

**The Tenth China-US Dialogue on Strategic Nuclear Dynamics**  
A CFISS-Pacific Forum CSIS Workshop  
June 13-14, 2016, Beijing, China

**CONFERENCE AGENDA**

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Venue: Grand Ballroom D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
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**June 13, 2016**

**09:00-09:10      Opening Remarks**

Chinese side: Qian Lihua

US side: Dennis Blair

**09:10-10:45    Session 1: Military Developments in the Asia-Pacific Region and Their Implications for U.S.-China Bilateral Strategic Stability**

What are the recent steps taken by the United States and China toward their military strategies and postures and modernization programs in the Asia-Pacific region? What, in particular, are the implications of Chinese military reform? What are the most important factors that shape these developments? What are their implications for strategic stability? How do the United States and China view each other's military developments and modernization programs? What developments or programs are of primary concern to each? How would the deployment of the US THAAD system to the ROK affect strategic stability?

Chinese moderator: Qian Lihua

US presenters: Roy Kamphausen, Michael Elleman

Chinese presenter: Yao Yunzhu

**10:45-11:00    Coffee Break**

**11:00-12:30 Session 2: Nuclear Weapons and Cyber and Space Capabilities**

What are the differences, similarities, and interactions between space, cyber, and nuclear capabilities? Have the United States, China, and others attempted to integrate nuclear, space, and cyber capabilities into their deterrent strategy and posture? If so, how? Is strategic conflict limited only to nuclear conflict or can military applications of cyber and space have strategic impact on war? Do nuclear weapons have any role in deterring attacks in cyber and space? Do space and cyber systems have any role in deterring nuclear attacks? Does the US characterization of the “congested, contested, and competitive” character of cyber and space increase the risks of unwanted escalation in conflict? If so, is it necessary and/or possible to work together to reduce them? How? Can we apply nuclear arms control experiences to cross-domain issues? What type of confidence-building measures can address these challenges?

US moderator: Ralph Cossa

Chinese presenter: Li Bin

US presenter: William Carter

**12:30-14:00 Lunch (Buffet, City Wall Bistro, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

**14:00-15:30 Session 3: U.S.-Russia Relations, China-Russia Relations, and their Implications for Proliferation, Nonproliferation, and Disarmament**

How do current U.S.-Russia relations affect expectations about future strategic reductions, the implementation of existing nuclear arms control treaties (New START and INF), and U.S.-Russia bilateral cooperation on nuclear nonproliferation and nuclear security? What is the impact of Moscow’s concept of “escalating-to-de-escalate” on strategic stability? What are the implications for Asia of the INF Treaty compliance dispute and an associated weapons build-up by Russia? What is the status and nature of the separate bilateral China-Russia and US-Russia dialogues on these topics?

Chinese moderator: Yao Yunzhu

US presenter: Brad Roberts (on behalf of Linton Brooks)

Chinese presenter: Sun Xiangli

**15:30-15:45 Coffee Break**

**15:45-17:15 Session 4A (Breakout Session): Initiatives of Solving North Korea Nuclear Issue** ( simultaneous interpretation provided )

What should be the focus of our efforts on the North Korea nuclear issue: preparing ourselves to respond to a crisis, seeking solutions to solve the problem, or both? What has been the impact of the January 2016 nuclear/missile activity on US-DPRK and China-DPRK relations? To respond to a new crisis (such as another test or a militarized provocation under a nuclear shadow), what preparations should the United States and China make? What actions should our two countries take before a crisis occurs? How should we coordinate actions during a crisis? In seeking solutions to the North Korea problem, what approaches should the two countries consider?

