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OUR VISION

The Pacific Forum envisions an Indo-Pacific region where all states contribute to peace and stability and all people enjoy security, prosperity, and human dignity while governed by the rule of law.

OUR MISSION

To find a better way to enhance mutual understanding and trust, promote sustainable cooperative solutions to common challenges, mitigate conflicts, and contribute to peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific.

The Pacific Forum conducts policy-relevant research and promotes dialogue through a network of bilateral and multilateral relationships on a comprehensive set of economic, security, and foreign policy issues. Pacific Forum's analysis and policy recommendations help create positive change within and among the nations of the Indo-Pacific and beyond.



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ALOHA!

2020 has been a challenging year for all of us, but it's also been an opportunity to adapt and grow as we adjusted our methods of project execution amid the global pandemic. We finished the fiscal year on a solid footing, successfully completed our first annual financial audit as a newly independent institution, and grew our project portfolio size by nearly 30% for the coming year. I'm particularly pleased to report our recognition as one of the "2020 Best New Think Tanks" in the 2020 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report – an annual global think tank ranking by the University of Pennsylvania Lauder Institute assessing some 11,000 think tanks worldwide. In addition, Pacific Forum was listed in the top 100 "2020 Top Think Tanks in the United States" and, even more competitively, recognized as one of only 17 US think tanks listed in the top 73 "2020 Think Tanks with the Most Significant Impact on Public Policy" – globally. This takes tremendous energy from our small staff and is a testimonial to their expertise, creativity, and efficiency. If you haven't already had the opportunity to review our activities, I recommend you

take two minutes to watch our Pacific Forum Video Review: Our Activities in 2020 for a quick sense of our far-reaching portfolio.

Looking ahead into 2021 and beyond, we'll continue our active virtual engagement schedule – maintaining our critical connections and relationships – while resuming our physical meetings later in the year wherever able. Security challenges in the Indo-Pacific continue to mount, and in addition to our long-standing work in nuclear policy and non-proliferation, we're expanding our research – connect – inform focus areas to include the policy aspects of cyber, space, information and technology writ-large to keep pace. We've also expanded our work to include Women, Peace and Security initiatives, a key enabling line of effort in the region; our next-generation programs have broadened and intensified with US Embassy support and participation in numerous Southeast Asian countries and Australia.

The pages that follow provide more of our story: our Comparative Connections and PacNet publishing, providing timely analysis; our six fellowship programs – Lloyd and Lilian Vasey, James A. Kelly Korean Studies, WSD-Handa, Nonproliferation, Korea Foundation, and now WPS – all providing in-depth research opportunities focusing on regional and international affairs; our Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program (APAL) and its local community-centered engagement with students and young professionals, underscoring the connection between Hawaii and the Indo-Pacific region with its 8th Cohort since 2013; and last, our Intern Program, with rapidly growing demand, offering increasingly competitive opportunities to select undergraduate and graduate students to gain research skills and practical experience working in a think tank.

Across these efforts lies Pacific Forum's enduring commitment to help shape a more cohesive and stable future in the Indo-Pacific. I'm confident we're delivering in the spirit of our founder Admiral Joe Vasey and his charge "to find a better way" in the region, and the world benefits from our work.

With thanks for your support,

Robert P. Girrier



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With deep thanks to our long-time supporters, whose inspiration and guidance will remain with us forever.

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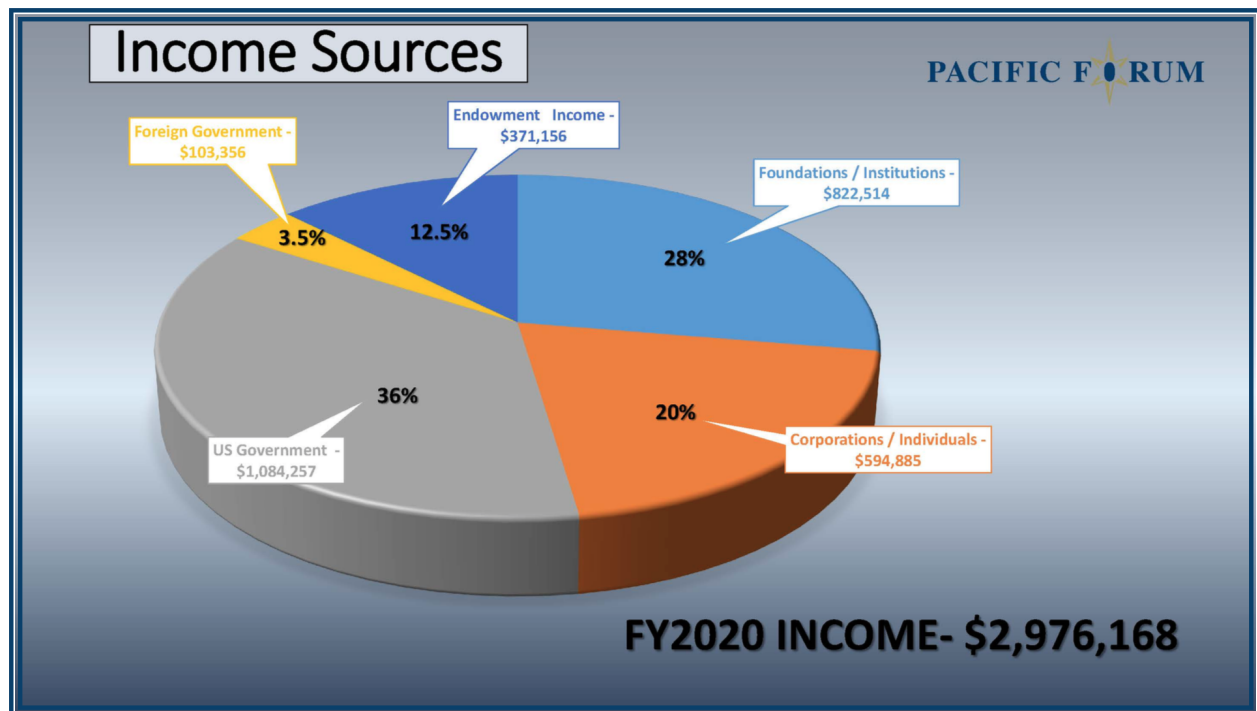
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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

	PROJECTIONS		SHORT YEAR
	FY2021	FY2020	FY2019
Balances brought forward	636,546	462,012	355,480
From Prior Year Adjustment			
Fiscal Year Income	2,821,076	2,514,156	2,583,069
Total Income	3,457,622	2,976,168	2,938,549
Balances carried forward to subsequent year			
Funds Available	3,457,622	2,976,168	2,938,549
Expenditures	3,266,158	2,518,972	2,876,261
Transfer to Endowment			
Net Surplus/Deficit	191,464	457,196	62,288
Expenses	3,266,158	2,518,972	2,876,261
Salaries	987,952	873,532	877,053
Fringes	249,097	321,483	320,116
Rent	91,012	89,760	80,314
Travel/Conferences	982,885	552,217	1,097,933
Other	955,212	678,980	500,845
Foundations/Institutions	20%	28%	42%
Corporations/Individuals	31%	20%	13%
US Gov't Contracts	40%	36%	32%
Foreign Gov't	1%	3.50%	3%
Endowment Income	8%	12.50%	10%



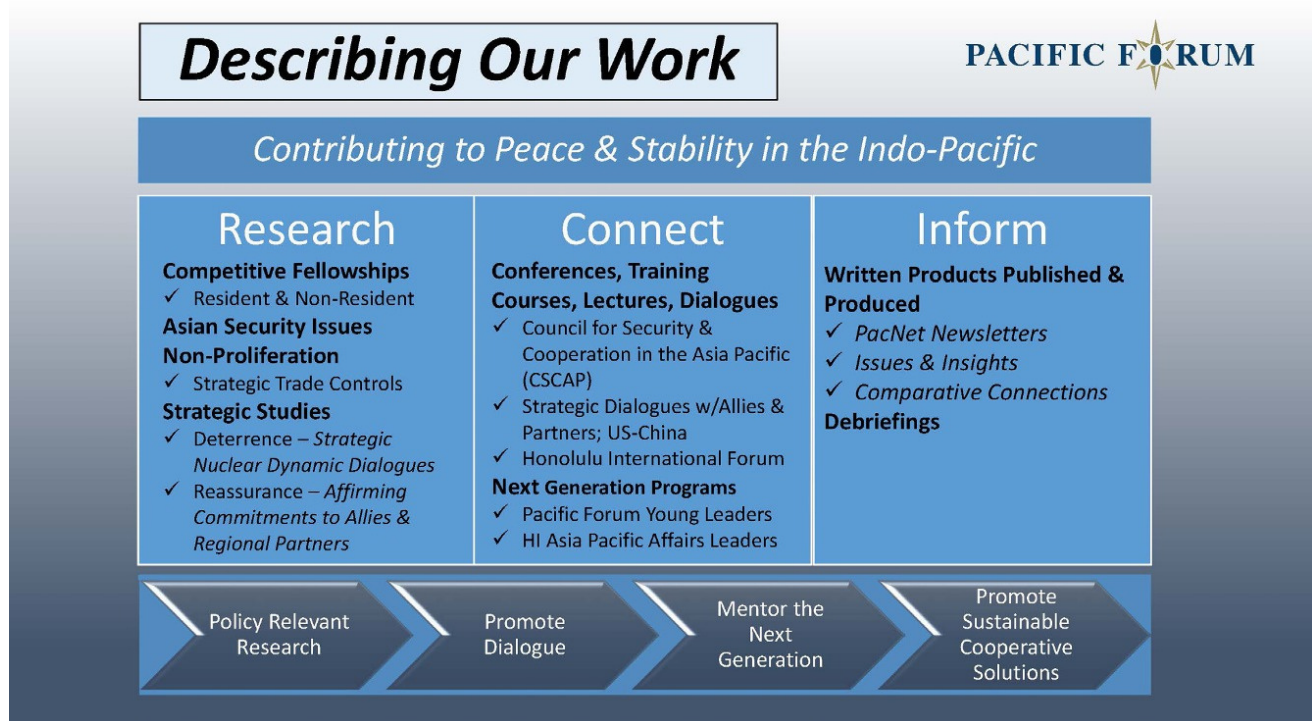
Endowment

PACIFIC FORUM

30 SEP 2020 Mkt Value:	<u>\$4,319,064</u>
Kelly Fellows	\$2,159,532
Vasey Fellows	\$1,619,649
Young Leaders / Scowcroft Chair	\$539,883
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30 SEP 2018 Deposit:	<u>\$4,000,000</u>
Kelly Fellows	\$2,000,000
Vasey Fellows	\$1,500,000
Young leaders / Scowcroft Chair	\$500,000

PACIFIC FORUM PROGRAMS

Pacific Forum is a private, non-profit, and non-partisan foreign policy research institute. Our organization, now concluding its 45th year, conducts policy-relevant research while connecting and informing Indo-Pacific stakeholders and specialists in an effort to contribute to peace and stability in the region. We meet these objectives by offering resident and non-resident fellowships; mentoring next-generation leaders; hosting conferences, lectures, and dialogues; and publishing opinion, analysis, and reports addressing current and emerging issues affecting regional security.



