

2012 Issues & Insights Index

Aloha! It has been a busy year for the Pacific Forum CSIS. In 2012, we published 15 volumes in our monograph series, *Issues & Insights*. All are available online at www.pacforum.org.

Issues & Insights Vol. 12 - No. 1 – April 2012

[Trilateral Strategic Cooperative Mechanism Among Japan, the United States, and Vietnam: A Proposal](#), a Young Leaders Publication

This project has three objectives: to revitalize the alliance by reaching out to new partners and engaging the region to raise the appreciation, profile, and value of the Japan-US alliance in the region and beyond by integrating the alliance into the regional security architecture, and to promote the unilateral model for regional security architecture.

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[Pyeongyang in the Cockpit: Regional Responses to North Korean Provocations](#), a Young Leaders Publication

Pacific Forum CSIS brought 34 Young Leaders from seven countries including the US, Japan, ROK, Australia, and the PRC to two Young Leader programs in Seoul. They joined senior experts to discuss the future of multilateral cooperation as a means to tackle traditional and nontraditional security threats.

Issues & Insights Vol. 12 - No. 3 – May 2012

[ASEAN's WMD Scorecard](#), by David Santoro

This paper provides a fact-rich examination of the safety, security, and nonproliferation landscape in the 10 ASEAN countries. It is meant to serve as a baseline in assessing further Southeast Asian endorsement of the relevant nonproliferation treaties, conventions, and other related instruments as the states of the region move forward with nuclear energy plans and expand bio-chemical industries. The paper summarizes the status of these instruments in several appendices.

Issues & Insights Vol. 12 - No. 4 – June 2012

[America in Response to China's Rise: Standing Still is not an Option](#), by Le Thuy Trang

For those who see the long-term endurance of the US as a certainty, the idea that China could challenge the US position in the international order seems ill-conceived. There remains an enormous gap between the US and China, which is developing fast but still lags behind. While it may be true that China is in a weaker position than past rivals, the US must be cautious because it is in a less favorable position than before.

Issues & Insights Vol. 12 - No. 5 – November 2011

[Progress Despite Disagreements: The Sixth China-US Strategic Dialogue on Strategic Nuclear Dynamics](#), by Ralph A. Cossa, Brad Glosserman and Matt Pottinger

Strategic dynamics in East Asia are being transformed. This process is driven by changes in the number of weapons involved – the US and Russia are reducing arsenals, China is increasing its weapons, and new nuclear weapon possessing states are or may soon be emerging – as well as qualitative shifts in strategic capabilities, ranging from the development of missile defense, long-range conventional strike capabilities, and increasingly mobile and survivable systems. A discussion that once focused on the US-Russia strategic relationship must now take into account other nuclear powers. One of the most important strategic relationships is between the US and China.

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[On the Rebound – The Alliance Faces New Tests – The Fifth US-Japan Strategic Dialogue](#), by Brad Glosserman

In 2011, the US-Japan alliance regained its footing when responding to the March 11 triple catastrophe, moving forward with bilateral security planning on a variety of fronts. At the time of Pacific Forum's fifth US-Japan Strategic Dialogue, held on Feb. 5-7, 2012, a floor had been restored to the alliance and a positive trajectory was in place. This report reflects two days of discussions among government officials and senior and security specialists from the two countries.

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["The Lynchpin" Grapples with Frustration and Distrust: The Fourth US-ROK Strategic Dialogue](#), by Brad Glosserman and David Santoro

The US-ROK alliance is strong – many consider it the strongest US alliance in Asia today. President Obama has visited Seoul more than any other capital during his term in office and refers to the bilateral alliance as the lynchpin of not only security for the Republic of Korea and the US but also for the Pacific as a whole. Given this felicitous state, it is jarring then to hear that more than two-thirds of the ROK public seeks the reintroduction of US tactical nuclear weapons on their territory or, failing that, the development of an indigenous nuclear capability.

