

SUMMER SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2022

AUGUST 1 (MONDAY)

- 9:00 A.M.** Welcome to DC, Dr. Shelton Williams, Osgood Center
George Washington University, Elliott School of International
Affairs (1957 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20052), Linder Commons
- 10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.** Gerlinde Groitl, University of Regensburg, *“Germany, the US,
and Europe”*
- 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.** B R E A K
- 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.** George Washington University, DUQUÈS AND FUNGER HALL*
(2201 G St NW, Washington, DC 20052) R O O M 1 5 2
- Michael Cornfield, George Washington University, *“Politics in
America”*

AUGUST 2 (TUESDAY)

- 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.** Michael O’Hanlon, Brookings Institution, *“National Security
Today”*
- 11:15 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.** Shane Harris, The Washington Post, *“Covering National
Security News in a Divided America”*

AUGUST 3 (WEDNESDAY)

- 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.** Donald Jensen, United States Institute of Peace, *“Ukraine’s
View of the Conflict”*
- 11:00 A.M. - 12:50 P.M.** B R E A K
- 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.** Yevgeng Sautin, Desk Officer for Russia, Department of State,
“The US and Russia”

AUGUST 4 (THURSDAY)

- 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.** James Siebens, Stimson Center, *"Non-Coercive Force in World Politics"*
- 11:15 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.** Harlan Ullman, Atlantic Council, *"Inside Putin's Mind and the New M A D*" *Massive Attacks of Disruption*
- 12:15 P.M. – 1:50 P.M.** B R E A K
- 2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.** Mike Walter and Jolie Lee, CGTN, *"Inside a TV Documentary"*

AUGUST 5 (FRIDAY)

- 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.** Jason Blessing, American Enterprise Institute (AEI) *"NATO's Role Today"*
- 11:15 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.** Trita Parsi, Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft, *"A Foreign Policy Based on Restraint"*
- 12:00 P.M. – 12:50 P.M.** B R E A K
- 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.** Jenny Town, Stimson Center, *"The Koreas and the World"*

AUGUST 6 (SATURDAY)

- 10:15 A.M.** Museum of African American History and Culture

AUGUST 8 (MONDAY)

- 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.** Elizabeth Threlkeld, Stimson Center, *"South Asian and Security"*
- 11:15 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.** Zack Cooper, American Enterprise Institute (AEI), *"South East Asia and International Security"*
- 12:15 P.M. - 12:50 P.M.** B R E A K
- 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.** Jason Li, Stimson Center, *"The US and China"*
- 2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.** Robert Daly, Wilson Center, *"China's View of the World"*, by Zoom

AUGUST 9 (TUESDAY)

- 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.** Yuki Tatsumi, Stimson Center, *"Japan's Diplomacy"*
- 11:15 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.** Frank O'Donnell, Stimson Center, *"India and the World"*
- 2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.** Sylvester Wong, Director, Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (KHETO), *"The US and Hong Kong"*

AUGUST 10 (WEDNESDAY)

- 11:15 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.** Robert Sutter, George Washington University, *"China, Taiwan, and the U.S."*
- 12:15 P.M. – 12:50 P.M.** B R E A K
- 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.** Afreen Akhter, Department of State, *"The United States' Indo-Pacific Strategy"*

AUGUST 11 (THURSDAY)

- 10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.** Kylie Atwood, CNN, *"Covering China at CNN"*
- 11:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.** B R E A K
- 11:45 A.M. - 12:45 P.M.** Ambassador Kurt Tong, Asia Group, *"American Diplomacy in Asia"*

Biographical Highlights

SHELTON WILLIAMS



Shelton Williams is the president and founder of the Osgood Center for International Studies. Before the Osgood Center, he spent over 35 years as a professor at Austin College in Sherman, Texas, where he supervised its award-winning Model United Nations team and earned several major teaching awards for his classes in International Relations, American Foreign Policy, and Comparative Politics.

