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## Institute for China America Studies

### A Survey of Scholarship on U.S.-China Relations

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#### What's Going On? ↓

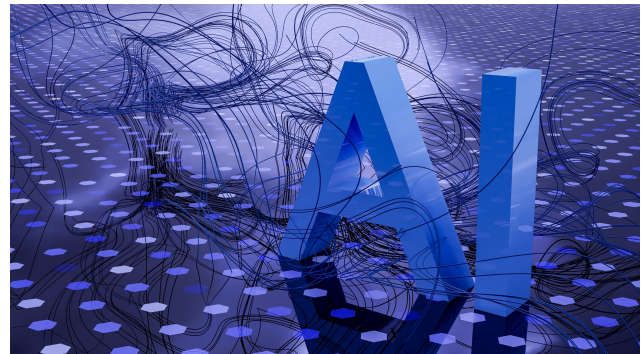
### Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo's Visit to China Generates Conversation



U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo (far R) and Chinese Commerce Minister Wang Wentao (2nd from L) hold talks in Beijing on August 28, 2023. (Source: Photo by Kyodo News via Getty Images)

- U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo is visiting China from August 27-30 to create a peaceful dialogue regarding Sino-American commerce and trade.
- The visit is happening at a crucial time: the two major economies are shifting away from each other and increasing trade with other partners as China's economy is facing a downturn.
- Secretary Raimondo said she refused an appeal by Chinese leaders to reduce U.S. export controls on technology with potential military capabilities during an in-person meeting in Beijing.
- Concerns over restrictions on U.S. business like Intel and Micron Technology as well as gallium and germanium exports were among the topics discussed during the hours of 'wide-ranging and candid talks' between Secretary Raimondo and China's commerce minister Wang Wentao on August 28. TikTok was reportedly not discussed.
- On August 29, Secretary Raimondo met with Chinese Premier Li Qiang, passing along a message from President Biden: "We seek to maintain our \$700 billion commercial relationship with China, and we hope that that relationship can provide stability for the overall relationship."

### 'Tech Wars' Continue to Rage Between the U.S. and China



(Source: UnSplash)

- The Pentagon unveiled their Replicator drone program, reportedly in order to compete with China's drone industry. The focus of the program will be on innovation.
- The Chinese State Council has ordered an age limit on talent in technology fields, with the goal of promoting youth in a push to pull ahead in the 'U.S.-China tech war'.
- Apple production hotspots are shifting from China to India and Vietnam as economic growth induces wage increases in China.
- As part of national efforts to promote domestic growth and de-risk from the U.S., Chinese Premier Li Qiang conducted a three-day visit to Guangdong hi-tech firms amid economic stagnation in the tech industry.
- Chinese tech company Huawei is building shadow chip factories across China in order to circumvent bans from the U.S., who has blacklisted the company.
- The U.S. and China are now competing to integrate AI into military technologies, with a new goal being for AI to identify and strike targets without human intervention.
- On August 17, China's Ministry of Commerce said that they "will take necessary countermeasures" to the Biden administration's executive order to restrict U.S. investment in Chinese technology.

- Secretary Raimondo shared that she increasingly hears from U.S. corporations that “China is uninvestable because it's become too risky” with new challenges including but not limited to “exorbitant fines without any explanation” and “revisions to counterespionage law.”  
 - On August 28, the U.S. and China announced they have agreed to hold regular conversations regarding commercial access and the tech industry. Secretary Raimondo called the agreement a “very good sign.”

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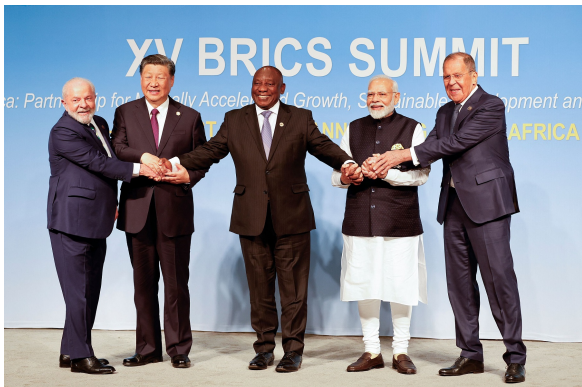
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### China and the U.S. Seek Allies in a Parallel Fashion



(From L to R) President of Brazil Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, President of China Xi Jinping, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi and Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov pose for a BRICS family photo during the 2023 BRICS Summit at the Sandton Convention Centre in Johannesburg on August 23, 2023. (Source: Photo by GIANLUIGI GUERCIA/POOL/AFP via Getty Images)

- Chinese president Xi Jinping is strengthening ties with Africa in a rare international visit, hoping to establish himself as a leader of the developing world.  
 - On August 18, President Biden hosted a trilateral meeting with the leaders of Japan and South Korea at Camp David, establishing formal agreements and

### Business as Usual for Many Operating in the Sino-American Sphere



(Source: Unsplash)

- Chinese auto manufacturer BYD has struck a deal to purchase the U.S.-based manufacturer Jabil Inc’s mobile manufacturing business in China in a bid to increase its smartphone components business.  
 - Chinese liquified natural gas (LNG) importers are not only expanding into locations in Singapore and London but also increasing volumes with American and Qatari contracts.  
 - U.S. fast food chain Popeye’s announced plans to open 1,700 locations in China in spite of the presence of more

releasing a joint statement that includes direct references to and arguments against China.

