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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 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nong Hong". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Nong Hong
Executive Director & Senior Fellow, ICAS

NOTES FROM OUR ADVISORS AND PARTNERS

"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

Gordon HOULDEN

Director Emeritus

China Institute, University of Alberta

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."

"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

LIU Yawei

Senior Advisor on China

The Carter Center

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."

"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

Jusuf WANANDI

Senior Fellow & Cofounder

Centre for Strategic and International Studies,
Indonesia

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."

"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

— ABOUT US —

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*



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- 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
- 12 New YouTube Videos
- 151 LinkedIn Posts
- 112 Mass Emails
- 47 WeChat Posts

96

Media Appearances

66

ICAS Newsletter Issues

- 26 ICAS Bulletins
- 24 TnT Dispatches
- 11 MAP Handbills
- 5 BCCC Quarterlies

712

New Subscribers



ICAS BLUE CARBON & CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAM

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 Quarterlyly

Released the first week of every new quarter, the BCCC Quarterlyly 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 combatting 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.

BCCC Quarterlyly

- Theme of the Quarter -

Despite the quiet evolution of the blue carbon field, there are identifiable trends of interest during any given three month period. Thus, every quarter the ICAS Team identifies and summarizes a major trend or long-term topic of interest relevant to the most recent quarter.

In addition to collections of relevant news summaries, government actions and statements, and scientific research activities, the theme includes an analytical commentary from our researchers on how this theme relates to other present-day developments, policy interests, climate change and environment concerns, and implications for the blue carbon field.

2022 Q1: (News Focus) Global Health and Climate Change

2022 Q2: (News Focus) Global Corporate Action on Climate Change

2022 Q3: Global Extreme Weather

2022 Q3: Global Uptick in Commitments to Climate

- Blue Carbon Country Profile -

Given that 'blue carbon' is a relatively new subject to both scientists and policymakers, it is the ICAS Team's goal to provide a collective view on how individual nations are recognizing, analyzing, and applying blue carbon at all levels of the government, through cross-border and international engagements, and in private sector and non-profit activities.

This profile is also intended to identify places that are in need of particular attention. The profile concludes with issues that interested parties should pay attention to in the coming months and years, including areas that need improvement, potentials worth exploring as well as possibilities of bilateral and multilateral cooperation in both policymaking and scientific exploration.

2022 Q1: (Letter From the Editor)

2022 Q2: (Climate Survey) The South China Sea

2022 Q3: The United States

2022 Q3: Australia



Selected Commentaries

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

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

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

Keita Furukawa | Challenges and Expectations for the Conservation and Restoration of Seagrass beds as Blue Carbon Ecosystems 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

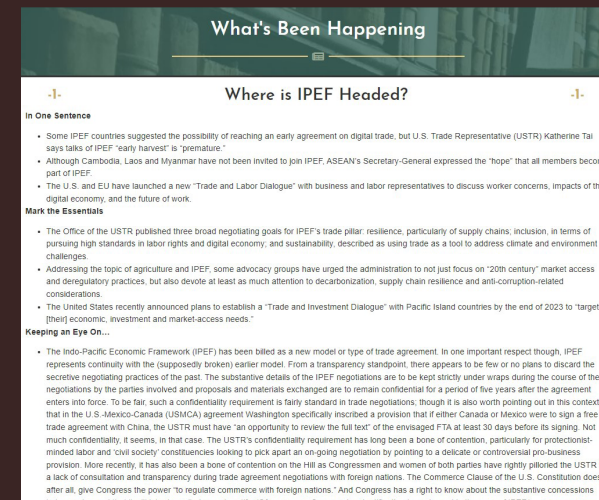
Hosted periodically throughout the year, TnT events promote the free exchange of ideas on U.S.-China trade and technology ties. To support this goal of free exchange of ideas, most TnT events are open to the public, are viewable online both during and after the event takes place, and are typically conducted 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

ICAS TnT 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 #ICASTnT and #TnTFlash campaigns.

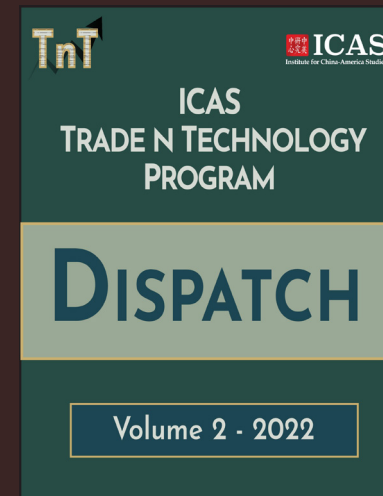
TnT Dispatch

A regular feature of the ICAS Trade 'n Technology (TnT) Program is the ICAS TnT Dispatch—a newsletter curated and released about every other Thursday with the most recent news and legislative developments on trade and tech issues.



