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What's Going On? ↓

Biden-Xi Summit Marks a Major Warming of U.S.-China Relations



U.S. President Joe Biden meets with Chinese President Xi Jinping during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit in Woodside, California on November 15, 2023.

(Source: Brendan Smialowski/AFP via Getty Images)

- On November 10, the U.S. and China jointly announced that their respective leaders – President Joe Biden and President Xi Jinping – would meet on November 15 on the sidelines of the APEC Summit in San Francisco.
- On November 12, the U.S. National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan said President Biden would seek to re-establish military communication ties with China during the Biden-Xi summit. “The president...believes it's in the U.S. national security interest,” explained Sullivan.
- Ahead of the Biden-Xi meeting, President Xi announced that “planet Earth is big enough for the two countries to succeed” in his opening remarks at the APEC summit. The Biden-Xi meeting also reportedly planned to touch on subjects such as AI, U.S. tech restrictions, and fentanyl.
- The results of the Biden-Xi meeting include a presidential hotline allowing the two leaders to reach each other directly, resumption of military communications, and a partnership to curb fentanyl production. President Xi also signaled that China may send new pandas to the U.S. after the recent repatriation of pandas from U.S. zoos.
- After the meeting, speaking at the APEC Summit, President Biden said the U.S. and China have “real differences” that he would address “with smart policies

Private Tech Interactions Continue Amid U.S. Export Restrictions



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- The largest U.S. semiconductor equipment maker, Applied Materials, is currently under investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice for evading export restrictions on Chinese chipmaker SMIC.
- Chinese company Alibaba has reversed plans to spin off and list its cloud business. Alibaba executives cite the need for a strategy “reset” as the cause for this reversal.
- On November 9, Chinese semiconductor manufacturer Yangtze Memory Technologies Co. (YMTC) filed a lawsuit against U.S. rival Micron Technology for infringement on eight of YMTC's patents.
- Chinese internet companies are onboarding increasingly large numbers of app developers to work on projects for Huawei's new Harmony OS system, which was developed in tandem with plans to leave the Android ecosystem.
- Chinese flying taxi manufacturer EHang Holdings rejected accusations made by its U.S. short seller, Hindenburg Research, which alleges EHang was manipulating its order numbers to mislead investors.
- U.S. chipmaker Nvidia has created a new version of AI chips that comply with U.S. regulations regarding semiconductor trade with China.
- On November 8, the World Internet Conference Summit in China broadcast a pre-recorded speech on AI risks by

and strong diplomacy.” President Biden also called President Xi a ‘dictator’ “in the sense that he...runs a country...that is based on a...communist government” at a news conference following the bilateral meeting.
 - Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said following the summit that the two presidents sought to “enhance trust, manage differences and expand cooperation.”

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- [“Day After Xi Meeting, Biden Says U.S. Has ‘Real Differences’ With China,”](#) *The New York Times*, November 16 [Paywall]
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- [“Earth is ‘big enough’ for U.S. and China to succeed, Xi says as he meets Biden,”](#) *CNBC*, November 15
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Chinese President Xi Jinping. China is ready to “promote the safe development of AI,” President Xi Jinping said.

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- [“China’s Xi urges countries unite in tackling AI challenges but makes no mention of internet controls,”](#) *AP*, November 8

APEC Summit Revolves Around U.S. and China Issues



World leaders during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit on November 16, 2023 in San Francisco, California (Source: Kent Nishimura via Getty Images)

- The APEC Summit was dominated by the Biden-Xi meeting, despite the meeting occurring on the sidelines of the summit. APEC leaders agreed “to deliver a free, open, fair...and predictable trade and investment environment.”
- President Biden also told corporate CEOs at the summit that the U.S. government “will continue..to better facilitate high-standard trade that advances workers’ rights through strong enforcement of labor standards.” Highlighting ties between the U.S. and Pacific nations, Biden reaffirmed the U.S. is “not going anywhere” concerning the Pacific.

