

*Fourth Annual Meeting*  
**U.S.-CHINA STRATEGIC DIALOGUE**  
**Achieving Stability in Sino-American Nuclear Affairs**

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**March 16-17, 2009**

**Agenda**

**March 15, 2009 – SUNDAY**

Participants Arrive

**6:30PM**                    **Welcome Reception & Dinner – *Tapa Tower – Iolani Suite 5 & 6***

**March 16, 2009 – MONDAY**

**8:30AM**                    **Continental Breakfast – *Tapa Tower – Tapa Ballroom 3***

**9:00-10:00AM**            **Opening Remarks: Introductions – *Tapa Tower – Tapa Ballroom 3***  
Chair: Christopher Twomey, Ralph Cossa, Michael Wheeler, Luo Yuan

**10:00AM -12:00PM**    **Session I: Defining Stability**  
Chair: Christopher Twomey  
China Presenter: Chu Shulong  
U.S. Presenter: Phillip Saunders

There are many meanings to stability in nuclear affairs. Some emphasize “crisis stability”, others focus on arms race stability, and others consider a broader stability in the relationship and its implications for nuclear affairs. What does “stability” mean in Beijing and Washington? When has the relationship been characterized by stability in the past? How should it be characterized today, and what might lead that to change tomorrow? What behaviors contribute to it and what detracts from it? What interaction is there between the different facets of strategic stability and stability in the broader political relationship between the two sides?

**12:00-1:30PM**            **Lunch – *Tapa Tower – Palace lounge***

**1:30-3:15PM**            **Session II: Extended Deterrence**  
Chair: Teng Jianqun  
China Presenter: Zhu Feng  
U.S. Presenter: Brad Glosserman

How does each side define extended deterrence? How important is extended deterrence in shaping U.S. strategic posture towards its various security partners? Does extended deterrence play a role in China’s policy toward any of its regional partners? How does extended deterrence contribute to regional stability more broadly? How does missile defense affect extended deterrence?

**March 16, 2009 – MONDAY (cont'd)**

**3:15-3:30PM**

**Break**

**3:30-5:15PM**

**Session III: Prospects for Strategic Arms Control in the Medium Term**

Chair: Ralph Cossa

China Presenter: Fan Jishe

U.S. Presenter: Sharon Squassoni

Traditionally, arms control has focused on enhancing arms race stability. Is there a role for that today? As the START and SORT treaties expire over the next several years, and as the new US Administration comes into office calling for a new look at the potential for future strategic arms control, what areas might be ripe for the US and China to discuss bilaterally? Trilaterally with another partner? Multilaterally with the P-5? What sorts of issues might merit further examination in the next few years, and which are better left for the distant future?

**6:30PM**

**Reception & Dinner – *Tapa Tower – Iolani Suite 5 & 6***

**March 17, 2009 – TUESDAY**

**8:00AM**

**Continental Breakfast – *Tapa Tower – Tapa Ballroom 3***

**8:30-10:15AM**

**Session IV: Enhancing Crisis Stability**

Chair: Luo Yuan

China Presenter: Xu Weidi

U.S. Presenter: Roy Kamphausen

In a hypothetical crisis, is the Sino-American strategic (nuclear and other security) relationship stable? Are there aspects that are particularly de-stabilizing? Are there unique dangers in the Sino-American context that did not exist in the Cold War? What steps can be taken to reduce such dangers in the immediate term? Might codes of conduct or other less formal forms of confidence building measures be useful?

**10:15-10:30AM**

**Break**

**10:30AM-12:15PM**

**Session V: Transparency about Transparency**

Chair: James Wirtz

China Presenter: Teng Jianqun

U.S. Presenter: Robert Gromoll

What would each side like the other to be more transparent about (intentions, strategies, modernization plans, etc.)? What additional sorts of transparency might each side be willing to offer in return for something from the other? Are there useful international standards to consider? What benefits might be come from such transparency (deeper trust, enhanced stability in the broad sense, crisis stability, etc.)?

**12:30-2:00PM**

**Lunch – *Tapa Tower – Palace lounge***

**2:00-3:00PM**

**Closing Remarks: Lessons Learned and Way Forward**

Chair: Christopher Twomey, Ralph Cossa, Michael Wheeler, Luo Yuan

**6:00PM**

**Meet at Tapa Tower escalator – walk to Singh Thai Restaurant**