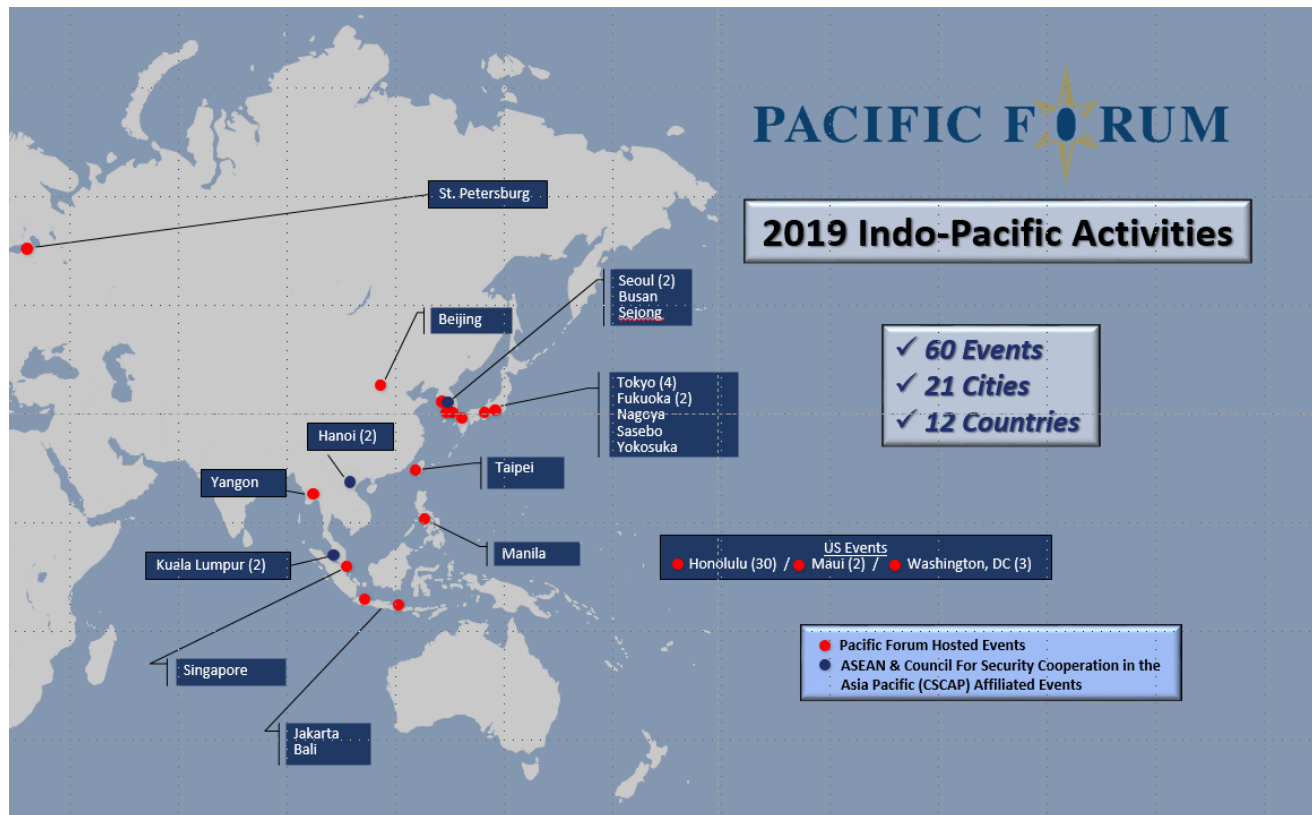
The Pacific Forum is guided by the belief that bilateral and multilateral solutions to regional problems are the most effective ways to promote enduring peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific. To this end, we bring together current and former government officials, retired military leaders, influential business people, next-generation experts, and other thought leaders to dialogues and security cooperation meetings. At these gatherings, held throughout the United States and the Indo-Pacific, we:

- Identify trends
- Build greater understanding of national policies
- Prioritize action to reduce tensions
- Promote peaceful solutions
- Accelerate development of cooperative policies to address common security concerns
- Develop norms and standards for cooperative interaction
- Promote compliance with international treaties and conventions
- Emphasize the enduring principles of good governance, transparency, and accountability.

Informed by our face-to-face interactions, we pursue policy-relevant research and share our insights and analysis through community events, briefings to government leaders, and publications.

We also recognize that it is vital to have the next generation in the room and at the table. Our suite of next-generation initiatives distinguishes Pacific Forum from other organizations by providing opportunities for young experts and foreign policy leaders to engage in policy-relevant exchanges. Our programs provide unparalleled, ongoing access to decision-makers and peers, ensuring that fresh voices and perspectives contribute to the regional security discourse.

Our objective in each endeavor is to enhance trust and understanding by promoting sustainable, cooperative solutions to common security challenges as a means to prevent or mitigate conflict. Although much of our work centers on promoting peaceful relations between and among states, we recognize that other factors, including the well-being of all segments of society within individual states and the sustainability of natural resources, play important roles in the maintenance of a safe, peaceful, and secure Indo-Pacific. Plainly, while traditional security concerns dominate our work, we remain attuned and ever-ready to engage new and emerging non-traditional security challenges.



REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

In 2020, the Pacific Forum deepened existing dialogues and established new ones across the region despite the COVID-19 pandemic. Rapidly pivoting to virtual delivery of our programming, this year we carried out several virtual projects independently and in partnership with the US Embassy Singapore, US Embassy Tokyo, and US Consulate General Ho Chi Minh City.

Jumpstarting our virtual programming was the Maritime Discussion Series, a webinar series independently produced by the Pacific Forum's Maritime Programs in partnership with the Yokosuka Council on Asia-Pacific Studies. The series' seven sessions in 2020 featured military and civilian leaders, international security experts, and scholars discussing the most pressing maritime issues in the Indo-Pacific. With the US Embassy Singapore, we are conducting a six-session "Cyber & Tech Security Virtual Series," a mix of public and closed-door sessions focused on topics such as cybersecurity threats and cooperation and the application of international law in cyberspace.

The Pacific Forum has also launched four webinar series discussing America's key bilateral relations in the region under the banner of "Indo-Pacific Conversation Series." These are funded by the US Missions in Ho Chi Minh City, Singapore, Manila, and Canberra, alongside next-generation initiatives. The US-Singapore Indo-Pacific Conversation Series, organized in partnership with the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), brings together senior experts and practitioners from both countries in public webinars to discuss policy issues and explore ways to promote stronger bilateral relations and a more stable Southeast Asia. In commemoration of 25 years of relations

with Vietnam, the US-Vietnam Indo-Pacific Conversation Series invites US and Vietnamese leaders from academia, policy, the military, and business to reflect on the various facets of the relationship and highlight mutual interests and areas of cooperation. This series has been executed in partnership with the University of Social Sciences & Humanities, Vietnam National University - Ho Chi Minh City. In collaboration with the University of Sydney's United States Studies Centre, the US-Australia Indo-Pacific Conversation Series features senior American and Australian experts and officials to talk about US-Australia engagements on many regional and global issues. Finally, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the US-Philippine Alliance, the Pacific Forum partnered with the Foreign Service Institute to plan and organize a security-focused US-Philippines Indo-Pacific Conversation Series, in 2021.

After each public session of the Indo-Pacific Conversation Series, an exclusive, private, and off-the-record session is organized to provide members of the US-Vietnam, US-Singapore, US-Australia, and US-Philippines Next-Generation Leaders cohorts opportunities to directly address their ideas and questions to featured panelists, to better inform their own research and understanding of the bilateral relationship.

The US Embassy Tokyo program was planned as an in-person country tour and conference but was transformed into a six-week-long virtual event in the fall, "21st Century Technologies, Geopolitics, and the US-Japan Alliance: Recognizing Game-changing Potential," with seven closed-door sessions on various foundational and "game-changing technologies" followed by three public sessions. The series also included two roundtable meetings where select speakers from the closed-door sessions met with Pacific Forum Young Leaders, as well as a panel featuring Young Leaders presentations.

For the first time, the Pacific Forum, in partnership with the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies and the University of Hawaii at Manoa Department of Asian Studies, also hosted an official side-event to the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum, the Asia Pacific Space Diplomacy Dialogue. The goal was to harness the growing momentum for regional space cooperation by exploring its prospects and challenges.