Examples of 2022 TnT Dispatch focus topics:

- Prospects for U.S.-EU Trade and Tech Engagement* [January 13]
- Tariffs Remain at the Top of Biden's Trade Tool Kit* [February 10]
- Implications of Sanctions on Russia for U.S.-China Engagement* [April 25]
- The IPEF as a Model of the New Multilateral Economic Order?* [May 5]
- Breaking The Impasse At WTO MC12, If Only Slightly* [June 17]
- Taiwan, Trade, and CHIPS* [August 26]
- The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of U.S.-China Trade and Tech* [September 23]
- Deepen Trade with Allies or Just Sign Pacts?* [October 20]
- One Asia, Two (or More) Trade and Economic Frameworks* [November 17]
- The U.S.-EU Stalemate and (Marginal) Progress at TTC* [December 15]



Given its importance, a few Fall issues of the ICAS TnT Dispatch concluded with a 'Midterm Outlook' focus section instead of the typical 'On the Hill' section to highlight the key incumbents and candidates, their views and statements made on China, and their prospects in the midterms.

Selected Publications

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

ISSUE BRIEF | Sourabh Gupta | May 31 | The Biden Administration's Russia Sanctions: Economic Warfare, 21st Century Edition

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

COMMENTARY | Sourabh Gupta | November 16 | Tech blockade just counterproductive

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 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.

MAP Handbill

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.

Issue Background
Guam, a 210 square mile island located in the Micronesia subregion of the Pacific Ocean, is the southernmost of the Mariana Islands and the largest island in Micronesia. It is also located within the Second Island Chain in the Pacific. In 1898, after almost four centuries under Spanish rule, it became a territory of the United States following Spain's defeat in the Spanish-American War as part of the Treaty of Paris of 1898. Thereafter, Guam swiftly became a vital maritime port for merchants and warships alike traveling throughout the region and, except for a brief time when it was under Japanese control during World War II, has since been the westernmost point of the United States' territory.

A few years after it was recaptured from the Japanese, the Guam Organic Act of 1950 was put into U.S. federal law. This Act redesignated Guam as an incorporated territory of the U.S. and established a legislature, governorship, and judiciary system for Guam. The Act also grants U.S. citizenship to residents of Guam and includes a limited bill of rights though, as residents of a territory, residents of Guam cannot vote in U.S. federal elections. Today, it is home to 165,000 Americans and known most as a tourist destination and small-scale U.S. military outpost for the Indo-Pacific.

Recent Events
Today, Guam primarily operates as a military outpost and tourist destination. As an official U.S. territory, it still receives funds from the U.S. Department of the Interior and other programs for sustainment of and developments on the island. And even amidst the fight against a pandemic, Guam is an increasingly active and vital port for the U.S. military's operations in the Pacific.

Travel restrictions due to the pandemic have naturally caused most recent activity in Guam to be centered around naval deployments and exercises rather than economic or tourist engagements. For instance, Naval Base Guam was the closest port for the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71) for 2 months during the early days of the pandemic. From January 2020 to December 2021, Unmanned Patrol Squadron (VUP) 9—the U.S. Navy's first MQ-4C Triton squadron—conducted a deployment including "large, high-altitude surveillance drones" that was "mostly conducted out of Guam." This past January, Anderson Air Force Base was the site of the joint multinational naval exercise Sea Dragon 2022 involving the U.S., India, Japan, Australia, Canada and South Korea. Last December, the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Jefferson City (SSN-759) officially moved its homeport from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, where it has been since 2014, to Naval Base Guam. According to a news release, the change of homeport is part of the Navy's focus "to bring [the United States'] most capable submarines to theater with the greatest amount of striking power and operational capability to best in the timeliest manner." And a few weeks later, a port visit by the ballistic-missile submarine USS Nevada (SSBN-733) made it the first visit by an Ohio-class since 2016. Analyst Thomas Shugart noted that, intended or not, visits like the Nevada's "send a message" of the U.S. military's capabilities in and access to the Pacific. The U.S. military has not been quiet in Guam.

Keep In Mind
For most, Guam remains under the radar; often misunderstood, or even looked over entirely. Its small size and far-out location makes this understandable. For most Americans, the small, far-off island might bring to mind an exotic retreat, but many may be unable to confidently confirm that the island is a key element of the United States' Indo-Pacific strategy. It is a strategic location and a vital part of the U.S. military's operations in the Pacific.

