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What's Going On? ↓

Exchanging Accusations and Laying New 'Red-Lines'



Entrance of Camp Blaz, the new Marine Corps base on the U.S. island territory of Guam, a day ahead of its opening. (Source: Kyodo News/Getty Images)

- After the Biden administration confronted China's government on allowing companies to provide assistance for Russia's war in Ukraine, the Chinese Foreign Ministry condemned this accusation as "paranoia and pointing fingers at China."
- The United States Marine Corps has opened a new base on the American Pacific Island of Guam in a move regarded as continuing the Pentagon's trend of redirecting its forces to counter China.
- U.S. Consul General Gregory May said Beijing's interpretation of the Hong Kong national security law undermines Hong Kong's independent judiciary, adding that any risks faced in mainland China should be expected to follow businesses to Hong Kong.
- The U.S. had a nearly 50% increase in arms transfers to allies and partners, according to the Pentagon; an increase that aligns timewise with Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the rising influence of China in the Pacific.
- The U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for China spoke to the deputy director of China's Office for International Military Cooperation, drawing so-called 'red-lines' regarding the Ukraine War, ahead of Secretary of State Blinken's visit to China.

Separations and Distinctions Expand in Technological Fields



This illustration photo shows Sony mirrorless cameras in Tokyo on January 31, 2023. (Source: PHILIP FONG/AFP/Getty Images)

- The European Union has joined the U.S. in a "full" commitment to choking China's semiconductor industry, a senior European Union trade official stated.
- TikTok CEO Shou Zi Chew will testify before the U.S. House on March 23 about TikTok's security measures and alleged ties to China and ByteDance.
- Sony Group has transferred the production of western-sold cameras from China to Thailand as part of a continual effort towards western decoupling from Chinese production.
- U.S. chipmaker and equipment specialist Lam Research Corp. reported shrinking quarterly revenue from the Chinese mainland markets, citing declining demand and U.S. controls on the exports to China.
- The Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, a non-partisan Washington think tank, has found that China surpassed the U.S. in innovation. As the foundation's president explained, "China is evolving from an imitator to an innovator."
- The Netherlands and Japan have agreed to a deal with the U.S. further restricting Chinese access to materials and information on advanced computer chip manufacturing.

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Continued Warnings Over Potential Conflicts About Taiwan



House GOP leaders held a news conference to discuss Speaker of the House Pelosi’s announcement of a formal impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump. (Source: Alex Wong/Getty Images)

- Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning urged the U.S. to abide by the ‘One-China’ principle ahead of the U.S. Department of Defense confirmed rumors of a possible trip to Taiwan by the new Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy.
- Four-star general Mike Minihan warned in a letter to U.S. military leadership that the U.S. and China “will fight in 2025” over a possible conflict surrounding Taiwan. The letter was not endorsed by the Department of Defense who called it “not representative of the department’s view on China.”
- The chairman of the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee, Micheal McCaul, has joined many high-profile U.S. officials suggesting the high probability of a war with China before 2025.
- The former commander of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command is planning to visit Taiwan in February, after previously depicting a “2027 timeline” for a crisis in the Taiwan Strait. The commander will be joining a list of high-profile U.S. political officials who look to visit

Diplomatic Hopes for Improvement Skewed by Detentions and Tensions



Pills representing the dangers of drug interaction and self-medication. (Source: Getty Images, Royalty Free)

- A Chinese engineer named Ji Chaoqun, was imprisoned for eight years for alleged spying in the U.S. that was linked to broader Chinese efforts to steal aviation trade secrets, as announced by the U.S. Justice Department.
- U.S. President Biden has extended a program that allows for Hong Kong citizens to remain within the U.S., citing the erosion of human rights and freedoms for Hong Kong residents.
- The director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, Dr. Rahul Gupta, is increasing pressure on Beijing to crack down on raw materials used to create fentanyl while highlighting the potential for the drug crisis to spread to Europe and Asia.
- U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen met with Chinese Vice Minister Liu He, briefly lowering bilateral tensions and signaling new efforts to manage differences.
- Families of Americans who the U.S. government deem wrongfully held in China, publicly urged U.S. Secretary of State Blinken to push for their release ahead of his trip to Beijing in February.