Pacific Forum also hosted its first Women, Peace and Security event in partnership with US Indo-Pacific Command on Oct. 28. The webinar was entitled "Rising Together: How the Defense Sector Advances Women, Peace and Security" and featured Commander Philippa Hay (Royal Australian Navy), Rear Admiral Arti Sarin (Indian Navy), Captain Junko Kawashima (Japan Maritime Self Defense Force), and Major General Suzanne Vares-Lum (US Army, US Indo-Pacific Command), drawing 49 participants.



In 2020, Pacific Forum maintained a steadfast commitment to working with Myanmar to facilitate its integration into the international community. The seventh Myanmar-US Nonproliferation Dialogue in February 2020 in Naypyidaw, sponsored by the US Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration, focused on the Myanmar-US

relationship; nonproliferation implementation; nuclear, biological, and chemical safety and security implementation; Myanmar and ASEAN networks on the three S's (safety, security, and safeguards); the challenge of emerging technologies for export-control implementation; as well as the implementation of United Nations sanctions resolutions. Some 50 Myanmar and US experts, officials, military officers, and observers attended this off-the-record meeting. In September 2020, Pacific Forum also conducted a virtual nonproliferation training course on biological and chemical issues for Myanmar officials and technical experts, and in December 2020, we ran the eighth Myanmar-US Nonproliferation Dialogue, also on a virtual platform; the dialogue focused on nuclear safeguards, strategic trade controls, the upcoming Review Conferences of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, and the broader nuclear security agenda. With the assistance of the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies, the Pacific Forum also selected Myanmar Nonproliferation Fellows. One fellow has since begun her fellowship at the Pacific Forum, while two others conduct theirs in a non-resident capacity.

STRATEGIC STABILITY

Our efforts to promote strategic stability in the region rest on two key pillars: Deterrence and Reassurance.

For a long time, our Deterrence work has been centered on the US-China Strategic Dialogue, an unofficial process sponsored by the US Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) and conducted in collaboration with the Naval Postgraduate School and Chinese foreign policy think tanks. This dialogue has provided an important backdrop for US efforts to promote a better understanding of intentions to ensure a strategic balance with China is maintained. In 2020, however, it was suspended, at least temporarily, and DTRA requested a review and in-depth assessment of the lessons learned during the dialogue, as well as the way forward for the US-China nuclear relationship. Pacific Forum Vice President David Santoro and Robert Gromoll conducted that assessment, which they published as a Pacific Forum Issue & Insights Special Report titled "On the Value of Nuclear Dialogue with China" (Vol. 20, No. 1, November 2020). In addition, the Pacific Forum has been in discussions with Chinese colleagues about research projects and potential track 2 forms of engagement.

Our Reassurance efforts focus on affirming US commitments to our alliance partners: Japan, South Korea, and Australia. These processes did not occur in 2020, but work has been done in the lead-up to future dialogue iterations. By the end of 2020, for instance, initial coordination work began to prepare for the next round of the Track-1.5 "US-Australia Indo-Pacific Deterrence Dialogue," which is scheduled to take place at the end of 2021 on a virtual platform.

In 2020, the Pacific Forum continued its partnership with the Moscow-based Center for Energy and Security Studies and the Beijing-based China Arms Control and Disarmament Association to co-host the Russia-US-China Trilateral Dialogue, titled "Regional Strategic Stability and Nuclear Risk Reduction in Northeast Asia," which held multiple virtual sessions in the summer and fall of 2020. Sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, this dialogue brought together non-government experts and officials from the three countries for a focused discussion on the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula; advancing peace on the Peninsula; identifying critical elements to make further progress toward both denuclearization and peace; the phased approach and security guarantees; and the state of ideas on nuclear risk reduction.

In addition to these efforts, the Pacific Forum undertook significant work in coordinating a suite of bilateral strategic dialogues supported by the Department of Defense's Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) for planned engagement in 2021. With the purpose of advancing defense cooperation between the United States and key partners in Southeast Asia, the Pacific Forum will host virtual track 2 US-Vietnam and US-Indonesia security dialogues, in partnership with the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam and the Centre for Strategic and International Studies Indonesia, respectively. These efforts are jointly led by Pacific Forum President Robert Girrier and Non-resident Director for Maritime Programs Jeffrey Ordaniel. President Emeritus Ralph Cossa is leading a track-2 US-Taiwan dialogue in partnership with the Institute for National Defense and Security Research.

The US-Vietnam Security Dialogue, scheduled in May 2021, will explore how Washington and Hanoi can further advance cooperation on issues of mutual interest such as the South China Sea, nuclear security and nonproliferation, and capacity-building in the security sector. The US-Indonesia Security Dialogue, scheduled for June 2021, is expected to generate actionable recommendations on how Washington and Jakarta can better align their security

priorities to address key challenges in Southeast Asia, including maritime disputes; illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing; and violent extremism, among others. The US-Indonesia dialogue will also explore ideas on how the United States and Indonesia can better promote a free and open Indo-Pacific through ASEAN dialogue institutions. The US-Taiwan Deterrence and Defense Dialogue, scheduled for late 2021, will review the state of US-Taiwan security engagements and explore ideas on how a free, democratic, and prosperous Taiwan can better safeguard its strategic autonomy and how US security policy can better deter conflict.

SECURITY COOPERATION

The Pacific Forum assesses and promotes security cooperation in the Indo-Pacific on many fronts: nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction, nuclear security, maritime security, counter-terrorism and transnational crime, cyber security, and preventive diplomacy. The cornerstone of many of these efforts is our involvement in the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP). The network of officials, foreign policy specialists, media, military, and academic representatives that comprise the membership of CSCAP provides the Pacific Forum with an opportunity to influence attitudes and debates in the region on a range of foreign policy issues.



Recapping activities in 2020, the annual USCSCAP Meeting was held in Washington, DC on February 25. Pacific Forum provided an opportunity for Department of State and Defense officials to update ARF and ADMM+ activities over the past year. Zack Cooper (American Enterprise Institute) and Satu Limaye (East-West Center in Washington) provided remarks on “The Future of the Indo-Pacific Strategy” in a panel chaired by Pacific Forum President Bob Girrier.

Study Groups and supporting expert groups serve as the primary forums for CSCAP’s research efforts that focus on providing policy recommendations to promote regional security cooperation. Representatives from CSCAP member committees meet semi-annually for a Steering Committee Meeting to review study group activity and consider recommendations for new study group initiatives. USCSCAP representatives participated in several CSCAP Study Groups and related ASEAN Regional Forum Workshops related to peacekeeping, preventive diplomacy, maritime security, countering transnational crime and terrorism, and nonproliferation and disarmament. USCSCAP, along with CSCAP New Zealand, advanced a proposal for the first-ever CSCAP Study Group on Women, Peace, and Security at the 53rd CSCAP Steering Committee Meeting in November, and the proposal was accepted.

PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY

The Pacific Forum continues to be one of the primary thought-leaders in the Indo-Pacific on the subject of preventive diplomacy and the efforts of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) to transition to this task. The ARF’s Experts and Eminent Persons Group, with Pacific Forum representation, continues to examine recommendations from the seminal study on PD developed by the Pacific Forum and RSIS.

NONPROLIFERATION AND DISARMAMENT

Held on a virtual platform in October 2020, and sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the seventh CSCAP Study Group on Nonproliferation and Disarmament was co-chaired by USCSCAP and CSCAP Vietnam. Approximately 60 senior scholars, officials, and Pacific Forum Young Leaders met for off-the-record discussions focused on recent developments in nonproliferation and disarmament. Topics included the Korean Peninsula and denuclearization; the nonproliferation regime in a competitive Asian security environment; and missile proliferation in Asia.

NUCLEAR SECURITY

Pacific Forum and RSIS are the primary organizers of the CSCAP Nuclear Energy Experts Group (NEEG), which met in Singapore for its eighth meeting in January 2020. This meeting, sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, brought together approximately 40 specialists from 18 countries in the Indo-Pacific and beyond, all attending in their private capacities. The participants joined for a day and a half of not-for-attribution discussions on next steps for nuclear governance, the status of nuclear governance in the Indo-Pacific, new nuclear power users in the Indo-Pacific, the nuclear export regime, nuclear exporters in the Indo-Pacific, and nuclear governance and the impact of new technologies. The NEEG met again on a virtual platform in November 2020. It discussed the role and place of nuclear energy in Asia's energy mix; the future of the peaceful use of nuclear technology in Asia; the three S's in Asia in the lead-up to, and after, the review conferences of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material; the nexus between nuclear governance and strategic trade controls in an increasingly competitive Asian security environment; and the roles for regional organizations to advance nonproliferation and nuclear security in an increasingly competitive Asian security environment.

STRATEGIC TRADE CONTROLS

A key component of the Pacific Forum's nonproliferation efforts continues to be hosting workshops on strategic trade controls (STC), sponsored by the US State Department's Export Control and Related Border Security Program (EXBS), bringing together representatives from government agencies, the private sector, academia, and think tanks. In February, the Pacific Forum hosted in Honolulu an STC in Southeast Asia Experts Planning Meeting, with EXBS' support. Fifteen experts, primarily from research institutions and industry, participated. Discussions centered on STC implementation in Southeast Asia, CSCAP Memo No. 14, strengthening ASEAN regional cooperation on STC, the economic effects of STC implementation in Southeast Asia, and industry perspectives on STC.



In lieu of its normally in-person seminar on Strategic Trade Controls in Southeast Asia, the Pacific Forum, with support from the US State Department's Export Control and Related Border Security Program, held a virtual Seminar on Strategic Trade Controls in Southeast Asia on July 27 and 28, and Aug. 5 and 6, 2020 via Zoom. Over 90 people from the Indo-Pacific representing relevant government departments and ministries, private sector, industry associations, academia, and civil society organizations joined the online seminar. The four-day virtual seminar focused on four substantive topics: (1) the adoption of STCs for non-proliferation and internal security; (2) post-COVID-19 supply chains and trade facilitation; (3) ASEAN and STC; and (4) the World Customs Organization, STC and the exploration of maturity models. Following presentations and discussions on these topics, Southeast Asian countries – Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and Indonesia – offered updates on the adoption of STC in their respective jurisdictions.