Various Diplomatic and Political Events Center around China



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- In a letter to House Speaker Mike Johnson on November 19, the House China Select Committee labeled U.S. President Biden’s request for \$2 billion for the Indo-Pacific emergency aid request as “wholly inadequate.” They requested an additional \$12 billion “to safeguard peace in Asia and deter conflict on a scale we have not seen in generations,” the committee wrote in the letter.
- A recently released Chicago Council on Global Affairs poll revealed that nearly three out of five Americans see China’s rise as a threat to U.S. interests.
- The World Trade Organization’s deputy director general,

- President Biden also confirmed to the business executives that the U.S. was “de-risking and diversifying,” but not “decoupling” from China.
- In early-November leading up to the APEC Summit, the U.S. approved a large number of visas for Chinese journalists, allowing them to enter the U.S. in a sign of warming relations.
- Chinese President Xi Jinping invited a group of his “old friends” from Iowa to dine with him on the sidelines of the APEC summit in San Francisco. President Xi first met them 38 years ago during a visit to Iowa. At another dinner, President Xi said in a speech that “whatever stage of development it may reach, China will never pursue hegemony or expansion, and will never impose its will on others.”

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[“Apec summit ends with unity on WTO reform but not Gaza or Ukraine.”](#) *The Guardian*, November 18

[“At APEC, Biden touts workers' rights, stable Chinese relations.”](#) *Reuters*, November 17

[“Biden tells Asia-Pacific leaders US ‘not going anywhere’ as he looks to build economic ties.”](#) *AP*, November 16

[“Dining with US firms at APEC, Xi says China is ready to be a partner.”](#) *Reuters*, November 16

[“US Grants Chinese Journalists Hundreds of Visas For APEC.”](#) *Bloomberg*, November 14 [Paywall]

[“Xi Jinping’s ‘Old Friends’ From Iowa Get a Dinner Invitation.”](#) *Bloomberg*, November 11 [Paywall]

Zhang Xiangchen, warned at the Caixin Summit that trade between China and the U.S. is much more intertwined than people realize. “Both parties should work together to seek a relatively stable relationship,” said Zhang.

- Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, speaking in a pre-recorded video for the opening of the Symposium on Global Maritime Cooperation and Ocean Governance in Sanya, Hainan, China, that the world’s oceans should not be used for “decoupling and creating obstacles that separate the world.”

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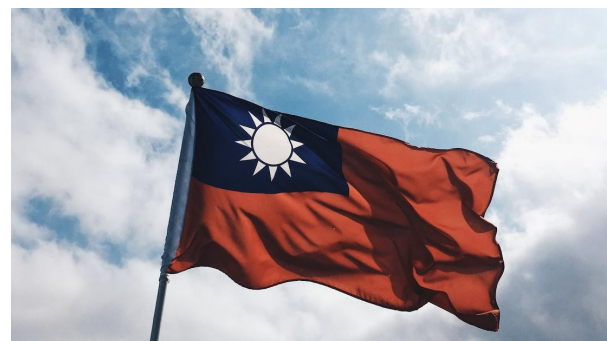
Various New Projects Announced Within U.S. and China Trade Sphere



A close up view of U.S. dollar and Chinese yuan bills. (Source: Getty Images)

- The People’s Bank of China announced that Mastercard will be able to issue yuan-backed cards in China through domestic banks.
- The Chinese government is reportedly considering a deal with Boeing to purchase some of their 737 Max jetliners, to be revealed at the APEC Summit. Boeing has not sold any of these jetliners to China since 2018.
- A U.S. Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC)

- In Other News -



(Source: Unsplash)

[“China Steps Up Support for Palestinian Cause in Challenge to U.S. Mideast Policy.”](#) *The Wall Street Journal*, November 21 [Paywall]

[“McDonald’s to buy Carlyle’s stake in its China business for \\$1.8bn.”](#) *Financial Times*, November 21 [Paywall]

[“Taiwan presidential front-runner picks former de facto ambassador to US as vice president candidate.”](#) *The Seattle Times*, November 20

[“Trump vows to kill Asia trade deal being pursued by Biden if elected.”](#) *Reuters*, November 18

[“China’s state media take a new tone toward the US ahead](#)

branch was hit with a ransomware attack, disrupting some of its systems. Some reports say that the attack may have affected market liquidity.

- China Investment Corp (CIC), a \$1.35 trillion sovereign wealth fund, hired Bai Xiaoqing from Beijing to head the North American branch located in New York.

- On November 8, the U.S. International Development Finance Corp (DFC) announced a \$553 million project to build a shipping terminal at the Port of Colombo in Sri Lanka. The project will strengthen “the position of our allies across the region,” said DFC Chief Executive Officer Scott Nathan.

- Cloud Software Group emailed plans to clients and partners to cease all business transactions in China and Hong Kong, citing rising costs in the market.

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What's Happening Around Town?