In addition, Dr. Williams is an expert on nuclear nonproliferation policy, and has worked in the State Department under Secretary Secretary Madeline Albright and in Office of International Programs

in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. He holds a Ph.D. in international relations from Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University.

GERLINDE GROITL



Dr. Gerlinde Groitl was an American-German Situation Room Fellow in September 2018.

Dr. Gerlinde Groitl serves as Assistant Professor of International Politics and Transatlantic Relations at the University of Regensburg, Germany. Her teaching and research focuses on U.S., German, and European foreign and security policy; European-American relations; as well as questions of world order, great power relations, and global power shifts. Her publication record includes regular articles on these themes as well as two monographs on the American Christian Right's global human rights activism (2007) and on frictions in U.S. civil-military relations over post-Cold War intervention policy (2015). She is currently working on her next book on the strategic competition of Russia, China, and the West to shape the international order. Over the past few years her research and teaching activities have led her to Washington, DC, London, Florence, and Brno. Committed to policy-relevant scholarship and cross-professional exchange, she is, among others, an alumna of the German-American Manfred-Woerner-Seminar, BMW and Mercator Foundation's German-Chinese Zukunftsbruecke program, as well as the "Young Leaders in Security Policy" of the Federal Academy for Security Policy in Berlin.

MICHAEL CORNFIELD



Michael Cornfield, a political scientist, is an Associate Professor of Political Management at The George Washington University Graduate School of Political Management, and Research Director for the Global Center for Political Management.

Cornfield directs the PEORIA (Public Echoes Of Rhetoric in America) Project, a research initiative developing qualitative and quantitative methods to extract political intelligence from social media data.

He teaches the introductory course in the Political Management Program, Fundamentals of Political Management, and supervises the thesis and independent study courses.

Cornfield is the author of two books: *Politics Moves Online: Campaigning and the Internet* (The Century Foundation, 2004) and *The Civic Web: Online Politics and Democratic Values*, co-edited with David M. Anderson (Rowman & Littlefield, 2003). He has contributed chapters to numerous academic anthologies, most recently "Twelve for 2012: Consequential Choices by the Obama and Romney Presidential Campaigns," in *Campaigning for President 2012* (Routledge, 2013), and has written monthly columns for *Campaigns & Elections* magazine and the marketing news portal MediaPost.

Cornfield received his B.A. from Pomona College and his Ph.D. from Harvard University. Before coming to The George Washington University, he taught at the University of Virginia and the College of William and Mary. Cornfield also served as a Senior Research Consultant to the Pew Internet & American Life Project.

MICHAEL O'HANLON



Michael O'Hanlon is a senior fellow in Foreign Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution. His expertise includes US defense strategy and budget, military technology, and American national security policy. Dr O'Hanlon is the codirector of the Center on 21st Century Defense and Intelligence at Brookings with retired General John Allen.

Dr O'Hanlon is also the director of research for the Foreign Policy program at Brookings. He is an adjunct professor at Columbia, Syracuse, the University of Denver, and is a visiting lecturer at Princeton, his alma matter.

SHANE HARRIS



Shane Harris is an investigative journalist at the Washington Post where he covers cyber security, intelligence, and national security.

His work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Slate*, *TheAtlantic.com*, *Washingtonian*, *The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, *National Journal*, and the U.S. Naval Institute's Proceedings. He has provided analysis and commentary for CNN, NPR, the BBC, The History Channel, National Geographic, several foreign media organizations, and many local public radio stations.

Harris is the winner of the 2010 Gerald R. Ford Prize for Distinguished Reporting on National Defense. He has four times been named a finalist for the Livingston Awards for Young Journalists, which honor the best journalists in America under the age of 35.

He is the author of *The Watchers: The Rise of America's Surveillance State*, which won the New York Public Library's Helen Bernstein Book Award for Excellence in Journalism, and that the *Economist* named one of the best books of 2010 and *@War: The Rise of the Military-Internet Complex*. Shane Harris is an outstanding non-fiction and fiction writer. As a fiction writer, he had the honor of being a Sundance Film Festival screenwriter finalist. As a non-fiction writer, he received an honorable mention from the judges of the Edgar A. Poe Award, given by the White House Correspondents' Association for excellence in coverage of news of national or regional significance for this work on Chinese cyber espionage.