In September, the Pacific Forum, in its capacity as US Member Committee (USCSCAP) of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP), convened the CSCAP Nonproliferation and Disarmament (NPD) Export Controls Experts Group (XCXG) for a two-day virtual meeting on Sept. 14 and 15, 2020 via Zoom. Forty-some participants from the Indo-Pacific region and beyond, representing relevant government departments and ministries, private sector, industry associations, academia, and civil society organizations, joined the online seminar. The two-day virtual seminar focused on the following five topics: (1) CSCAP NPD XCXG overview and background; (2) Research findings from the study “Measuring the Economic Effects of STC Implementation”; (3) Maturity model discussion; (4) CSCAP Memorandum No. 14 update; and (5) Next steps.

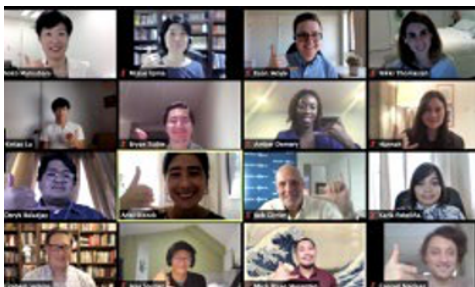
In December, Pacific Forum and the Institute of International Relations at National Chengchi University, with support from Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prospect Foundation, and the US State Department's Export Control and Related Border Security Program held their 10th annual strategic trade control workshop, Regional Perspectives on Export Controls and STC, on Dec. 16, 2020 (US) in a virtual format. Over 70 participants from relevant government agencies and nongovernmental organizations attended in their private capacities. Discussions focused on regional developments in export controls and strategic trade controls (STC) and the economic benefits of strategic trade control implementation.

NEXT GENERATION PROGRAMS

The Pacific Forum is committed to developing and engaging the next generation of leaders in Hawaii, the US mainland, and throughout the region and beyond. For nearly 20 years, we have enriched the careers of young security specialists by engaging them in the practical aspects of policymaking, from attendance at senior-level dialogues to publishing opportunities to in-residence research fellowships that provide these scholars with the opportunity to research a specific area in depth.

YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM

Established in 2004, the Young Leaders Program is a global community of emerging experts and is widely recognized as one of the preeminent career development programs in the world. The program has helped more than 1,000 Young Leaders from 60 countries realize their full potential through mentorship, network building, academic opportunities, and the opportunity to apply for seats made available at Pacific Forum conferences and dialogues. In



2020, Pacific Forum provided over 130 seats to Young Leaders at five in-person Track 1.5 and Track 2 dialogues, seminars, and conferences in five cities as well as 13 meetings taking place virtually. Of those Young Leader participants, 50 were citizens of East and Southeast Asian countries. This means that 40% of our seats were given to individuals from China, Japan, South Korea, and ASEAN countries. These individuals were able to participate alongside other young professionals working in foreign policy and security from the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Germany, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and India, as well as senior experts in the field. Further, 45 of these 125 seats were held by women, or 36% of the seats. Of those selected, 76 were female (38%),

and 124 were male (62%). These percentages reflect the ratio of females to males who applied for conferences (36% female, 64% male). Participants represented 18 countries around the world.

Highlights included attending the inaugural Asia Peace Conference, hosted by the Genron NPO, at the International House of Japan. Young Leaders were given full access to attend both closed-door and public sessions during the conference, where senior experts from Japan, China, Korea and the United States deliberated questions about Japan's role in US-China competition; how the US-Japan alliance should cooperate for peace in Northeast Asia; how to improve regional crisis management mechanisms; and how to build a stable regional order in the future. In addition to observing two full days of substantive dialogue, Young Leaders were allowed to sit shoulder-to-shoulder at meals with esteemed panelists like Genron President Yatsushi Kudo, Vice Admiral Yoji Koda, Secretary David Shear, and Dr. Choi Kang.



Prior to the global lockdown in March, seven Young Leaders participated in the CSCAP Nuclear Experts Energy Group in Singapore. Outside the two days of closed-door discussions, the group had a breakfast roundtable with Dr. Margaret Kosal (Associate Professor, Georgia Tech) and met with counterparts from the Young Leaders Chapter in Singapore. Pacific Forum Vice President David Santoro delivered a briefing on China's nuclear strategy to the group before transitioning to a networking session that brought together emerging experts from a range of fields including academia, government, tech, finance, law, and policy.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Young Leaders Program adapted many of its planned meetings to virtual programs. During the virtual series "21st Century Technologies, Geopolitics, and the US-Japan Alliance: Recognizing Game-changing Potential," three Young Leaders presented papers on the implications of US-Japan partnership for developing the Philippines' space capabilities, leveraging Japan's technology companies in its economic security policy, and coordinating regional regulations on small-scale uncrewed aerial vehicles (UAVs). This public panel was attended by senior conference participants, and Mr. Jim Schoff (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace) gave feedback on their presentations.

During this period we've established cohorts of Next-Generation Leaders who focus on the past, present and future of the United States' most important relationships in the region. In September we selected eight individuals as part of the US- Vietnam Next-Generation Leaders Initiative, and in October we selected another eight to participate in the US-Singapore Next-Generation Leaders Initiative. Participants develop research papers over a six-month period and are given the opportunity to engage with leading experts on a range of issues during the respective Indo-Pacific Conversation Series webinar sessions. Selected participants are also given the opportunity to present on their research during these virtual discussion series, and their papers will be published in special edition volumes of Pacific Forum's Issues & Insights.

Beyond conferences, the Young Leaders Program offers value to its members by partnering with other organizations. In return, partner organizations are given access to a professionally and geographically diverse group of rising young leaders who can provide unique insight on their countries' security and policy positions and represent the next generation at their meetings. In addition to its continued partnership with the Center for Global Security Research at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the Young Leaders Program began two additional partnerships in 2020. In working with Cambodia-based Southeast Asia Globe, Young Leaders published six articles that were released as featured stories on the outlet's home page. The Young Leaders Program also reestablished a connection with the global network Young China Watchers, creating additional opportunities to exchange and connect on issues concerning China, gain professional development, and expand professional networks.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

In 2002, the Pacific Forum began its fellowship program with a single Vasey Fellowship for young scholars working on East Asian issues. Over the next 16 years, Pacific Forum created several additional fellowships and has hosted over 100 resident fellows from 21 countries worldwide. The program has also expanded its scope by including opportunities for non-resident fellowships. Currently, Pacific Forum maintains three "Legacy Fellowship" programs:

the Vasey Fellowship, James A. Kelly Korean Studies Fellowship, and the WSD-Handa Fellowship. It also offers two “Partner-sponsored Fellowship” programs: the Korea Foundation Fellowship and the Nonproliferation Fellowship.

LEGACY FELLOWSHIPS

LLOYD AND LILIAN VASEY FELLOWSHIP

The Pacific Forum’s original fellowship, now well into its second decade, is named after founder RADM (USN, Ret.) Lloyd R. ‘Joe’ Vasey and his wife Lilian. The fellowship affords promising young Asian scholars the opportunity to serve as researchers at the Pacific Forum and to develop hands-on expertise in US-Asia policy issues.

RESIDENT VASEY FELLOWS



Tom Corben (AUS; 2020) is a research assistant with the Foreign Policy and Defence division of the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney, where he works primarily on US Indo-Pacific Strategy and strategic competition with China. Corben is also a Pacific Forum Young Leader, as well as the Indo-Pacific Fellow for Young Australians in International Affairs. More broadly, his research also covers Japanese and Korean politics and foreign policy, global nuclear power issues, and Australia’s own Indo-Pacific strategy. He has published articles on these and other topics with platforms including The Diplomat and the Australian Institute for International Affairs. Corben holds a bachelor of Asian studies and international relations with honors from the University of New South Wales.



Jennifer Howe (UK; 2020) joined Pacific Forum upon graduating from Durham University in the UK with an MA in politics & international relations. During her master’s she focused on democracy, human rights and transitional justice within the Asia-Pacific. Her research explores the intersection of gender, conflict, and extremism in Southeast Asia. She has worked on behalf of Durham University for a number of charities across the Asia-Pacific in order to build ties between students and the region.



Mark Bryan Manantan (PH; 2020) is the founder and strategic director of Bryman Media, a social impact communications firm based in the Philippines. He is a non-resident fellow at the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at the National Chengchi University in Taiwan. Recently, he was a visiting fellow at the East-West Center in Washington, DC, and at the Center for Rule-Making Strategies at Tama University in Tokyo, Japan under the U.S.-Japan-Southeast Asia Partnership in a Dynamic Asia Fellowship. Manantan’s research examines the intersection of international relations, cybersecurity, and emerging technologies. He obtained his master of international relations (advanced) with honors at the Australian National University and his bachelor of arts in broadcast communication (magna cum laude) from the University of the Philippines.

NON-RESIDENT VASEY FELLOWS



Tom Connolly (AUS; 2021) is a current MA student at King’s College London based in Melbourne, Australia. He has a long-standing interest in security and terrorism and the importance of multilateral institutions. He graduated with his bachelor of arts from the University of Melbourne in 2017, with a double major of history and politics. Connolly later received a bursary to undertake a summer intensive at Rothberg International School, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, which examined the evolution and ideological discourse of contemporary Islamist movements. Following this, Connolly undertook language study in Cairo and currently sits as a risk analyst at Australian-based Foreign Brief.