Issues & Insights Vol. 12 - No. 8 – March 2012

[Leading from the Middle: Advocacy Opportunities for Asia Pacific Middle Powers](#), a Young Leaders Publication, co-edited by Cristin Shiffer and John Hemmings

Power in the international system is undergoing a historical redistribution. The focus of economic and political power, centered on Europe and the West since the 17th century, is returning to Asia. The nature of the current

international power transition offers middle power states significant opportunities to influence the international system.

Issues & Insights Vol. 12 - No. 9 – May 2012

[Sino-US Relations, Regional Security and Global Governance: The 12th US-China Dialogue](#), by Carl Baker

Some 30 individuals from the US and China met in Shanghai May 30-31, 2012 to discuss US-China relations, regional security issues, and approaches to and opportunities for bilateral cooperation in the governance of security-related issues. This report summarizes those discussions.

Issues & Insights Vol. 12 - No. 10 – May 2012

[The US-China Relationship: Avoiding a New Cold War](#), a Young Leaders Publication

The US-China relationship consists of both competitive and cooperative elements. However, the last decade has seen the relationship tend toward the former and become increasingly fraught with internal tensions. Here Pacific Forum CSIS Young Leaders explore worst-case scenarios over the next 25 years, should these trends continue. Three groups encompassing political, security, and economic/global governance issues constructed realistic scenarios and policy recommendations to help both countries avoid those scenarios.

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[The Biosecurity Lexicon Project: Breaking down the Complexities of Biosecurity Science for Policymakers](#), a Young Leaders Publication

Biotechnology, and more broadly the life sciences and related sciences, have been among the most rapidly growing areas of cutting-edge research worldwide in the 21st century. This has offered great social benefits including advances in public health, agriculture, and energy development around the world. These technological advances, however, could also facilitate state and terrorist use of biological weapons. This paper provides a number of definitions of key terms and concepts in an effort to enhance understanding of current and future biorisks.

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[Mistrust in the US-Japan-ROK Triangle: Next Generation Solutions](#), a Young Leaders Publication

The US-Japan and US-Republic of Korea (ROK) alliances have long been the pillars of regional stability in the Asia-Pacific, enabling a peaceful environment for East Asia's remarkable economic development and integration. In particular, these alliances are necessary to deter aggression from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and elicit China's cooperation in contributing to regional stability and prosperity. However, bifurcated security arrangements alone are no longer enough to meet today's geopolitical security challenges. A strong trilateral relationship is required that needs to be based on strengthened bilateral ties between the US and its allies and between Japan and ROK. This volume assesses challenges and opportunities within the three bilateral relationships by focusing on areas of mistrust and providing concrete solutions to strengthen cooperation.

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[War and Peace in the East Sea: Reducing Tension Along the Northern Limit Line](#), by Jason Kim and Luke Herman

The Northern Limit Line (NLL), though only one of many problems on the Korean Peninsula, is the cause of nearly all of the bloodshed in the past decade between the two sides. Although both Koreas are signatories to the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), the North has not ratified, and essentially every line they have established as a maritime border, or insisted is correct, is subject to dispute under international law. Dispute over the NLL is not just related to security - powerful economic factors riding the line include valuable blue crab found in the vicinity and a shortened travel route for North Korean commercial ships.

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[The US-Japan Alliance: New Direction in an Uncertain World](#) a Young Leaders Publication

Pacific Forum CSIS and the Japan Institute for International Affairs (JIIA) brought 14 Young Leaders from the US and Japan to re-examine the rationale and utility of the US-Japan alliance and asked to look at new forms of cooperation for the alliance. The benchmark for the group was the 1996 Japan-US Joint Declaration on Security, which recognized that the US-Japan alliance should broaden its remit from bilateral to regional security, and develop new areas for alliance coordination such as proliferation, peacekeeping, and humanitarian relief operations.

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[A Shift in Focus: The 18th Japan-US Security Seminar](#), by Brad Glosserman

JIIA and the Pacific Forum CSIS co-hosted the 18th annual Japan-US Security Seminar on March 23-24, 2012. The extraordinary resilience of the Japanese and the speedy and resolute response of the US in *Operation Tomodachi* confirmed what participants at this seminar have long believed: the US is a dedicated and committed partner, and the bilateral alliance is a vital contributor to the two countries' national security – sometimes in ways that we don't anticipate.

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