Mr. Harris graduated from Wake Forest University with a B.A. in Politics.

DONALD JENSEN



Dr. Donald N. Jensen is the director for Russia and Europe at the U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP).

He joined USIP after four years with the Center for European Policy Analysis, where he was a senior fellow and editor in chief. Dr. Jensen writes extensively on Russian domestic politics and Russian foreign and security policies. He also specializes in the domestic and foreign policies of other post-Soviet states, especially Ukraine, Georgia, and the Baltic republics.

Dr. Jensen received his bachelor's from Columbia University and his master's and doctorate from Harvard University.

YEVGEN SAUTIN



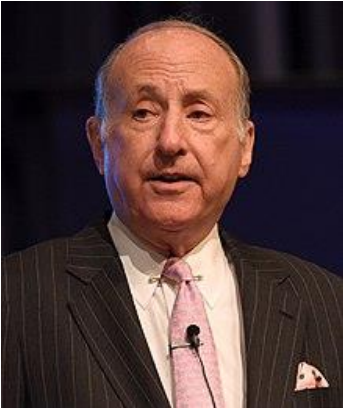
Yevgen Sautin is a Foreign Service Officer at the Department of State. He is currently a desk officer in the office of Russian Affairs. He previously served in Shanghai, China as a consular officer. Yevgen has a PhD in modern Chinese history from Cambridge, where he was a Gates Scholar. Earlier, he was a Junior Fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, DC. He holds an MA in International Relations from the University of Chicago and a BA in History and Economics from the University of Florida. Yevgen speaks and reads Chinese and Russian and has published commentary in Chinese for Taiwanese media.

JAMES SIEBENS



James A. Siebens is a Fellow with the Stimson Center's Defense Strategy and Planning program. He is an editor of *Military Coercion and U.S. Foreign Policy: The Use of Force Short of War* (Routledge 2020), a book on U.S. strategy and military operations since the end of the Cold War, and is currently conducting a study on China's use of military and paramilitary forces for purposes of coercion. Siebens' research focuses on grand strategy, military coercion, and gray zone conflict. He previously served as a Research Associate and Special Assistant to the President and CEO at the Stimson Center. Prior to joining Stimson, Siebens was a Data Analyst at the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) at the University of Maryland, where he contributed to a DoD-sponsored study on gray zone conflict. Siebens is a Term Member at the Council on Foreign Relations, and holds an M.A. in International Affairs with a concentration in Global Security from American University's School of International Service

HARLAN ULLMAN



Harlan Ullman divides his time between the worlds of business and policy. He chairs The Killowen Group that acts as both a strategic investor in high technology companies and advises leaders of business and government at the highest level and is senior advisor of CNIGuard Ltd, a high technology infrastructure protection firm based in London and New York that he chaired for the past decade. He also works with public and private corporations in the financial and high technology sectors. He has actively advised American Secretaries of State and Defense, NATO strategic commanders (including serving on the Senior Advisory Board of Supreme Allied Commander Europe for thirteen years), and NATO secretaries-general as well as members of Congress and heads of a number of foreign governments in Europe and the Indo-Pacific regions.

He is recognized as one of the globe's thought leaders in strategic and innovative thinking both in the public and private sectors arguing for a "brains-based approach" for critical thinking and "Porcupine Defense." He was a principal on the 2019 U.S. Navy education review as well as other government studies. Deeply involved in the formulation of U.S strategy during the Cold War and beyond, he was the creator of the original doctrine "shock and awe," although a far more different version than the sound bites used in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

A distinguished graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Dr. Ullman holds a PhD from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy administered by Tufts and Harvard University in International Politics and Finance. A career naval officer, he has served at sea in command and ashore in senior assignments of responsibility including two happy years with the Royal Navy afloat. As a Swift boat skipper, he led over 150 combat patrols and operations in Vietnam for which he was decorated and was a professor at the National War College where he directed the course of study in military strategy for three years before returning to sea in command.