Akhil Ramesh (IND; 2021) holds an MS with a concentration in global macroeconomics from New York University in New York, a certificate in business and geopolitics from HEC Paris, France and a BBA from Amity University, India. He has worked with risk consulting firms, think tanks and in the blockchain industry in the United States, India and in the Philippines. Most recently, he worked with the EastWest Institute based out of New York City, as a project coordinator and lead of the institute's mapping project of China's Belt and Road Initiative. With research interests at the nexus of geoeconomics and security policy, he is currently working on a number of projects related to infrastructure development in Asia, supply chains, grand strategy in the Indo-Pacific, and the Belt and Road Initiative. His analysis has been widely published across global journals such as *The National Interest*, *The Diplomat*, *Asia Times*, and *The Jerusalem Post*.



Asyura Salleh (BRN; 2020) is a Non-resident Vasey Fellow at Pacific Forum and a Consultant at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. She is dedicated to pursuing research on maritime security issues in the Indo-Pacific, particularly in uncovering solutions to enhance information-sharing capabilities and inter-agency coordination. Dr. Asyura has also founded the Global Awareness and Impact Alliance, an initiative that addresses regional socio-economic grievances through thought development and community outreach. In her past professional experiences, Dr. Asyura has led the Asia research program on maritime security at the One Earth Future Foundation and has served at the Brunei Prime Minister's Office. In addition to her doctorate in international relations from the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Dr. Asyura earned a master's in war studies from King's College London and a bachelor's in politics and international relations from the University of Reading.



Oddis Tsai (TWN; 2020) Oddis Tsai is a policy analyst at the Institute of National Defense and Security Research (INDSR Taiwan). His research interests include the Sino-US competition in the South Pacific, the Indo-Pacific geopolitical environments, advanced dual-use technologies, defense industries and space policies. He received his master's degrees in diplomatic studies and strategic studies from the Australian National University.

JAMES A. KELLY KOREAN STUDIES FELLOWSHIP

The Kelly Fellowship Program consolidates, enhances, institutionalizes, and builds upon Pacific Forum's Korea-oriented programs. Kelly Fellows focus on Korean Peninsula studies through participation in the Young Leaders program as Non-Resident Fellows and through in-residence research as Resident Fellows. The fellowship recognizes the exemplary efforts of former Assistant Secretary of State and Pacific Forum President Emeritus James Kelly to improve US-ROK relations and encourage the DPRK to denuclearize and join the international community. The program encourages the study of Korean economic and security issues with particular focus on raising awareness among the next generation of scholars and officials in the US, ROK, and worldwide about the vital role the Korean Peninsula plays in regional and international affairs.

RESIDENT KELLY FELLOWS



Dong-hyeon KIM (ROK; 2019/2020) was a resident Kelly fellow and former nonresident Korea Foundation fellow at Pacific Forum. Dong-hyeon's research explores how the DPRK establishes and develops its nuclear doctrine over time, and more broadly what triggers the evolution of nuclear strategy among different nuclear weapon states. He received his MA in law and diplomacy from Tufts' Fletcher School, and BA in English literature from Korea University. Previously he worked as a coordinator for the Korea Project at Harvard's Belfer Center, and as a Boston correspondent of JoongAng Media Group, interviewing scholars and practitioners on evolving issues of the Korean Peninsula. He served in the Republic of Korea (ROK) Army as a translator in G5 Future Operations, 2nd Infantry Division, United States Forces Korea and worked at the President's Office of the ROK.



Daniel Mitchum (USA; 2021) has spent the last 12 years living and working in South Korea. He holds a dual BA in Global Politics and East Asian Studies from State University of New York, Albany and an MA in International Cooperation from Yonsei University's Graduate School of International Studies, Seoul. The majority of Mitchum's master's research was focused on North Korea, culminating in his thesis which explored the embeddedness of nuclear weapons within the DPRK regime. Mitchum has previously worked with organizations such as Liberty in North Korea to aid North Korean refugees in acculturation, the North Korea Review academic journal as a blog writer and copy editor, as well as World Vision Korea as an assistant in HIV/AIDS awareness outreach. Beyond the Korean peninsula, Mitchum's research interests include East Asian geopolitics, the rise of China, and America's East Asian alliance system.

NON-RESIDENT KELLY FELLOWS



Michael Buckalew (USA; 2021) works as an executive legal assistant at Davis, Wright, Tremaine, LLP, where he conducts legislative and regulatory tracking and provides research project management support to the Banking and Financial Services Practice Group. Previously, he researched money-laundering, cryptocurrency and fintech and provided other assistance to the Financial Institutions Advisory group at White & Case, LLP. Buckalew earned a master's degree in International Studies from Korea University focusing on US-Japan-South Korea trilateral relations and North Korean related security issues. Buckalew has published works in the National Interest, the Huffington Post, the East-West Center's Working Paper series, the S/N Korean Humanities Journal and the Sejong Digest. He is also research proficient in Japanese and Korean. His current research interests include: the US Bank Secrecy Act / Anti-Money Laundering laws and regulations, US sanctions policy, US alliances in the Asia-Pacific, Asia-Pacific territorial disputes and historical issues, and North Korean politics and history.



Teodora Gyupchanova (BGR; 2020) is a researcher at Database Center for North Korea Human Rights (NKDB), where she manages the international cooperation work of the organization. She holds a BA degree in Korean Studies from Sofia University, Bulgaria and a Master's degree in International Cooperation from the Graduate School of International Studies, Yonsei University. Gyupchanova has previously completed a traineeship in the Seoul office of International Crisis Group and has worked in the ROK Prime Minister's Office. She is a contributor to NKDB's White Paper on North Korean Human Rights (2014-2019 editions). As a non-resident Next Gen Korea Fellow at the Economic Policy Institute, Gyupchanova is researching the potential role of Bulgaria as an EU country in inter-Korean relations. Her additional research interests include human rights, human security, compliance of the North Korean government with international treaties, and its participation in international organizations.



Elliot Silverberg (USA; 2020) is a fellow at Georgetown University's Institute for the Study of Diplomacy. He has nearly five years of experience in strategic advisory, government relations, journalism, the legal field, and think tanks across Tokyo and Washington. He has worked at the US Department of Commerce, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the Asia Group, the Asia-Pacific Initiative, the Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research, and Hogan Lovells LLP. His academic and professional interests include American foreign policy, U.S.-Japan relations, East Asian security and trade dynamics, public diplomacy, public opinion, sustainable development, and emerging markets and technologies. He has published in Foreign Policy, The Hill, South China Morning Post, The Diplomat, The National Interest, Stars and Stripes, East Asia Forum, The Interpreter (Lowy Institute), The Straits Times, The Japan Times, and elsewhere. He is currently completing a masters at Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service.

WSD-HANDA FELLOWSHIP

Through the generosity of the Worldwide Support for Development and Dr. Handa Haruhisa, the Pacific Forum operates the WSD-Handa Fellowship Program. This fellowship allows resident and non-resident fellows from the Asia Pacific, North America, and Europe to participate in our programs. WSD-Handa Fellows are also invited to participate in exclusive "Handa Forum" activities.

RESIDENT WSD-HANDA FELLOW



Eugenio Benincasa (Italy; 2020/2021) holds an M.A. in International Affairs from Columbia University in New York, where he focused on International Security Policy, and a B.A. in politics, philosophy and economics from LUISS University in Rome, Italy. During his BA, he also took part in a one-semester exchange program at Sciences Po University in Paris, France. Eugenio worked as a crime analyst at the New York Police Department and contributed to shaping the initial defense and security policy of Volt Europa, a new pan-European political movement. He also completed internships at the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, Morgan Stanley's Financial Crimes Unit and at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. His research interests include the role of regional organizations in strengthening cybersecurity. He is fluent in Italian (native), English, French, and Spanish.

NON-RESIDENT WSD-HANDA FELLOWS



Archie Brooke (UK; 2020/2021) is currently managing a UK government Judicial Sector Reform project in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq and previously worked in Amman, Jordan coordinating the UK government's Jordan Security Sector Reform Project between 2016–2019. He received his MA in Violence, Terrorism and Security from Queen's University Belfast and his BA in Arabic Language and Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Manchester. He is primarily interested in international intervention, reconstruction, and security issues with a focus on the Middle East North Africa region.



Patrick Dupont (AUS; 2020) is a Non-resident WSD-Handa Fellow at Pacific Forum. He is currently completing a Master of Security and Strategic Studies from Macquarie University. Previously, Dupont was a Nonresident Indo-Pacific Fellow with Young Australians in International Affairs, where he produced articles on China's regional interests and broader political developments in the Indo-Pacific. Prior to joining the Australian Army, Dupont was a research assistant at the University of Queensland and the Queensland University of Technology, where he contributed to research projects examining alcohol-related violence and youth justice. Additionally, he completed an internship with the Queensland Police Service's Crime Prevention Programs Unit, contributing to an evaluation of Neighbourhood Watch programs. Dupont is a keen language learner, with varying degrees of proficiency in Indonesian, Vietnamese, Russian, and Korean.



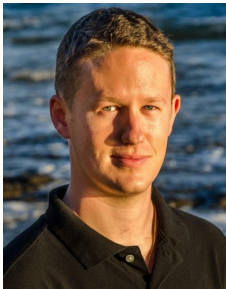
Blake Herzinger (USA; 2021) is an Indo-Pacific policy specialist and U.S. Navy Reserve officer. He spent nearly a decade in active service with the U.S. Navy as an intelligence officer, with experience in the Middle East and across the Indo-Pacific. He is broadly interested in security assistance dynamics and seapower. His analysis has been published in Foreign Policy, War on the Rocks, The Diplomat, and ASPI's The Strategist. He is a graduate of the Strategic Studies MSc program at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies and received his BA at Brigham Young University.



R. Lincoln Hines (USA; 2020) is a PhD candidate in the Government Department at Cornell University and a WSD-Handa Nonresident Fellow at the Pacific Forum. His dissertation examines patterns in the evolution of China's space program, and the role of status concerns in driving Chinese space policy. Previously, he worked at the National Bureau of Asian Research, and was a David L. Boren National Security Fellow in Beijing, China. He has an MA from the American University School of International Service, and a BA from the University of Virginia.