2022 MAP Handbill Spotlight topics:

- Guam
- F35 Lightning II
- Blue Carbon and Marine Protected Areas
- UNCLOS
- ASEAN
- The Maldives
- Maritime Shipping
- Northern Sea Route
- Green Shipping
- Antarctic Treaty System
- Taiwan Strait

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

Selected Publications

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

COMMENTARY | Nong Hong | March 1 | China's cautious navigation amid talk of a new Cold War in the Arctic

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

COMMENTARY | Yilun Zhang | September 30 | Taiwan Wargame Simulations Could Exacerbate U.S. Strategic Miscalculation

ISSUE TRACKER | The U.S. View on 'Historic Rights' within the Nine Dash Line: Reviewing Washington's Legal Position in the Context of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea | Sourabh Gupta & Yilun Zhang | August 19

2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

AFTER THE U.S. MIDTERMS AND THE 20TH PARTY CONGRESS: WHAT WILL 2023 HOLD FOR U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS?

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.



Dr. Wu Shicun (top right) provides opening remarks at the ICAS 2022 Annual Conference on November 2, 2022, held hybrid-style from the ICAS office in Washington, DC.

Keynote Dialogue

Speakers



Jing Quan

Minister
Embassy of the People's
Republic of China



Susan Thornton

Senior Fellow
Paul Tsai China Center,
Yale Law School

Moderated by



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.

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]



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

May 18 | Washington, DC (Hybrid)

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)

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 26-28 (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 15-17 (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

ICAS Events Partners in 2022

China Institute of the University of Alberta
The Carter Center
National Institute for South China Sea Studies
Grandview Institution
Institute for China-Europe Studies
Chinese People's Association for Peace and Disarmament

Recordings of all public ICAS events are published on the ICAS website and the ICAS YouTube page. The ICAS Team also live-tweets key quotes during public events. Stay informed and join in the conversation on Twitter!

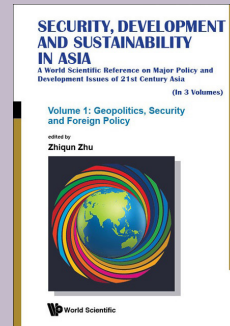
PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS

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)



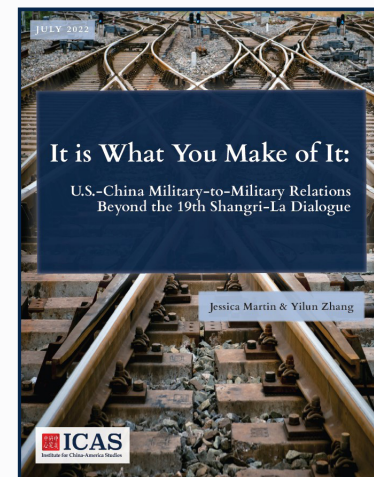
Chapter by Sourabh Gupta: “Destined to Disappoint: The Quad as Part of the United States’ Indo-Pacific Strategy”

In *Security, Development and Sustainability in Asia* (World Scientific, 2022)

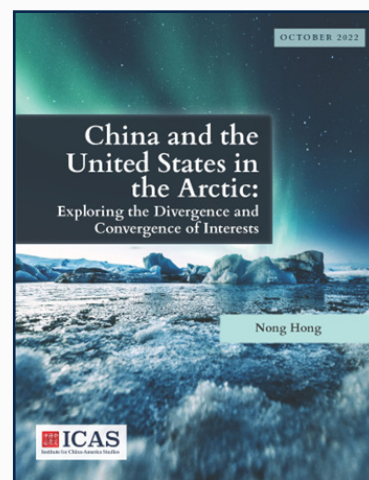
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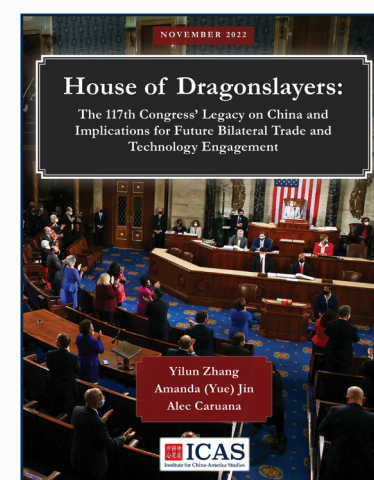
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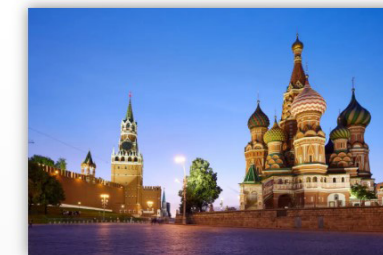


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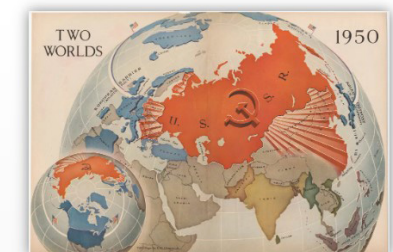