- China seeks allies in Africa in response to America's increasing ties with Japan and South Korea. The simultaneous yet separate diplomatic engagements led by the U.S. and China are leading many observers to remember and compare current situations to the Cold War.

- President Biden says that the trilateral Camp David Summit will help establish the three countries against increasing pressure from China and North Korea.

- One of the concerns by the diplomats at the Camp David Summit was whether or not to "insert the word 'China' in the documents' final text" of the trilateral statement.

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established rivals McDonald's and KFC.

- Estée Lauder is facing losses in North American and Chinese businesses, but expects to make a rebound this year.

- Chinese real estate developer Evergrande has officially filed for bankruptcy in the U.S. The process is expected to be one of the world's biggest debt restructurings.

- U.S. corporation Tyson Foods plans on selling its China poultry business, making them one of the most recent multinational firms to distance themselves from China.

- Boeing will name Alvin Liu, a China-born representative, as its China branch president despite ongoing Sino-American economic tensions.

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## U.S. Regulators Stopper Various Chinese Ventures in America



(Source: UnSplash)

- According to a new study, consumers are the ones bearing the brunt of the backlash from the policies enacted by the Biden and Trump administrations to shift U.S. trade away from China.

- American lawmakers are increasingly pushing bills to prohibit land ownership by Chinese entities and citizens in 33 states.

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(Source: UnSplash)

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- The enforcement of law banning the import of car parts from China, including EV batteries, heightens as efforts increase to cease U.S. links with forced labor.
- Federal officials have concluded that five Chinese solar panel companies are avoiding U.S. tariffs by redirecting operations through Southeast Asia.
- A federal judge in Tallahassee, Florida rejected attempts to block a law that would prohibit some Chinese citizens from purchasing land in Florida.
- Ken Griffin, founder of finance firm Citadel, reshapes new real estate bans on certain Chinese citizens. These changes would allow those with U.S. work permits to purchase land.

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## What’s Happening Around Town? ↓

### - Past Events -

- [Small states: strategies for success in a competitive world](#)  
August 25 hosted by International Institute for Strategic Studies
- [China’s Current Economy: Implications for Investors and Supply Chains](#)  
August 21 hosted by U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission
- [De-Risk of the U.S.-China Relationship](#)  
August 16 hosted by United States Heartland China Association and University of Missouri-St. Louis

### - Upcoming Events -

- [What do Asian countries want in the international order?](#)  
August 30 hosted by Chatham House
- [How much money for defense is enough?](#)  
August 30 hosted by Brookings
- [Press Briefing: Previewing the 2023 G20, U.S.-ASEAN, and East Asia Summits](#)  
August 30 hosted by Center for Strategic and International Studies
- [China’s Economic Downturn: Structural, Cyclical, or Both?](#)  
August 31 hosted by Center for Strategic and International Studies
- [Should the US pursue a new Cold War with China?](#)  
September 7 hosted by Brookings
- [Ocean Nations: 3rd Annual Indo-Pacific Islands Dialogue](#)  
September 18 hosted by Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- [5th Annual U.S.-China Trade Controls Conference](#)  
October 12-13 hosted by American Conference Institute
- [China Forum 2023](#)  
October 18 hosted by Victims of Communism
- [2023 NEXTChina Conference](#)  
November 1-2 hosted by The China Project

# What ICAS Is Up To ↓

## ---ICAS Announcement---

### Stay Tuned for Information Regarding the ICAS 2023 Annual Conference!

On October 17, 2023, ICAS will be holding its 2023 Annual Conference out of Washington, DC! This year, our expert panelists and keynote dialogue participants will focus on “Assessing Challenges and Exploring Prospects for U.S.-China Relations in 2024.”

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## ---L.E.A.D. Project Blog Post---

### Congress Hearing Notes: U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, China's Current Economy: Implications for Investors and Supply Chains, August 21, 2023

By Amanda Jin  
August 22, 2023

On August 21, 2023, the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission (USCC) held a hearing on “[China's Current Economy: Implications for Investors and Supply Chains.](#)” The hearing was divided into two panels. Panel I, “China’s Domestic Financial Situation” featured three speakers: Logan Wright, Partner and Director of China Markets Research at Rhodium Group; Nicholas Borst, Vice President and Director of China Research at Seafarer Capital Partners; and Zongyuan Zoe Liu, Maurice R. Greenberg Fellow for China Studies at Council on Foreign Relations. Panel II, “U.S.-China Trade and Supply Chains,” featured two speakers: Christopher Gopal, former executive and global supply chain consultant; and Ilaria Mazzocco, Senior Fellow with the Trustee Chair in Chinese Business and Economics at Center for Strategic and International Studies...