Hunter Marston (AUS; 2021) is a PhD candidate in international relations at the Australian National University. He previously worked in The Brookings Institution's Center for East Asia Policy Studies as a Senior Research Assistant. Prior to joining Brookings, he worked at the Center for Strategic & International Studies' Southeast Asia program and National Defense University. He received his master's in Southeast Asian Studies from the University of Washington's Jackson School of International Studies and Masters in Public Affairs from the Evans School of Public Policy and Governance, also at the University of Washington. He has published on Southeast Asian security and US foreign policy in *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, the *Asian Journal of Political Science*, the *Nikkei Asian Review*, and the Lowy Institute's *Interpreter*, among other places.



Adam Morrow (USA; 2021) is an Associate Program Officer at the Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA, located in Washington, DC. He is interested in the complex interplay between climate change and all manner of security challenges in Northeast Asia and Oceania. Adam holds an MA from the George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs and a BA from the University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Pacific and Asian Studies.



Howard Wang (USA; 2020) is a doctor of international affairs student at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and a nonresident WSD-Handa Fellow at the Pacific Forum. He is broadly interested in East Asia security architecture, particularly regarding Chinese strategic influence. His doctoral research assesses enduring characteristics of the Chinese Communist Party's sea power strategy. Wang's analysis has been published in the Jamestown Foundation's *China Brief*, *The Diplomat*, and *The National Interest*, among others. He received his MPP from the Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy.

PARTNER-SPONSORED FELLOWSHIPS

KOREA FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP

In partnership with the Seoul-based Korea Foundation, the Pacific Forum launched this fellowship program in 2014. The Korea Foundation Fellowship is exclusively for Korean nationals and is designed to assist graduate and PhD students in obtaining research and professional experience at the Pacific Forum. One fellow is selected from a competitive applicant pool to research in-residence for six months.

RESIDENT KOREA FOUNDATION FELLOW



Kangkyu Lee (ROK; 2020) was a Yenching Scholar studying international relations at Peking University. His research focuses on the intersection of political psychology to explain public opinion and diplomatic relations. Kangkyu previously studied as a government-funded JASSO Fellow to conduct research on Japanese domestic politics at Osaka University. He holds an MA in Asian studies from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and a BA in international affairs from the University of Georgia (magna cum laude). He is a research assistant at the Berggruen Institute where he researches identity and culture to explain East Asian technology policy and perspectives towards frontier technologies such as artificial intelligence.

NON-RESIDENT KOREA FOUNDATION FELLOWS



Bora Kim (ROK; 2020) Bora Kim is an MA candidate in International Security at Sciences Po Paris (Institute d'Études Politiques de Paris), France. She also holds a MA in Political Science specializing in cybersecurity and BA in International Studies at Ewha Woman's University in South Korea. She worked as a researcher at Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique in Paris on Korea and China security issues. Her interests include adoption of technology in the military, technology regime competition and technological bipolarism.



DongKyu Kim (ROK; 2020) is completing his master's degree in political science and international relations at Yonsei University. He earned undergraduate degrees in both political science and economics at Underwood International College at Yonsei University. Dongkyu's main research interest lies in international political economy with a special focus on foreign aid, trade, and international organizations. Prior to the master's program, DongKyu worked at a South Korea-based regional think-tank called Asia Economic Community Foundation to manage and coordinate various transnational network-building programs and academic conferences for college students in East Asia.



Seongwon Lee (ROK; 2020) is a PhD candidate in Future Strategy at Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, where he studies the future of warfare and its implications for the Korean Peninsula. Earlier, he served as a deputy director at the Ministry of Unification and as an officer at the Korean Marine Corps. He is also an author in Korea with a book that explains military strategy and security issues through a popular computer game. Lee received his BA from Stanford University and MA from the University of North Korean Studies.

NONPROLIFERATION FELLOWSHIP

Pacific Forum offers a Nonproliferation Fellowship for young professionals to conduct research and analysis in the area of nonproliferation, nuclear security, and other related topics. This fellowship offers both resident and nonresident fellowships. Preference is given to fellows from Myanmar or other Southeast Asian countries.

RESIDENT NONPROLIFERATION FELLOW



Shwe Yee Oo (MMR; 2020/2021) completed her master degree in public policy (energy, resources and sustainable development) at Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris. She is also a young researcher of the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies in Yangon. Upon graduating from Yangon University of Foreign Languages in 2011, she continued her post-graduate studies in social work, political science and international studies until 2016. At the same time, she worked at Institut Français de Birmanie, Co-opération culturelle de l'Ambassade de France, in Myanmar from 2013 to 2017. Picking up her student life again, she started her master's studies in September 2017. While doing her studies in Paris, Shwe contributed her efforts in data verification on Myanmar's export restrictions for OECD inventory as an external consultant at OECD Headquarters. Shwe also advises Burmese young people who want to carry out further studies abroad or higher studies in local universities.

NON-RESIDENT NONPROLIFERATION FELLOWS



Younn Shwe Sin Htay (MMR; 2020/2021) received her bachelor's degree from the University of Yangon with a specialization in political science in 2019. She is a former delegate of Myanmar in the Young ASEAN Leaders Policy Initiative. During her university life, she gained experience as a research assistant in the cooperative research program of the University of Yangon and Australian National University. She also served as a member of the University of Yangon Open Political Society. Currently, she is working as a research intern at the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies by doing research and assisting in dialogues, meetings and events. Her research interests include peace and security studies, cybersecurity and digital economy, national security and human security, identity politics in the Asia-Pacific region, global politics, international political economy, rural development, democracy and civil-military relations.



Aung Zin Phyo Thein (MMR; 2020/2021) finished his undergraduate degree in International Relations at Durham University and undertook graduate studies in public policy at the University of Nottingham. He has served as a research associate for the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies since 2015, conducting research across a range of domestic and foreign affairs issues, most notably in ASEAN reform and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), where his writings have appeared in local and regional publications. His experience also includes stints at non-governmental organizations in Myanmar and Thailand, coupled with a selection as Myanmar's representative at the Asia Pacific Young Scholars Workshop. Aung Zin's research interests are in the BRI in Myanmar, China-Myanmar relations, regional security issues, Myanmar politics and reputation risk management. He also has a keen interest in design thinking and sustainable development goals.

RESIDENT VASEY FELLOWS – 35; COUNTRIES – 11

2002

Yumiko Nakagawa, Japan

2003

Kazuko Hamada, Japan

2004

Ah-Young Kim, ROK
Ronald Rodriguez, Philippines
Lena Gan, Singapore (2004-2005)

2005

Hyun Jung Jo Choi, Singapore, ROK
Claire Bai, PRC (2005-2006)

2006

Qinghong Wang, PRC (2006-2007)
Junbeom Pyon, ROK (2006-2007)

2007

Yuka Tsukagoshi, Japan
Jiyon Shin, ROK (2007-2008)
Tomoko Tsunoda, Japan (2007-2008)

2008

Shanshan Mei, PRC
Shiuan-ju Chen, Taiwan

2009

Young-Jin Yang, ROK
Nadya Larsen, Russia
Trang Thuy Pham, Vietnam
Kei Koga, Japan (2009-2010)

2010

Fergus Hanson, Australia (2010-2011)
Luxi Zhou, PRC (2010-2011)

2011

Danielle Chub, Australia (2011-2012)
Yang Yi, PRC (2011-2012)

2012

Yujing Shentu, PRC (2012-2013)
Ryo Hinata-Yamaguchi, Japan (2012-2013)

2013

Nanae Yamashiro, Japan (2013-2014)

2014

Guanpei Ming, PRC (2014-2015)

2015

Maile Plan, US (2015-2016)

2016

Jeffrey Ordaniel, Philippines (2016-2017)
Sinclair Prowse, Australia (2016-2017)

2017

Yeseul Woo, ROK

2018

Jeffrey Ordaniel, Philippines (2016-2018)

2019

Feng Jin, PRC

2020

Tom Corben, AUS
Mark Manantan, Philippines
Jennifer Howe, United Kingdom



RESIDENT WSD-HANDA FELLOWS – 36; COUNTRIES – 15

2011

Gaoyue Fan, PRC
Christina Failma, US
Matthew Anderson, US
Eleni Ekmektsioglou, Greece
Fitria Lestari Saberi, Malaysia
Siti Noradilah Sabudin, Malaysia
Eric Sayers, US/Canada
Ta Minh Tuan, Vietnam

2012

Nicole Forrester, Australia
Gintare Janulaityte, Lithuania
Maggie Yuan Ma, PRC
John Hemmings, UK
Billy Tea, US (2012-2013)
Gauri Kandekar, India (2012-2013)

2013

Cristin Shiffer Orr, US
Erin Hoshibata, US (2013-2014)
Liang Wei, PRC
Yanhong Xu, PRC
Peter Yemc, US

2014

Yujie Yang, PRC
Virginia Marantidou, Greece
John Warden, US

2015

Moustafa Hisham Badr, Egypt
Zhang Bo, PRC
Jessica Lee, US
Adam Greer, US

2016

Brian Moore, US
Federica Dall'Arche, Italy (2016-2017)

2017

Edward Schwarck, UK
Minghao Fan, PRC
Nguyen Dinh Sach, VNM

2018

Andray Abrahamian, US/UK (2017-2018)

2019

Ariel Stenek, US
Chen-Sheng Hong, Taiwan

2020

Eugenio Benincasa, Italy (2020-2021)

RESIDENT KELLY FELLOWS – 26; COUNTRIES – 4

2009

Young Jin Yang, ROK
Dayea Diana Park, US (2009-2010)

2010

Kevin Shephard, US
Adrian Yi, US
Cornelis Oudenaarden, Netherlands (2010-2011)

2011

Sungmin Cho, ROK
Dong-Joon Park, ROK (2011-2012)
Kyu-toi Moon, ROK (2011-2012)