He was appointed the first Distinguished Senior Fellow and Distinguished Visiting Professor at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island from 2017-2019

MIKE WALTER



Mike Walter is the Principal General News Anchor in Washington. The five time Emmy award winning broadcast journalist has played a role in many of the CGTN milestones in Washington DC. He was the first general news anchor to appear on the air when the Broadcast Center in Washington began production in February of 2012. He was privileged to begin 2017 by playing a role in the premier of "The Link", a unique newscast which features three anchors from three continents covering news from around the globe. He helped launch "The Heat" hosting CGTN-America's flagship weekly talk show for two years. He interviewed the 39th U.S. President Jimmy Carter, legendary U.S. broadcaster Tom Brokaw, U.S. Senator Carl Levin, disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff, and multiple Pulitzer Prize winner Thomas Friedman. In April of 2014 Walter cycled off the Heat and began hosting the Emmy Award winning one hour weekly talk show. "Full Frame" which has featured interviews with Bill Gates, Yo Yo Ma, Kareem Abdul Jabbar, Herbie Hancock, and Deepak Chopra. He also was part of the team anchoring coverage from the G-20 Summit in Hangzhou in September of 2016.

Walter has won a number of prestigious honors during his 20 plus years as a broadcast journalist. In 2010, Walter won the Ted Yates Memorial award, a special Emmy only given by unanimous vote of the board of directors of the Washington Chapter of the National Academy of the Television Arts and Sciences.

In 2005, Walter became the only local broadcast news anchor to ever win the coveted Dart Ochberg Fellowship.

Before joining CGTN-America, Walter enjoyed worldwide attention for his first independent documentary project, "Breaking News, Breaking Down". The film was selected as one of the three best documentary shorts by Moving Pictures magazine. It was also chosen as Best Documentary Short at the Cannes Independent Film Festival, one of six awards the film collected before it was bought by PBS. Profiles on Walter and the film have appeared in the Los Angeles Times, The Washington Times, the Washington Examiner, and Journalistan (A magazine devoted to journalists in Sweden) and the Australian. The film has screened in close to a dozen countries.

Walter witnessed the Pentagon attack in 2001 while working as Senior Correspondent at USA TODAY LIVE. He shared his first person account of watching the 9/11 attack with the BBC, CBS, CNN, and the Canadian Broadcasting Network. He also appeared on the Oprah Winfrey show, and his 9/11 story was featured in People Magazine. Walter was a key contributor to two books about the 9/11 attacks, “Broadcasting through Crisis”, and “Covering Catastrophe”. His oral history of the attack is part of the permanent collection on display at the 9/11 Memorial Museum which opened in May of 2014.

JOLIE LEE



Jolie Lee is an experienced journalist and producer for CTGN America. Before she joined CTGN America, she had relevant experiences as a multimedia producer, associate producer, and interview producer for Al Jazeera Media Network, National Geographic, and The Pew Charitable Trusts. She holds a MA in Journalism and Public Affairs and Interactive Journalism from American University and a BSJ in Journalism from Northwestern University.

JASON BLESSING



Jason Blessing is a Jeane Kirkpatrick Visiting Research Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, where he focuses on cybersecurity, military cyber forces, military technological transformation and force structure, US cyber defense policy including civilian-military dynamics in cyberspace, and cyber defense agreements. He also studies NATO, and broader strategic challenges to transatlantic relations.

Previously, Dr. Blessing was a DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) postdoctoral fellow at the Foreign Policy Institute at the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University, a consulting fellow with the International Institute for Strategic Studies, and a US Institute of Peace–Minerva Peace and Security Scholar. He has also worked as a graduate teaching assistant at Syracuse University and a research assistant at the University’s Qualitative Data Repository. Outside academia, Dr. Blessing worked in the financial sector as a fraud operations analyst and financial services representative.