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## ---Academic Engagement---

### Bai Xian Institute Summer Program 2023

August 4-18, 2023

On August 4, 2023, ICAS Executive Director Dr. Nong Hong participated in the Bai Xian Asia Institute Summer Program 2023, which was co-hosted with Waseda University. Dr. Hong spoke on “Pressing issues related to maritime security in East Asia” and “Recent Sino-US relation and its impact on East Asia.”

#### About the BXAI Summer Program 2023

From August 4-18, approximately 70 Bai Xian Scholars and Alumni from universities across East Asia gathered together and explored the theme “Transformation of Globalization,” examining how globalization has shifted and evolved over the past few years against a backdrop of an ever-changing global landscape...

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**Key Issues/ Hot Topics**

**PANEL ON EAST ASIA** Building 3 - 801 **Aug. 4 (Fri)**

**Examining the Present and Future State of East Asia's Social Issues**

As East Asia enters the post-COVID era, countries and territories find themselves in an ever-evolving landscape that looks markedly different from the one they left in 2019. Unavoidable effects of the pandemic, combined with existing social conditions such as low fertility, aging populations, and changing family structures and formation patterns, are expected to present a series of imminent, multifaceted challenges to East Asian nations. The panel discussion aims to examine these challenges against the current landscape; compare prevailing geo-political, economic, social issues in China, Japan, and South Korea; and consider the impact these issues may have on the future of East Asia.

**Moderator**

**Panelists**

Prof. Yoshiko NAKANO  
Professor, International Digital Design and Management  
Tokyo University of Science

Prof. KOO Min Gyo  
Professor, Public Administration,  
Seoul National University

Dr. HONG Nong  
Executive Director & Senior Fellow  
Institute for China-America Studies

Prof. Tomonori ITO  
Professor, Institute for Business and Finance  
Waseda University

---ICAS In the News---



On Tuesday, August 29, 2023, Senior Fellow Sourabh Gupta was [quoted](#) in *China Daily* on the 15th BRICS Summit.

- "...if the Global South gets together, comes together, and champions their right to development at the high table of global multilateralism with the Global North, maybe fairer bargains can be reached which could be beneficial to all parties concerned, both the Global North and the Global South."
- "We should expand political and security cooperation to uphold peace and tranquility."
- "Even from a security standpoint, every country has a right to its own security and the right to its own self-defense...Security is best achieved when all parties are thoughtful and not too self-regarding, but also regard other countries' security and rights. And this is best done under the banner of global multilateralism and not done in the context of small groups and exclusive blocs and small cliques which set their own rules and then consider that those rules are international norms which they are not..."

On Friday, August 25, 2023, Senior Fellow Sourabh Gupta [appeared](#) on Sputnik Radio's *The Final Countdown* show to discuss the 15th BRICS Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa and the potential addition of new members to BRICS.

On Tuesday, August 22, 2023, Senior Fellow Sourabh Gupta [discussed](#) the ongoing 15th BRICS Summit in South Africa on *CGTN America's The Heat*.

- "... there is a wider and broader sense in the Indian foreign policy community that, despite the bilateral differences it has with China, these multilateral fora like BRICS are useful avenues for developing habits of cooperation on particular areas where there is a need to cooperate much more widely with developing countries...seen that particularly in the financial sphere..."

On Sunday, August 20, 2023, Senior Fellow Sourabh Gupta was [quoted](#) in the *South China Morning Post* on the current geopolitical state of affairs regarding Afghanistan two years after the United States' exit.

- "The chaotic images of desperate Afghans fleeing alongside the US military transport plane at Kabul airport will linger in the collective memory, much like images of the helicopter evacuation from the rooftop of the US embassy in Saigon in 1975..."
- "Just as the 'Saigon moment' of 1975 had few long-lasting ramifications for the credibility of US deterrent power and commitment in the Asia-Pacific – let alone beyond the region, so also the 'Kabul moment' will have even fewer reverberations in external theatres beyond Southwest Asia."

On Wednesday, August 16, 2023, ICAS Trade 'n Technology Program Advisor Denis Simon was [quoted](#) in *The Wall Street Journal* on the dangerous deterioration in U.S.-China scientific collaboration.

- ""There is no global problem that doesn't require close U.S.-China collaboration."

On Wednesday, August 16, 2023, Senior Fellow Sourabh Gupta [discussed](#) the increase in direct flights between the U.S. and China and its implications for people-to-people exchanges on *CGTN's World Insight*.

- "...there is a real logistical nightmare and a lack of real baggage carrying capacity at some of these airports. If one travels international, the lines on the queues sometimes at immigration are very long..."
- "Because of the pandemic we have flights cut, staff laid off, that process has not come back to where it should be, and so I think there is quite a lot of chaos within the airline industry. My sense is that governments are trying to pad up those bottom lines by actually restricting the amount of flights, having larger profits at this point of time, and hopefully build out their flight schedules."
- "As you said, 24 flights amounts to nothing, basically..."