengagement on trade and technology decoupling. The first panel was moderated by Mr. Gordon Houlden and the second was moderated by Dr. Yawei Liu, a senior advisor on China at The Carter Center.

Jing Quan  
Minister  
Embassy of the People’s Republic of China

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

Gordon Houlden  
Director Emeritus  
China Institute, University of Alberta

Panel I  
U.S.-China Strategic Rivalry in the Biden Era

Panel II  
U.S.-China Trade and Technology Decoupling
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

When Data Universes Collide: U.S. and China’s Rival Approaches to Data-linked Decoupling

March 2 | Virtual
The ICAS TnT Program hosted a public event to discuss the U.S. and Chinese approaches to data protection and data flows. The panelists expressed a variety of perspectives on the U.S. and Chinese strategies on data management and data protection. However, panelists were united in the view that data is indeed the ‘new petroleum of the information age’ and mutually decoupled data universes are in the main to no one’s advantage.

Middle Power Countries’ Perspective on U.S.–China Relations

April 20 | Virtual
Earlier in the year, ICAS hosted a roundtable event with the University of Alberta China Institute and Grandview Institution to discuss five ‘middle power’ nations’ perspectives on the increasingly competitive U.S.–China relationship to ultimately build a better understanding of middle power countries’ unique and important perceptions of–and role within–the U.S.–China relationship.

The Blue Carbon & Climate Change Program Inaugural Event

March 24 | Virtual
ICAS officially launched its Blue Carbon & Climate Change (BCCC) Program with a public event bringing together expert scholars from the United States, China, Japan, and Australia to discuss each country’s practices and perspectives on blue carbon and its potential role in building global relations. Among other aspects, the panelists agreed that the scope of areas for future cooperation of the blue carbon economy is vast and the potential for future international collaboration is more than promising.

Indo-Pacific Economic Framework: A New Model of Regional Trade Liberalization or a One-Time Aberration?

May 18 | Washington, DC (Hybrid)

4th China–U.S.–Canada Trilateral Dialogue

November 3 | Washington, DC (Hybrid)
Conducted under Chatham House rules, the roundtable consisted of two panels—one on Politics & Security and the other on Trade, Technology & Climate. In each panel, there were two participants each from Canada, the United States and China, each of whom contributed their own expertise on a related topic of their choice. The six panelist presentations were then followed by a moderated group question and discussion time.

11th Track II Dialogue on Maritime Affairs & International Law

September 6–7 | Virtual [Chatham House]

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.

Who Owns Antarctica? The Geopolitics of the Seventh Continent Conference
April 5 (Hybrid; Geneva, Switzerland)
Hosted by The Graduate Institute

Webinar on the Cognition War in the Russia-Ukraine Conflict
April 18 (Virtual)
Hosted by Global Governance Institution, Centre For New Inclusive Asia

United Nations seminar for delegates
April 26 (Virtual)
Hosted by the United Nations

8th Ocean Dialogue
June 28 (Virtual)
Co-organized by the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (DAV), the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) office, and Australian Embassy in Hanoi

International Forum on One Korea 2022
August 13-15 (Hybrid; Seoul, South Korea)
Hosted by the Global Peace Foundation, Action for Korea United, Parliamentarian’s Society of the Republic of Korea, The Korean Senior Citizens Association, One Korea Foundation, and their partners and sponsors

ISA Women in the Law of the Sea Conference
September 24–26 (Hybrid; New York, New York)
Hosted by the International Seabed Authority with the Permanent Representation of Singapore to the United Nations

ALLIES 9th Annual Civil-Military Relations Conference
November 11-12 (Hybrid; Boston, Massachusetts)
Hosted by Tufts University

7th International Conference on the Law of the Sea
November 10-11 (Hybrid; Seoul, South Korea)
Organized by the Korean Society of International Law and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

G20 Geopolitical Reconfiguration and the Global Economic Recovery
November 28 (Virtual)
Hosted by the Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya, Malaysia

Drawing Wisdom from History - An Online Dialogue on US–China Relations, in Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of President Nixon’s Visit to China
February 23 | Virtual

20th Party Congress and U.S. Midterm Elections
September 20 | Washington, DC (Hybrid)

Symposium on Global Maritime Cooperation and Ocean Governance 2022
November 3-4 | Hainan, China (Hybrid)
PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS

BOOKS, BOOK CHAPTERS & JOURNAL ARTICLES

“China” Chapter Contributions by Nong Hong, Yilun Zhang, Jessica Martin, Matt Geraci, Amanda Jin, and Asiana Cooper
In Seokwoo Lee (ed.), Encyclopedia of Ocean Law and Policy in Asia-Pacific (Brill | Nijhoff, 2022)