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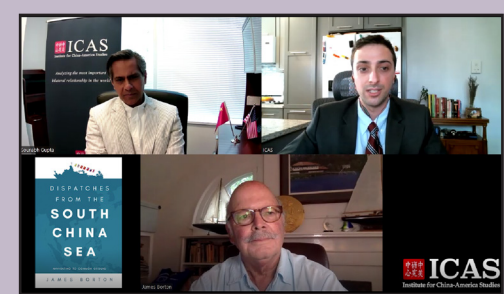


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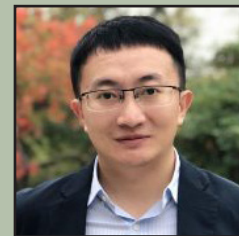
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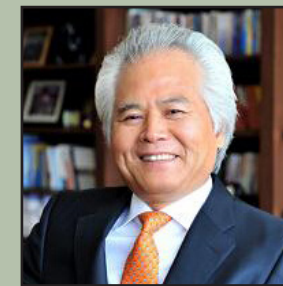


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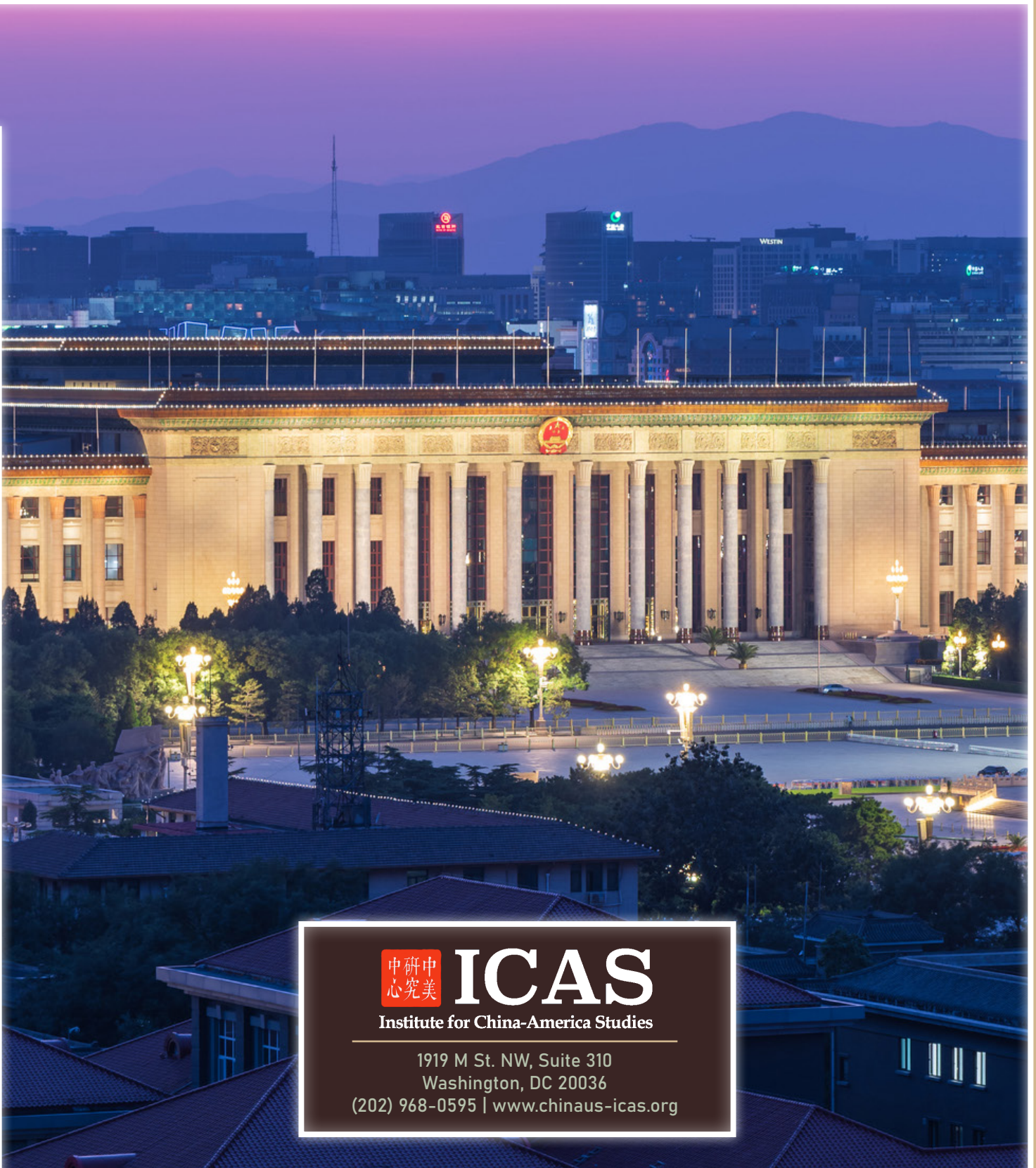
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