

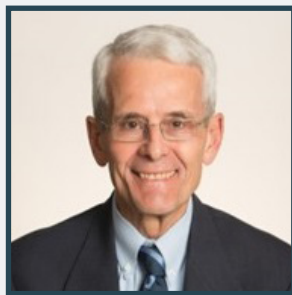
The Return of Donald Trump and its Implications for U.S.-China Relations

Monday, November 18, 2024
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On November 5, Donald Trump was returned to the White House with a resounding victory over Kamala Harris. As the 45th president of the United States, Trump had brought the era of engagement in U.S.-China relations to an unceremonious close and declared China to be a revisionist power that was engaged in long term strategic competition with the United States. The era of \$370 billion of tariff raises and hard-hitting technology denials, initially trained on the telecoms giant Huawei, was initiated thereafter. What will Trump have up his sleeve this time around, as the 47th president of the United States?

During the past 18 months, the Biden administration had begun to emplace guardrails and endow a modicum of stability to ties with China. Will this process continue under a second Trump administration? Or will perennial disruption once again become the order of the day, with the possibility of extreme competition degenerating into outright strategic rivalry? What has been the reception of other Indo-Pacific nations to Donald Trump's return to the White House? And how will a second Trump presidency impact the delicate political and power balancing on the Taiwan Question? Could war break out in the Taiwan Strait? To listen to these and other engaging insights and answers on pressing U.S.-China questions, tune in to the ICAS Trade 'n Technology Program event on November 18.

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Robert SUTTER is Professor of Practice of International Affairs at the Elliott School of George Washington University (2011-Present). He also served as Director of the School’s main undergraduate program involving over 2,000 students from 2013-2019. He has served as Special Adviser to the Dean on Strategic Outreach (2021-present). His earlier full-time position was Visiting Professor of Asian Studies at Georgetown University (2001-2011).

Sutter’s government career (1968-2001) saw service as senior specialist and director of the Foreign Affairs and National Defense Division of the Congressional Research Service, the National Intelligence Officer for East Asia and the Pacific at the U.S. Government’s National Intelligence Council, the China division director at the Department of State’s Bureau of Intelligence and Research and professional staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. A PhD graduate in History and East Asian Languages from Harvard University, Sutter has published 23 books, over 300 articles and several hundred government reports dealing with contemporary East Asian and Pacific countries and their relations with the United States. His most recent books are *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy of an Emerging Global Force, Fifth Edition* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2021), *US-China Relations: Perilous Past, Uncertain Present, Fourth Edition* (Rowman & Littlefield 2022), and *Congress and China Policy: Past Episodic, Recent Enduring Influence* (Lexington Books, 2024).



Zhiquan ZHU is Professor of Political Science and International Relations at Bucknell University. He was Bucknell’s International Relations Department Chair (2017-2021), inaugural Director of the China Institute (2013-2017), and MacArthur Chair in East Asian politics (2008-2014). He previously taught at University of Bridgeport, Hamilton College, University of South Carolina, and Shanghai International Studies University. In the early 1990s, he was Senior Assistant to Consul for Press and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Consulate General in Shanghai.

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Sourabh GUPTA is a senior Asia-Pacific international relations policy specialist with two decades of Washington, D.C.-based experience in a think tank and political risk research and advisory capacity. His key area of expertise pertains to the intersection of international law, both international trade and investment law and international maritime law (Law of the Sea), with the international relations of the Asia-Pacific region. His areas of specialization include: U.S.-China trade and technology competition; analysis of developments in World Trade Organization and Asia-Pacific economic regionalism; analysis of major power relationships (China-U.S., China-Japan, China-India, U.S.-Japan, U.S.-India, Japan-India; Russia-Japan relations) and key flashpoint issues in the Asia-Pacific region; and analysis of outstanding territorial disputes and maritime law-related developments.



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