Chinese moderator: Zhang Tuosheng

US presenter: Ralph Cossa

Chinese presenter: Yang Xiyu

Group members on Chinese side: Qian Lihua, Hu Side, Cui Liru, Li Ning, Lu Dehong, Ouyang Wei, Sun Xiangli, Xiang Ganghua, Yao Yunzhu, Zhao Tong

Group members on US side: Lewis Dunn, Robert Gromoll, Roy Kamphausen, Vincent Manzo, Brad Roberts, Robert Swartz, Drew Thompson, Michael Urena, Brandon Babin, Brad Glosserman, William Hostyn, Corey Johnston, Grace Park

Young Leaders: Cheng Duowen and Fiona Cunningham

**Session 4B (Breakout Session): Challenges and Responses in Implementing the Iran Nuclear Agreement** ( Meeting Room 6, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, English as working language )

What are the difficulties and challenges associated with implementation of the Iran nuclear agreement? How should the United States and China cooperate to overcome them? What can the two countries do if the agreement collapses? How can the United States and China cooperate to enhance regional security and, in particular, prevent nuclear and WMD proliferation in the Middle East?

US moderator: Christopher Twomey

Chinese presenter: Teng Jianqun, Liu Qiang

US presenter: Philipp Bleek

Group members on Chinese side: Fan Jishe, Huang Weiguo, Li Bin, Liu Chong, Wu Jun,  
Wu Riqiang, Zhai Yucheng, Zhang Yu, Zhu Chenghu

Group members on US side: Dennis Blair, Linton Brooks, William Carter, Michael Elleman, Leo  
Florick, Ian Francis, Christopher Twomey, Jennifer Bradley, Daniel  
Chen, Oriana Skylar Mastro, Jason Portner, David Santoro, Patrick  
Thayer

Young Leaders: Timothy Stafford and Wu Manman

**17:30            Dinner (Banquet, Grand Ballroom A)**

**June 14, 2016**

**09:00-10:30    Session 4C (Plenary Reports on Breakout Sessions)**

US moderator: Christopher Twomey

Chinese presenter: Yang Xiyu

US presenter: Philipp Bleek

**10:30-10:45    Coffee Break**

**10:45-12:30    Session 5: The Roles of Nuclear and Strategic Capabilities in Military  
Alliances**

What is extended deterrence? What is its purpose? What are the roles of nuclear weapons in extended deterrence and assurance? Does extended deterrence demand that Washington maintains additional numbers of nuclear weapons and forward-deploys them? Does extended deterrence demand a different set/type of nuclear weapons? Does extended deterrence or the assurance of allies demand that Washington maintain a strategic nuclear deterrent that is “second to none”? What other strategic capabilities are involved? How much does the U.S. alliance system in the Asia Pacific drive the U.S. assessment of U.S.-China strategic stability and its decision to conduct additional nuclear reductions? How does China view extended deterrence? How have these views evolved since the end of the Cold War? How do Chinese military actions and policies affect the U.S. alliance system?

Chinese moderator: Zhu Chenghu

US presenter: Brad Roberts

Chinese presenter: Zhang Tuosheng

**12:30-14:00 Lunch (Buffet, City Wall Bistro, 2nd floor)**

**14:00-15:30 Session 6: Strategic Reassurance and Strategic Stability: How to Build and Sustain It?**

What are the current trends in U.S.-China security relations? How can we sustain bilateral strategic stability? How can we enhance strategic reassurance between the United States and China? What steps, including transparency measures, can each side take to provide reassurance to the other and our neighbors? What steps should each side refrain from taking? What could derail the relationship? What cooperative measures should China and the U.S. take to improve the global nuclear environment? How can we work together in responding to nuclear terrorism? How can we cooperate beyond the 2016 Nuclear Security Summit? What's next for P5 cooperation on nuclear issues?

What signals do we want to send to the next U.S. administration regarding avenues for China-U.S. cooperation? How will a change in administration in Washington affect U.S.-China strategic stability?

US moderator: Christopher Twomey

Chinese presenter: Cui Liru

US presenter: Lewis Dunn, Drew Thompson

**15:30-15:45 Coffee Break**

**15:45-16:45 Session 6 Continues**

**16:45-17:00 Closing Remarks**

US side: Dennis Blair

Chinese side: Qian Lihua

**17:30 Dinner (Buffet, City Wall Bistro, 2nd floor)**