Dr. Blessing is the author of “The Global Spread of Cyber Forces, 2000-2018” (NATO CCDCOE Publications, 2021) and “The Diffusion of Cyber Forces: Military Innovation and the Dynamic Implementation of Cyber Force Structures” (Syracuse University, 2020).

Dr. Blessing has a PhD in political science (international relations and public policy) from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, an MA in political science from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and a BA in government from the College of William & Mary.

TRITA PARSI



Trita Parsi is an award-winning author and the 2010 recipient of the Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order. He is an expert on US-Iranian relations, Iranian foreign policy, and the geopolitics of the Middle East. He has authored three books on US foreign policy in the Middle East, with a particular focus on Iran and Israel.

Parsi was born in Iran but moved with his family at the age of four to Sweden to escape political repression in Iran. His father was an outspoken academic who was jailed by the Shah and then by the Ayatollah. He moved to the United States as an adult and studied foreign policy at Johns Hopkins' School for Advanced International Studies where he received his Ph.D. under Francis Fukuyama and Zbigniew Brzezinski.

He is the co-founder and former President of the National Iranian American Council. Parsi has followed Middle East politics through work in the field and extensive experience on Capitol Hill and at the United Nations. Parsi has worked for the Swedish Permanent Mission to the UN, where he served in the Security Council, and in the General Assembly's Third Committee.

In addition to his Ph.D., Parsi holds a master's degree in international relations from Uppsala University and a master's degree in economics from the Stockholm School of Economics. He has served as an adjunct professor of International Relations at Johns Hopkins University SAIS, New York University, and George Washington University, as well as an adjunct scholar at the Middle East Institute and as a Policy Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington DC. He currently teaches at Georgetown University.

He is fluent in Persian/Farsi, English, and Swedish. Parsi's articles on Middle East affairs have been published in the Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Financial Times, Jane's Intelligence Review, the Nation, The American Conservative, the Jerusalem Post, The Forward, and others. He is a frequent guest on CNN, PBS's Newshour, NPR, the BBC, and Al Jazeera.

JENNY TOWN



Jenny Town is a Senior Fellow at the Stimson Center and the Director of Stimson's 38 North Program.

Her expertise is in North Korea, US-DPRK relations, US-ROK alliance and Northeast Asia regional security. She was named one of Worth Magazine's "Groundbreakers 2020: 50 Women Changing the World" and one of Fast Company's Most Creative People in Business in 2019 for her role in co-founding and managing the 38 North website, which provides policy and technical analysis on North Korea.

Ms. Town is also an expert reviewer for Freedom House's Freedom in the World Index, where she previously worked on the Human Rights in North Korea Project; an Associate Fellow at the Foreign Policy Institute at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), a Member of the National Committee on North Korea, and an Associate Member of the Council of Korean Americans. She serves on the Editorial Board for Inkstick, an online foreign policy journal for emerging scholars.

From 2008-2018, Ms. Town served as the Assistant Director of the US-Korea Institute at SAIS. She holds a BA in East Asian Studies and International Relations from Westmar University and a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs.

ELIZABETH THRELKELD



Elizabeth Threlkeld is a Senior Fellow and Director of the South Asia Program at the Stimson Center. Before joining Stimson, she served as a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State in Islamabad and Peshawar, Pakistan, and Monterrey, Mexico. Threlkeld previously worked in the Kurdish region of northern Iraq, where she managed development interventions on gender-based violence and ethno-sectarian reconciliation.

She has additional work and educational experience in China, Taiwan, and Turkey, and began her career with the Asia-Pacific Security Program at the Center for a New American Security.

Threlkeld holds an MPhil in Politics and International Relations from the University of Cambridge, where she received the Hilda Richardson Studentship from Newnham College. In her dissertation, she analyzed political and security dynamics driving the development of governance reforms in Pakistan's western border region. She received a B.A. with High Honors in Sociology and Anthropology from Swarthmore College.