- Past Events -

- [APEC 2023: Achievements, Insights, and the Road Ahead](#)
November 21 hosted by Asia Society Policy Institute
- [APEC 2023: Analysis and Outcomes](#)
November 20 hosted by Center for Strategic & International Studies
- [Takeaways from Biden's Meeting With Xi](#)
November 17 hosted by *Foreign Policy*
- [Biden-Xi Summit: The Capital Cable #82](#)
November 16 hosted by Center for Strategic & International Studies
- [Unpacking China's Multilateral Initiatives: GDI, GSI, GCJ](#)
November 16 hosted by Georgetown University
- [2023 Annual Report to Congress](#)
November 14 hosted by U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission
- [East Meets West](#)
November 9 hosted by *Foreign Policy*
- [Unpacking China's Climate Action](#)
November 9 hosted by Wilson Center
- [Manufacturing beyond Shores: The Taiwanese Checklist Approach to Intellectual Property Protection](#)
November 8 hosted by Center for Strategic & International Studies
- [A Half Decade of Indo-Pacific Strategies: Assessing US Outreach to Allies and Partners](#)
November 8 hosted by Wilson Center

- Upcoming Events -

- [China's International Climate Ambition Ahead of COP28](#)
November 27 hosted by Asia Society Policy Institute
- [An Ecological History of Modern China](#)
November 28 hosted by China Institute, University of Alberta
- [China's Economic Forecast: The View from Congress](#)
November 28 hosted by Center for Strategic & International Studies
- [The Importance of Student Interchange in a Post-COVID World](#)
November 29 hosted by United States Heartland China Association
- [Deciphering the U.S.-China AI Showdown](#)
November 29 hosted by Asia Society Policy Institute
- [Prospects for China's Growth and Foreign Relations in an Era of Competition \(2nd Annual Conference\)](#)
December 5 hosted by Big Data China
- [The People's Liberation Army \(PLA\): An Executive Education Course for Analysts and Practitioners](#)
December 6-8 hosted by the National Bureau of Asian Research
- [The Complex Domestic Politics of U.S.-China Relations](#)
December 8 hosted by Asia Society Policy Institute

What ICAS Is Up To

---Past Event Summary---

5th China-U.S.-Canada Trilateral Relations Roundtable

Hosted by Institute for China-America Studies; Co-sponsored with National Institute for South China Sea Studies (NISCS), China Institute University of Alberta, and The Carter Center
Wednesday, October 18, 2023 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

On Wednesday, October 18, 2023, the 5th China-U.S.-Canada Trilateral Relations Roundtable was held at the Institute for China-America Studies' (ICAS) office in Washington, D.C. The 5th Trilateral Roundtable was conducted under Chatham House rules and consisted of two panels: Panel 1 on Politics & Security and Panel 2 on Trade & Climate, with a total of 13 expert participants gathered from across China, the United States and Canada. During each panel, every



participant first contributed short opening remarks in response to a set of prepared questions relevant to the topic of their choice. After their initial remarks, each panel engaged in a moderated group discussion, joined by questions and comments from all gathered participants. The event began and was concluded with introductory and closing remarks, respectively, by senior officials from the institutions co-sponsoring the roundtable: the National Institute for South China Sea Studies, The Carter Center, and the China Institute, University of Alberta.

[Read the Full Summary](#)

---ICAS Academic Engagement---

Symposium on Global Maritime Cooperation and Ocean Governance 2023
Grand Hyatt Sanya Haitang Bay Sanya, China (Hybrid)
 Thursday, November 8, 2023 – Friday, November 9, 2023 (GMT+8, Beijing)



Dr. Nong Hong, ICAS Executive Director & Senior Researcher, and Mr. Yilun Zhang, ICAS Research Associate, participated in the Symposium on Global Maritime Cooperation and Ocean Governance (GMCOG) 2023 held in Sanya, China from November 8-9, 2023. Dr. Nong Hong moderated “Session 6: BBNJ Agreement and Global Ocean Governance” and presented in “Session 7: Global Climate Change and Polar Research.” Mr. Yilun Zhang presented in “Session 2: Mutual Confidence Building in the South China Sea from the Perspective of Global Security Initiative.”

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---ICAS Event and Exchange ---

Visit by Nanjing University Scholars with ICAS Staff
 Monday, November 6, 2023



On Monday, November 6, 2023, ICAS Staff hosted a short visit by scholars from Nanjing University to discuss current U.S.-China relations and think tank research operations.