Taiwan amid rising tensions.

- U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken warned China against changing the status quo on Taiwan, claiming that China “was no longer comfortable” suggesting a challenge to previous normatives in bilateral relations.
- In his new year address, Chinese President Xi Jinping issued a veiled warning towards the U.S., stressing Chinese efforts to combat separatism and U.S. interference in Taiwan.

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The Intersection of Diplomacy and Economic Growth



US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen receives an award diploma from Goree's mayor Augustin Senghor during a visit on Goree Island. (Source: SEYLOU/AFP/Getty Images)

- Former U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson argued that decoupling with Chinese production has put U.S. businesses at a strong disadvantage, emphasizing that the Biden Administration should pursue “self-interested coordination.”
- U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen and International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva visited Zambia to urge creditors to restructure the country's debt, with over a third of its \$17 billion debt held by Chinese creditors.
- In a meeting with Secretary Janet Yellen and Vice

- In Other News -



Group Of Cameras At An Outdoor Press Conference. (Source: Getty Images, Royalty Free)

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Premier Liu He, U.S. and Chinese economic officials discussed technology policies towards China.
 - China's Vice-Premier Liu He declared China's return to the global economy in his address to the World Economic Forum's annual meeting with a clear emphasis on "strengthening international cooperation" and "maintaining world peace."

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- *The Washington Post*: ["Mike Gallagher chairs a vital House committee. Its only focus: China."](#) by George F. Will (January 25, 2023) [Paywall]
- *Bloomberg*: ["The US Hasn't Noticed That China-Made Cars Are Taking Over the World"](#) by Tom Hancock (January 25, 2023) [Paywall]
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What’s Happening Around Town? ↓

- Past Events -

- [Book Event - Overreach: How China Derailed its Peaceful Rise](#)
January 30 hosted by Center for Strategic and International Studies
- [Hearing on “China’s Military Diplomacy and Overseas Security Activities”](#)
January 26 hosted by U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission
- [Western Business in China: Can We Sell Without Selling Out?](#)
January 25 hosted by The Federalist Society
- [ChinaPower Debate on US-China Economic Cooperation](#)
January 24 hosted by Center for Strategic and International Studies

- Upcoming Events -

- [“How Private Are Chinese Companies?”: A Big Data China Event](#)
February 7 hosted by Center for Strategic and International Studies
- [Rethinking China’s rise, restraints, and resilience](#)
February 8 hosted by Brookings
- [China Urbanizing: Book Talk and Panel Discussion](#)
February 9 Hosted by the University of Pennsylvania
- [China Insight Series: How Chinese Companies are Reinventing Management Control](#)
March 23 hosted by Northeastern Center for Emerging Markets