2012

Van Jackson, US
Ki Suh Jung, US (2012-2013)
Petra Dunne, Croatia/US (2012-2013)

2013

Stephanie Kang, US (2013-2014)
Sunna An, ROK
Seongho Hong, ROK

2014

Julia Cunico, US
Stephanie Kang, US

2015

Kelly Wadsworth, US
Nahee Kim, ROK
Woojin Lee, ROK (2015-2016)
Yoonjae Lee, ROK

2016

Min Jung Lee, ROK (2016-2018)
Hyuk Kim, ROK (2016-2017)

2017

Hannah Falvey, US

2018

Lami Kim, ROK

2019

Oleksandr Shykov, US

2020

Dong-hyeon Kim, ROK (2019-2020)

2021

Daniel Mitchum, US



RESIDENT KOREA FOUNDATION FELLOWS – 4

2014

Eun-Young “Jo” Cho, South Korea

2017

Daekwon Son, South Korea

2018

Saeme Kim, South Korea

2020

Kangkyl Lee, South Korea

RESIDENT SASAKAWA PEACE FOUNDATION FELLOWS – 12

2011

Masamichi Minehata, Japan
Eric Sayers, US

2012

Mihoko Matsubara, Japan
Justin Goldman, US
Jenny Lin, US
Hideshi Futori, Japan

2013

Aiko Shimizu, Japan
Candice Sachi Gerbin, US

2014

James Platte, US (2014-2015)
Tomoko Kiyota (2014-2015)

2015

Crystal Pryor, US (2015-2016)
Akira Igata, Japan (2015-2016)

RESIDENT NONPROLIFERATION AND NUCLEAR SECURITY FELLOWS – 8

2016

Naing Win, Myanmar
Aung Ko Min, Myanmar
Khin Ma Ma Myo, Myanmar
Nay Yan Oo, Myanmar (2016-2018)

2016/2017

Federica Dall’Arche, Italy (2016-2017)
Hyuk Kim, ROK (2016-2017)

2017/2018

Kyaw Si Thu, Myanmar (2017-2018)
Phone Myint Naing, Myanmar (2017-2018)

2020

Shwe Yee Oo, Myanmar

INTERNSHIPS

Pacific Forum offers full- and part-time internships for students and recent graduates who are interested in gaining practical experience at an international think tank.

Maxwell Baker (USA; 2020)
Frank Camara (USA; 2020)
Tom Connolly (AUS; 2020/2021)
Daniel Etzion (AUS; 2020)
Lucy Gold (USA; 2020)
Jennifer Howe (UK; 2020)
Hanmin Kim (ROK; 2020/2021)
Vivian Li (USA; 2020/2021)
Sally Lin (USA; 2019/2020)
Jason Lowe (USA; 2020)
Xintao Lu (CH; 2020)
Conrad Maclean (AUS; 2020)
Bree Mims (USA; 2019-2020)
Lily Schlieman (USA; 2021)
Jake Steiner (USA; 2020)
Renee Susanto (USA; 2020)
Benjamin Tracy (USA; 2021)
Mikhaela Van Hoven (PH; 2021)
Sergio Villarreal (USA; 2020)

ENGAGING THE HAWAII COMMUNITY

To promote understanding of the Indo-Pacific and foster dialogue about regional issues, Pacific Forum runs several programs and events targeting our dynamic community in Hawaii. At these forums, students, professionals, members of the military, educators, and executives can engage in discussions that emphasize the interconnectivity between Hawaii and the region writ large.

HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL FORUM

The Pacific Forum invites those in the greater Honolulu area to explore the major political, economic, and security issues in the Indo-Pacific directly with the experts, policymakers, and practitioners themselves through its longstanding Honolulu International Forum. This private, off-the-record breakfast seminar series is one of Pacific Forum's most popular Honolulu programs and is held one to two times per month. HIF members attend small, closed-door roundtable sessions with prominent experts, analysts, and diplomats in the local and international policy-making community. In addition, members electronically receive Pacific Forum publications, featuring analysis and opinions on up-to-the-minute regional issues.

As the pandemic required a shift away from in-person events, and to respond to Hawaii's leaders' pressing need for insights on COVID-19 recovery from across the Indo-Pacific region, Pacific Forum kicked off its virtual HIF



programming in April 2020. We swiftly developed the "Honolulu International Forum on COVID-19 Recovery: Re-energizing Hawaii with Regional Insights" series. The first session featured Tseng Yong-Kwang (Michael Y. K. Tseng), Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu, who discussed Taiwan's experience with COVID-19. The series went on to feature perspectives from South Korea, Singapore, USINDOPACOM, Japan, New Zealand, and Australia. We invited local leaders to join the HIF to gain insights from the Indo-Pacific region on how to best manage COVID-19. Local officials who registered included the governor's office, two members from Honolulu City Council, several members of the House Select Committee, and 12 Hawaii State Legislature representatives from both the House and Senate. Pacific Forum published and sent by postal mail Key Insight briefs containing key findings and policy recommendations for Hawaii's policy and business leaders after each discussion.

The HIF programming continues for members virtually in an intimate, off-the-record format until in-person roundtables are again possible.

HAWAII ASIA-PACIFIC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (APAL)

Now in its eighth iteration, the Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program (APAL) mentors local students and young professionals from a diverse set of backgrounds through seminars and networking events with experts and practitioners. The program provides an introduction to Indo-Pacific affairs from a multidisciplinary set of tools and perspectives. APAL scholars build upon their understanding of the region and assess how these issues affect Hawaii's community by weaving topics into their research interests, professions, and extracurricular initiatives.

Following our summer outreach campaign to local universities, business organizations, and alumni connections, we received a competitive number of applications and selected 10 APAL scholars to participate in the nine-month program. Beginning in September, the cohort has met semi-monthly for round-table discussions with area and subject-matter experts who guide discussion. Normally these meetings are held in person at Pacific Forum's downtown office, but during the Covid-19 pandemic, all program meetings have taken place virtually. In 2020, APAL scholars met with distinguished speakers such as Kevin Burnett (New Zealand Consul-General in Honolulu), Monica Herrera (USINDOPACOM), Alexander Grant (Australian Consulate-General in Honolulu), Khara Jabola-Carolus (Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women), and Director General Michael Tseng (Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu).

Topics explored included the US Department of Defense's outlook and objectives in the region, North Korea's Kim regime, Hawaii's feminist recovery plan for COVID-19, and diplomatic relations in Hawaii.

Before the global lockdown imposed by COVID-19, APAL scholars were able to take part in two off-site activities that included visits to the East-West Center and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command at Camp Smith, as well as one networking event with the larger Young Leaders network in Honolulu. The success of the APAL program is further underscored by the camaraderie established among its members as they experience a unique professional development program together.

Much of this program is made possible by the generosity of the Freeman Foundation, which has supported our efforts to nurture a generation of civically engaged scholars in Hawaii who are interested in learning about and engaging with the Indo-Pacific. This support has enabled APAL scholars to attend regional conferences, discuss topical issues, and network with experts from around the world. In 2020, APAL scholars attended the 7th Myanmar-US Nonproliferation Dialogue in Naypyidaw and the CSCAP Study Group on Nonproliferation and Disarmament in Singapore.



Cheryl BELLISARIO is currently a student pursuing her master's degree in public administration at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She has a bachelor's degree in international relations and a master's degree in understanding and securing human rights. Bellisario is interested in all levels of policy – from local to international policy. She is excited to learn about the intricacies of policy and diplomacy in the Indo-Pacific region and how human rights are intertwined.



Melanie CARRIÉ is an aspiring foreign service officer, currently working in real estate and radio in Hawaii. She received her BA in politics and social anthropology from the University of Edinburgh, speaks three languages, and has lived in five countries across North America, Europe, and Asia. She is a member of the steering committee for the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce and is in the process of applying to graduate school, where she hopes to pursue her MA in Foreign Policy. Melanie aspires to aid in bettering the international relations and intercultural communication between the United States and countries abroad.



Hunter HEAVILIN is a food systems planner at Supersistence. He has worked with individuals, organizations, communities, and networks to address issues in environmental quality, social equity, and economic development. As a doctoral candidate at the UH Manoa Department of Geography and Environment, his research focuses on how global patterns of capital accumulation through agriculture shape local food systems and produce food crises. He most recently worked as a Graduate Research Assistant in the UH Manoa Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management.



Sterling HIGA is a debate coach and lecturer in the Department of Communication at Hawaii Pacific University, where he taught public speaking, persuasion, argumentation, and technical communication. He is also a contributing writer for Hawaii Business Magazine. Sterling is completing his PhD in Educational Foundations from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, holds a master's in Education from Harvard University, and a BA in Communicology from UH Manoa. He most recently presented at the IAFOR International Conference on Education in 2019 on "Superstars and Tutors: Internet Effects on Education."



Nanea LO is from Papakōlea, O'ahu. She is a Kanaka Maoli (Native Hawaiian). Through civic engagement, podcast hosting, and community organizing, Lo advocates for Hawaiian sovereignty, aloha 'āina, and feminism on the national and international scale. She has been a part of innovative local and international programs such as Native American Political Leadership Program, Kuleana Academy, Young Pacific Leaders, and Peace Scholars. She believes that relationships are the fabric of life and is excited to better understand Asia and the Pacific through the APAL Program.

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Xintao LU is a Research Intern at Pacific Forum and a recent graduate from the University of Hawaii at Manoa's Asian Studies Master's Program. His research interests are clustered around US-China relations and Chinese domestic policy, with an emphasis on the intersections of Chinese politics, society, culture and ideology. He is currently researching the American perspective on the dynamics between domestic Chinese players (e.g., the Chinese Communist Party, the Chinese government, and the Chinese people), and how this perspective has shaped and may continue to shape US-China relations.