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---ICAS Guest Report Release---

Launching APEC 1989: Recollections of an Insider

*By Andrew Elek
November 21, 2023*

Foreword (Excerpt)

“The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum was launched in November 1989. Ministers from twelve regional economies gathered in Canberra to commence effective consultations among the region’s decision-makers in order to:

- help strengthen the multilateral trading system;
- assess prospects for voluntary cooperation to reduce impediments to trade and investment in the region; and
- identify, then pursue shared economic interests.

...This report is a first-hand account of one of the senior officials ‘present at the creation’ of APEC in Canberra in November 1989 (the first Economic Leaders’ Meeting was still four years away). Andrew Elek was an Australian government official who served as the chair of senior officials. He worked closely with Foreign Affairs Minister Gareth Evans and Secretary Dick Woolcott. First, to shape the APEC concept, then conduct a year of intense diplomacy. That led to a successful meeting of senior officials in September, then the ministerial-level meeting in November.

This is his personal account. It is also a riveting one of the delicate task of broaching and obtaining buy-in for the APEC concept, first from the Australian government itself, then from a broad set of the Asia-Pacific’s powerful sovereign actors on terms that hewed to the vision and founding design of APEC’s intellectual architects. For those inclined to savor a taste of history, there is even a cameo appearance by Premier Li Peng at the peak of the Tiananmen protests.

Buckle up and enjoy the ride.”

-Sourabh Gupta, Senior Fellow, Institute for China-America Studies

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---ICAS Commentary---

Scientific 'coupling' must be preserved for global good

*By Sourabh Gupta
November 20, 2023*

The meeting between US President Joe Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping will have a far-reaching impact as the two sides have agreed to continue talks on renewing the Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement. Over the past five years, economic ties between the two countries have been battered by a raft of unilateral decoupling measures...

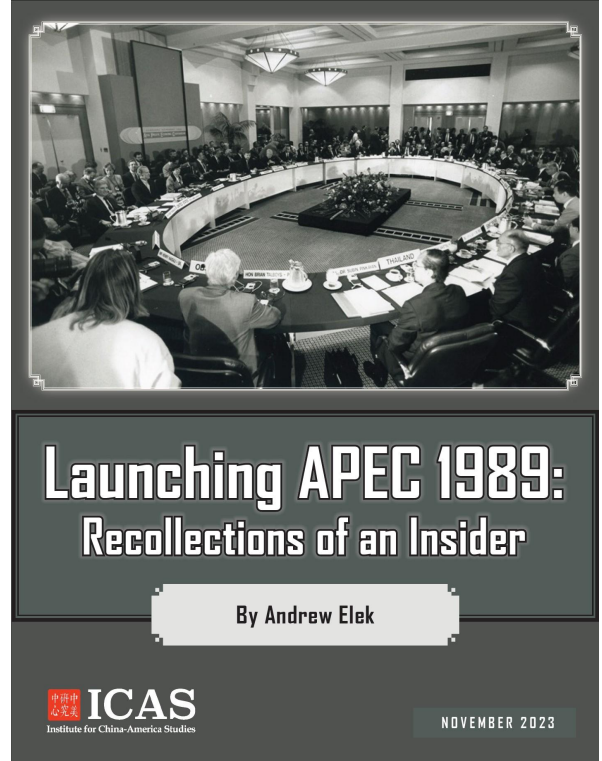
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Event Summary: Unpacking China's Climate Action, Wilson Center

*By Zhangchen Wang
November 14, 2023*

On November 9, 2023, the Wilson Center held an event on the topic of “Unpacking China’s Climate Action.” As the title of the event suggests, the panelists walked through some of the progress or slippage China has made in climate action since the signature of the U.S.-China Joint Glasgow Declaration in 2021. Since the U.S.-China climate cooperation stalled



for a long time due to rising political tensions, both countries have been independently accelerating their climate action. Thus, the panelists also compared some of China's progress with the developing trends of climate actions in the United States...

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Event Summary: Manufacturing Beyond Shores: The Taiwanese Checklist Approach to Intellectual Property Protection, CSIS

By Jacqueline Cheng
November 11, 2023

On Wednesday, November 8, 2023, the Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS) held an online discussion on what intellectual property (IP) issues Taiwanese companies are facing as they operate within China's sphere of influence, as well as how U.S. firms can learn from and respond to similar situations. Titled "Manufacturing beyond Shores: The Taiwanese Checklist Approach to Intellectual Property Protection," this event was held a few months after CSIS released a report by the same name. The goal of the event was to discuss general conclusions made by the report, including the risks that foreign firms face in China regarding IP theft, which stretches across many industries, as well as what actions stakeholders can take to mitigate that risk. The event was conducted as a two-way conversation between host Alexander Kersten, deputy director and fellow of CSIS' Renewing American Innovation Project, and panelist Emma Hsu, non-resident adjunct fellow of the same project...