What ICAS Is Up To

---ICAS 2022 Annual Report---

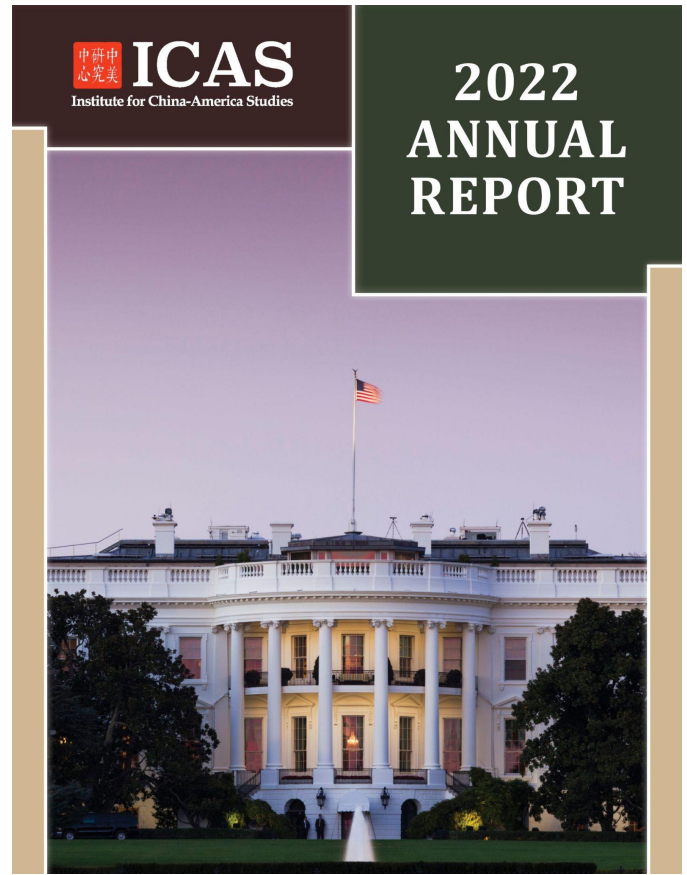
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Currently in its eighth year of existence, ICAS has established itself as a fresh voice in the Washington, D.C. think tank community. In addition to publishing dozens of analyses and policy reports, in 2022 ICAS proudly launched its Blue Carbon and Climate Change (BCCC) Program that explores new policy pathways for sustainably developing the blue carbon economy and combating climate change.

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The Chinese-language version of the ICAS Blue Carbon & Climate Change (BCCC) Quarterly 2022 Q4 is out! 蓝碳与气候变化主题研究第四季度季刊中文精选版现已发布！

In an effort to share our research and news with an Asian audience on this essential, cooperative topic, the main points of this quarterly newsletter will be periodically translated into Chinese. 本季刊定期发布涉及蓝碳与气候变化主题的重点及内容的中文翻译，以帮助中文群体更好的了解这一重要议题的研究及发展动态。

This quarter's Theme of the Quarter was 'Global Uptick in Commitments to Climate' and the Blue Carbon Country Profile was on 'Australia'. 当季度蓝碳及气候变化关键词为“全球应对气候变化工作初见成效”，本季度的蓝碳国家专题介绍了澳大利亚的情况。

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---ICAS In the News---



On Friday, January 20, 2023, Senior Fellow Sourabh Gupta was [quoted](#) by *China Daily* on the Chinese Foreign Minister’s visit to Africa.

- “There is no single playbook regarding how China engages Africa. Instead, what China does is try to adapt to local circumstances and be adaptive to local strategies, and that's what I see as the most important factor of China's engagement with Africa.”
- “The fact of the matter is, the sentiment in the US in Washington is that, even if we have a chance to cooperate with China in Africa, we will not do it. We would rather seek to do whatever we do ourselves and with our allies and partners. And it ultimately ends up boiling down to a zero-sum game,”
- “And it does not help Africans, and it does not help any of the parties involved. And especially because there is no need to really compete for Africa in this day and age geostrategically. Unfortunately, though, that’s how matters are playing themselves out at this point of time.”

On Thursday, January 19, 2023, Senior Advisor, Trade 'n Technology Program, Denis Simon was [interviewed](#) by *CGTN's Global Business* on China's growing prestige of the higher education system in the past half century.

- “They started putting a bunch of plans in-place, the first important one was a plan called 2-1-1, which goes all the way back to the 1990s, and then they put in place a 9-8-5 program which goes back to 1998 in May. They launched these programs to reform, restructure, and revitalize their universities. Then those programs have been complemented by a number of other programs, one of the most famous is the thousand talent program in which China tried to recruit scientists and engineers and other kinds of faculty who had gone overseas and try to bring them back so they could fortify the ranks of the research system and strengthen universities.”
- “So right now there are ten formal joint universities, but there are some three-four hundred other projects that involve joint degrees, joint collaborations, so faculty who want to teach in these programs have to understand that they are going to get a very diverse student body.”