Chapter by Sourabh Gupta: “Destined to Disappoint: The Quad as Part of the United States’ Indo-Pacific Strategy”
In Security, Development and Sustainability in Asia (World Scientific, 2022)

REPORTS

By Sourabh Gupta - March 2022
The Biden Administration’s Emerging Economic Approach on China: India, Technology, and strategic industrial link in the age of “China’s competition”

By Jessica Martin & Yilun Zhang - July 2022
It is What You Make of It: US-China Military-to-Military Relations Beyond the 1982 Shangri-La Dialogue

By Nong Hong - October 2022
China and the United States in the Arctic: Exploring the History of Cooperation

By Yilun Zhang, Amanda Jin & Alec Caruana - November 2022
House of Dragonlayers: The China-Military-Strategy Interplay in the Indo-Pacific Region

SELECTED COMMENTARIES & BLOG POSTS

Nong Hong
January 19
Will Biden’s China policy change in 2022?

Sourabh Gupta
February 8
Building Back Better U.S.-China Relations in 2022 and Beyond

Nong Hong
March 11
Ukraine war may freeze both Russia and China out of Arctic cooperation

Alec Caruana
May 19
What do the Upcoming Australian Elections Mean for U.S.-China Relations?

Nong Hong
May 31
Whirlwind round of US diplomacy leaves China relations in unknown territory

Yilun Zhang
June 28
Do not strand U.S.-China relations in the Taiwan Strait

Jessica Martin
July 6
Secretary Lloyd Austin’s Address at the 2022 Shangri-La Dialogue: A Summary

Sourabh Gupta
August 21
China-US rivalry no new Cold War

Sourabh Gupta
October 17
Xi must walk his talk of reform and transformation

Sourabh Gupta
December 15
China’s ‘Common Prosperity’ Pathway to Socialist Modernization

SELECTED ISSUE BRIEFS

Facts Over Headlines
Reading Between the Lines of U.S.-China Engagements Amid the Ukraine Crisis
Matt Geraci, Yilun Zhang
March 24, 2022
Europe, Global, U.S. Economics & Trade, Global Politics, Security

The Biden Administration’s Russia Sanctions
Sourabh Gupta
May 13, 2022
Europe, Global, U.S. Economics & Trade, Global Politics, Security

George Kennan, “The Sources of Soviet Conduct”, and its Application to the China Challenge
Sourabh Gupta
July 20, 2022
China, Europe, Global, U.S., US Domestic Politics
"...Jawboning, forceful verbal threats and playing for time will remain Beijing’s strategy of choice... Even a provocative crossing of the ‘red line’, such as an overt port or US troop presence on Taiwan, will not draw an instantaneous kinetic response, although Beijing will utilise the opportunity to push tensions to a fever pitch."

Minister Jing Quan speaking at the ICAS 2022 Annual Conference Keynote Dialogue regarding reunification with Taiwan

James Borton on Science Diplomacy as a Solution to the South China Sea Maritime Disputes

July 1, 2022

In this installment of Expert Voices Initiative, we sat down virtually with Mr. James Borton, a Senior Fellow at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies Foreign Policy Institute and former (Hong Kong-based) foreign correspondent for The Washington Times. On the agenda for discussion were:

- Outcomes of the June 2022 IISS Shangri-La Security Dialogue
- Impact of the Philippine Presidential Election Results on Southeast Asia
- Comparison of Vietnam’s Maritime Policies with that of China’s and SE Asia’s
- The History of Vietnam as a ‘Traditional’ Custodian of the South China Sea
- The Role of China’s ‘Maritime Militia’
- ‘Science Diplomacy’ as a Solution to South China Sea Disputes
- The Clash Between Geopolitics and Scientific Cooperation
- How to Incentivize Policymakers to Act on Marine Conservation
- Lessons for Policymakers on Promoting Successful Scientific Cooperation

The full EVI interview archive is online at chinaus-icas.org/media/expert-voices-initiatives!
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 including but not limited to authoring or co-authoring analytical written pieces of varying size, assisting hands-on with events, and engaging in projects unique to their interests. It is the hope of the ICAS staff 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!

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. The highlights of these efforts are the ongoing Twitter hashtag campaigns and the official formation of a third ICAS Program: the Blue Carbon & Climate Change (BCCC) Program in addition to our MAP and TnT Programs to better discuss and disseminate information in these fields. In 2023 we will continue to strive to expand and improve the Institutes’ website operations as the Team aims to dynamically engage with the public on these vital, pervasive, ever-changing issues.

Our Interns in 2022

Amanda Jin
Alec Caruana
Zhangchen Wang
Skyler Standridge
Jarrad Poland
Sylvia Hu
The ICAS Team is comprised of four 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 advanced technology relations, strategic competition, global governance, blue carbon and climate change, and other issues central to the China-U.S. bilateral relationship.

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