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Event Summary: What's Next for US-China Relations? The View from Congress, CSIS

By Amanda Jin
November 6, 2023

On November 6, 2023, the Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS) hosted a fireside chat with Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, the ranking member of the House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and Chinese Communist Party (thereafter the "China Committee"). Jude Blanchette, Freeman Chair in China Studies at CSIS, moderated the discussion with Rep. Krishnamoorthi. During the event, Rep. Krishnamoorthi presented the recent updates on the China Committee and shared some of his personal views about broader U.S. policy on China...

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---ICAS In the News---



On Sunday, November 19, Senior Fellow Sourabh Gupta [discussed](#) U.S.-China relations following the Xi-Biden meeting on *Asharq News' Washington Report*.

On Saturday, November 18, Senior Fellow Sourabh Gupta was [quoted](#) by *Xinhua News* on President Xi Jinping's written

address at the APEC CEO Summit.

- “It was indeed encouraging to hear Xi reiterating China's determination to continue improving the business environment.”

On Saturday, November 18, Senior Fellow Sourabh Gupta [discussed](#) the Biden-Xi summit on *CGTN Dialogue*.

- “Usually the general headline out here [in the U.S.] has been about the conflict in the Middle East...but I think it was completely moved aside and the focus really was on the [China–U.S.] summit
- “The people and the media understand the value of getting this relationship right.”

On Friday, November 17, Senior Fellow Sourabh Gupta was [interviewed](#) by *China Daily* on the APEC Summit and China's future role within the forum.

- “China should try to...repurpose [APEC] to write the best investment rules...at the multilateral level.”
- “That way, [China] will go about ushering in even greater prosperity.”

On Friday, November 17, Distinguished Fellow Denis Simon was [interviewed](#) by *Xinhua News* on the Biden-Xi summit in San Francisco.

- “Hopefully, this can bring an end to talk about decoupling and de-linking. And, hopefully, the two nations can further establish new levels of trust and confidence that both countries can gain from improved relations and expanded contacts, especially through people-to-people diplomacy.”
- “This was a very important get together because it seems to have succeeded in lowering the temperature in terms of the prevailing tensions between the two countries.”

On Thursday, November 16, Senior Fellow Sourabh Gupta was [quoted](#) by *Xinhua News* speaking on APEC's historical role and the pathways forward.

- “The Asia-Pacific is a pluralistic space, with 'non-Asians' very much an integral participant in the region.”
- “The 'open regionalism' that complements multilateral rules and practices" is also a feature of Asian-style liberalization.

On Thursday, November 16, Distinguished Fellow Denis Simon was [quoted](#) in *The Herald* on the upcoming meeting between President Xi and President Biden.

- “There must be greater clarity about which road we're on, where we're headed, and how we're going to get some kind of long-term workable relationship.”
- “It is incumbent upon both countries and leaders to find a pathway forward to reduce tensions and to make it worthwhile for the citizenry in both countries to benefit from engagement between the two governments.”

On Thursday, November 16, Senior Fellow Sourabh Gupta [discussed](#) the Biden-Xi summit on *CGTN America's The Heat*.

- “Right from Bali onwards all the engagements that have happened have been purposeful.”
- “The reason we are seeing a deliverable on fentanyl is because it was broached in June.”

On Wednesday, November 15, Senior Fellow Sourabh Gupta [previewed](#) the Biden-Xi meeting in San Francisco on *CGTN America*.

- “The best liberalization is done under the multilateral...umbrella and the U.S. has kind of moved away from multilateral liberalization and wants to do this within small circles in closed blocks.”
- “What's happening is a process of decoupling of those underlying supply chains.”

On Wednesday, November 15, Senior Fellow Sourabh Gupta was [interviewed](#) by *Global Times* on U.S.-China relations leading up to the San Francisco APEC Summit.

- “If Biden is reelected, the consensus that was consolidated in Bali and the progress that is made in San Francisco might provide a useful jumping-off point in the mid-2020s for Beijing and Washington to construct a durable architecture of candid but constructive coexistence in this "new normal" era of the China-US strategic competition.”
- “2024 will be a volatile year in US domestic politics, and China will likely be hauled over the coals for vested electoral gains by both parties.”