Her research interests include South Asian geopolitics, ethno-nationalist conflict, and territorial disputes. She is the recipient of a Department of State Superior Honor Award, several Meritorious Honor Awards, and the Matilda W. Sinclair Language Award. She speaks Pashto, Mandarin, and Spanish.

ZACK COOPER



Dr. Zack Cooper serves as a research fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (“AEI”). There, he conducts research on U.S. strategy and policy in Asia. Dr. Cooper also teaches at both Georgetown and Princeton Universities in the areas of U.S. Asia-Pacific defense and U.S.-China relations.

Prior to his work at AEI, Dr. Cooper held the position of Senior Fellow for Asian Security at the Center for Strategic and International Studies as well as a Research Fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments. Other employment includes the National Security Council and at the U.S. Department of Defense.

Dr. Cooper graduated from Princeton University with a Ph.D., an M.A. in Security Studies and an MPA in International Relations. He obtained his B.A. degree in Public Policy from Stanford University.

JASON LI



Jason Li is a Research Associate with the East Asia program at the Stimson Center. His research focuses on U.S.-China relations, cross-Strait relations, grand strategy in the Indo-Pacific, and China’s approach to conflict issues in its periphery and the Middle East. He has also researched the nexus of Chinese infrastructure development and Beijing’s relations with developing countries.

Prior to joining Stimson, Jason interned with the Center for Strategic and International Studies’ Freeman Chair in China Studies. He holds a B.A. from McGill University where he graduated with first class honours in Political Science.

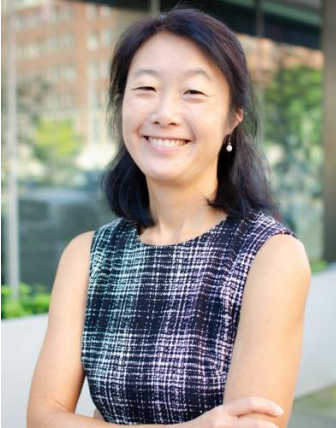
ROBERT DALY



Robert Daly is currently the Director of the Kissinger Institute on China and the United States at the Woodrow Wilson Center.

Robert Daly began his career in U.S- China relations as a diplomat with the United States Information Agency from 1989 to 1991, after which he taught Chinese at Cornell University. After teaching at Cornell, Daly worked on several television projects in China and helped producing several Children’s Television Workshop programs until 1999. From 2001 to 2007, Daly was the American Director of the Johns Hopkins University-Nanjing University Center for Chinese and American Studies in China.

YUKI TATSUMI



Yuki Tatsumi is a Senior Fellow and Co-Director of the East Asia Program and Director of the Japan Program at the Stimson Center. Before joining Stimson, Tatsumi worked as a research associate at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and as the special assistant for political affairs at the Embassy of Japan in Washington.

Tatsumi's most recent publications include *Balancing Between Nuclear Deterrence and Disarmament: Views from the Next Generation, Lost in Translation? U.S. Defense Innovation and Northeast Asia*. She is also the editor of four earlier volumes of the *Views from the Next Generation* series: *Peacebuilding and Japan, Japan as a Peace Enabler, Japan's Global Diplomacy, and Japan's Foreign Policy Challenges in East Asia*.

She is author of *Opportunity out of Necessity: The Impact of U.S. Defense Budget Cuts on the U.S.-Japan Alliance*, a co-author of *Global Security Watch: Japan*, an author of *Japan's National Security Policy Infrastructure: Can Tokyo Meet Washington's Expectations?*, and an editor/contributing author of *U.S.-Japan-Australia Security Cooperation: Prospects and Challenges, The New Nuclear Agenda: Prospects for US-Japan Cooperation, North Korea: Challenge for the US-Japan Alliance, Strategic Yet Strained: US force realignment in Japan and its impact of Okinawa, and Japan's New Defense Establishment: Institutions, Capabilities and Implications*.

In September 2006 Tatsumi testified before the House Committee on International Relations. She is a recipient of the 2009 Yasuhiro Nakasone Incentive Award. In 2012 she was awarded the Letter of Appreciation from the Ministry of National Policy of Japan for her contribution in advancing mutual understanding between the United States and Japan. A native of Tokyo, Tatsumi holds a B.A. in liberal arts from the International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan and an M.A. in international economics and Asian studies from the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University in Washington.

FRANK O'DONNELL



Frank O'Donnell is the Deputy Director of the South Asia Program. His areas of expertise include nuclear doctrine and posture development, conventional military modernization, and national security policymaking processes in Southern Asia. He is a Postdoctoral Fellow in the National Security Affairs Department at the US Naval War College. He has been a Stanton Junior Faculty Fellow and Associate at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University, an Assistant Professor (UK: Lecturer) at the Britannia Royal Naval College, and has also held research positions at the University of Aberdeen and James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies.

Frank's work includes a co-authored book evaluating inadvertent and accidental escalation risks within the China-India-Pakistan trilateral nuclear rivalry (Georgetown University Press, 2018); a U.S. Army War College Strategic Studies Institute book on Indian nuclear force developments and their relevance for U.S. regional strategic interests; and articles on South Asian security topics in *Asian Security*, *Asian Survey*, *Comparative Strategy*, *Contemporary Security Policy*, *Orbis*, and *Survival* journals. His commentary on these issues has also appeared on NPR, *The Hindu*, *the Times of India*, and other international media. He is an editorial board member of the *US Air Force Journal of Indo-Pacific Affairs*.

Frank holds a Ph.D. in Defense Studies from King's College London, an M.Sc. in Strategic Studies from the University of Aberdeen, and an M.A. in International Relations and Middle East Studies from the University of St. Andrews.

SYLVESTER WONG



Sylvester Wong is the Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (KHETO) in Washington, DC.

ROBERT SUTTER



His area of focus is the United States' policies towards Asia and the Pacific. Sutter has also taught at Georgetown, Johns Hopkins, and the University of Virginia. Sutter served as National Intelligence Officer for East Asia and the Pacific at the US Government's National Intelligence Council and the China Division Director at the Department of State's Bureau of Intelligence and Research.

Sutter has published 20 books and over 200 articles on the relationship between the United States and East Asian and Pacific countries. Robert Sutter earned his Ph.D. in History and East Asian Languages from Harvard University.

AFREEN AKHTER



Afreen Akhter is a Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs (SCA), overseeing SCA's Office of Security and Transnational Affairs and SCA's initiatives supporting Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility. Ms. Akhter most recently served as a Senior Adviser to SCA Assistant Secretary Don Lu. Previously, Ms. Akhter was the National Security and Foreign Affairs Adviser to U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen. Other assignments include the State Department's Office of Pakistan Affairs, Political-Military Affairs Bureau, U.S. Embassy Beijing and the National Security Council. She was a Presidential Management Fellow and a Fulbright Scholar to Kingston, Jamaica. Ms. Akhter hails from Oak Brook, IL. She earned her M.A. in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and her B.A. from Brown University.

KYLIE ATWOOD



Ms. Kylie Atwood is a CNN journalist who specialized in national security issues. She joined CNN in January of 2019. Since then, she has covered stories on U.S. – North Korea talks, former President Trump's meetings with Kim Jong Un and the recent Trump impeachment hearings.

Prior to joining CNN, Ms. Atwood worked as a CBS news reporter responsible for covering State Department events across the world.

Ms. Atwood graduated cum laude from Middlebury College with a major in international studies and a minor in economics. During college, she interned for 60 minutes and Global Post.

AMBASSADOR KURT TONG



Ambassador Kurt Tong was the former U.S. Consul General to Hong Kong and Macau from 2016 to 2019. Since 2019, he has served as a partner of the Asia Group, LLC. Aside from holding many prestigious positions at the Department of State, Ambassador Tong served as a Senate-confirmed ambassador for Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation.

He is fluent in Mandarin and Japanese. Ambassador Tong received his A.B. degree from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University in 1987