Rayne SULLIVAN is a JD candidate at Columbia Law School. Before Columbia, Rayne received his master's degree from the University of Oxford, where he worked as an AI researcher at the Rhodes Artificial Intelligence Lab. Rayne completed his undergraduate study at Georgetown University, where he studied international relations, minored in Mandarin Chinese, and received a certificate in Asian Studies from the School of Foreign Service. Rayne is the Chairman and founder of Georgetown Diplomatic Strategies, a professional development and diplomatic consulting non-profit that has worked with over 14 ambassadors and embassies.



Caroline WOOD works in strategic project development as the program specialist for the University of Hawai'i (UH) STEM Pre-Academy, an organization dedicated to connecting UH research and technology with public middle schools statewide. She is currently pursuing a Global MBA at the Shidler College of Business. She received her BS in Marine Biology from UH Mānoa. Caroline is a former program manager for Our Project in Hawai'i's Intertidal (OPIHI), a UH Mānoa College of Education professional development initiative for marine science research and outreach. Caroline is passionate about mitigation measures for regional climate change impacts, and the role of public education in building resilient futures for Hawai'i communities.



Melissa YAGO is a senior pursuing her undergraduate studies at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa in Accounting, Finance & Management Information Systems. Throughout her college life, she has had the opportunity to study abroad at Sophia University in Japan to improve her Japanese while also studying a semester at the University of Auckland in New Zealand. Those experiences have allowed her to foster her global mindset which she now uses to fulfill her role as a Shidler Global Leader and as President to the International Business Organization at the Shidler College of Business.



Justin YEE is currently a junior at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He is pursuing a double major in history and economics and a double minor in Chinese and psychology. His long-term career interests are in international law, specifically in the East Asia region. He currently serves as the Manoa Debate Union team captain and will study abroad at the University of Toronto through the Fulbright Canada Killam Fellowship program in Spring 2020.

SENIOR STAFF EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Robert Girrier, President joined the Pacific Forum in 2018. In addition to participating directly in the many Pacific Forum-sponsored events and yearly work plans, he serves in panelist speaking events on maritime and defense issues affecting the Indo-Pacific; most recently, *The Northeast Asia Security Conference* sponsored by Genron NPO (Tokyo). In the area of security cooperation, he actively contributes to Council on Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP) forums, serving as Chair of USCSCAP. He continues his work in the maritime and naval fields, co-authoring *Watch Officers Guide 16th edition* (US Naval Institute Press (USNI) 2020) and, most recently, as co-author of *Command at Sea 7th edition* (to be published by USNI in 2021). He serves as a guest lecturer for US Naval War College webinar-based classes and as a Senior Fellow with the Center for Naval Analyses. He routinely participates in roundtables addressing Indo-Pacific security issues, provides commentary to news media, and makes live television appearances on Honolulu's *Hawaii News Now* "Pacific Rim Report."

David Santoro, Vice-President and Director for Nuclear Policy Programs pursued his work on deterrence and strategic stability in Asia and Europe, focusing on great-power dynamics and US alliances. In 2020, he published several papers, including, among others, a book chapter on "A US Perspective on Trilateral Arms Control: A Long Shot – Within Reach" for the monograph edited by Ulrich Kuhn on *Trilateral Arms Control? Perspectives from Washington, Moscow, and Beijing* (Hamburg: Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg, March 2020) and a study with Brad Glosserman on "Offensive Strike in Asia: A New Era?" for *War on the Rocks* (September 18, 2020). He also completed his edited volume on *US-China Nuclear Relations: The Impact of Strategic Triangles*, which Lynne Rienner will publish in April 2021. His current projects include papers on nonproliferation with Russia and China, missile proliferation in Asia, building a Northeast Asian security architecture, and strengthening nuclear governance in Asia. He is also embarking on a study that will explore the pros and cons of the United States publicly acknowledging mutual vulnerability with China.

Crystal Pryor, Director of Non-proliferation, Technology and Fellowships joined Pacific Forum in October 2017. She was a Sasakawa Peace Foundation resident fellow at Pacific Forum from 2015-2016, returned to the University of Washington in 2016 to complete her doctorate, and held a postdoctoral fellowship in the US-Japan Program at Harvard University 2016-2017. Dr. Pryor is continuing her work on strategic trade controls and non-proliferation topics, as well as on Japan. She is also currently managing Pacific Forum's Women, Peace and Security portfolio. In 2020, she had a chapter on Japan published in the *Asia Pacific Strategic Trade Controls*. She is a member of the fifth cohort of the Mansfield Foundation's US-Japan Network for the Future, for which she traveled to Washington, DC twice and will go to Japan next year. Crystal is an adjunct fellow with the Research Program at East-West Center.

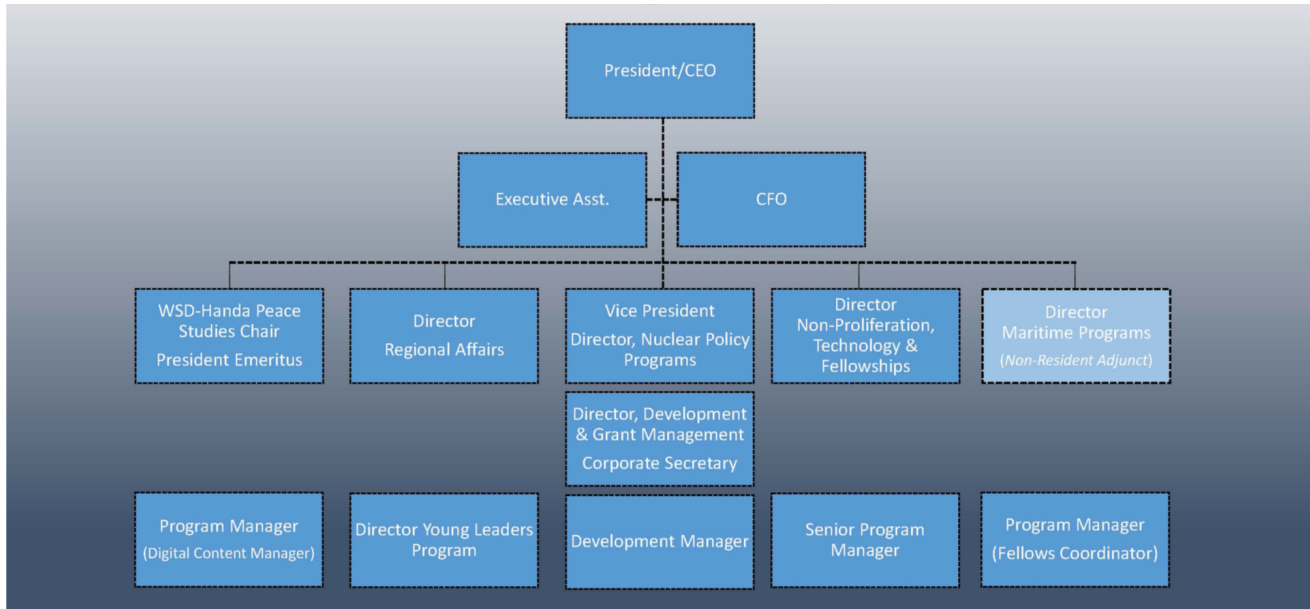
Ralph Cossa, President Emeritus and WSD-Handa Chair in Peace Studies retired from his duties as Pacific Forum president to assume his new position in 2018 while overseeing the process of transitioning Pacific Forum to its prior fully- independent status after many years of affiliation with CSIS in Washington. He presided over a number of Handa Chair events, including its inaugural "Conversation on Indo-Asia-Pacific Challenges and Opportunities" featuring former New Zealand Prime Minister John Key and a "Conversation on Brexit and Beyond" with former Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny. He also continued to serve as the primary US representative on the ASEAN Regional Forum Experts and Eminent Persons Group. He participated in a number of virtual events sponsored by the New York City-based National Committee on American Foreign Policy, speaking on both US-ROK and US-ROK-Japan relations and China- Taiwan Cross-Strait relations. He spoke at numerous events in Honolulu, Nay Pyi Taw, Shanghai, Seoul, and elsewhere, including several virtual on-line seminars. He has participated in a number of conferences under the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific, including its Northeast Asia Peace and Security Study Group (which he co-chairs) and the Study Group on Non-Proliferation and Disarmament in the Asia-Pacific. His editorial commentaries have been featured in numerous regional newspapers and journals, and he has been quoted in numerous news reports, including in *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *The Washington Post*.

Robert York, Program Director for Regional Affairs joined Pacific Forum at the beginning of 2020 and assumed responsibility for editing Pacific Forum publications, including the weekly PacNet series, the triannual *Comparative Connections* journal, and the in-depth *Issue & Insights* series. Prior to joining Pacific Forum, York worked as a production editor at *The South China Morning Post* in Hong Kong. A PhD candidate in Korean history at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, York has established himself as a commentator on inter-Korean and Hong Kong affairs as a regular contributor to *NK News*, *The Daily NK*, *The National Interest*, *The South China Morning Post*, and *Asia Times*. He also serves as a book critic for *The Journal of American-East Asian Relations* and contributes to the “Pacific Rim Report” for *Hawaii News Now*. His long-form reporting on the Hong Kong protests was also featured in the July/August issue of *Reason*, and he co-authors the US-Korea chapter of *Comparative Connections* with Mason Richey of Hankuk University. He also authored a book chapter on the future of the US-Korea relationship for the forthcoming volume *The Future of the Korean Peninsula: 2032 and Beyond*, to be released in summer 2021 by Routledge. His research agenda at the Pacific Forum includes trade and its relationship with security, media analysis, countering disinformation, and human rights, and he assists in Pacific Forum programs related to strategic trade controls and Myanmar.

Jeffrey Ordaniel, Program Director for Maritime Security (Non-resident) is non-resident Adjunct Fellow and Director of Maritime Programs at the Pacific Forum. Concurrently, he is also Assistant Professor of International Security Studies at Tokyo International University in Japan. He holds a PhD in international relations and specializes in the study of offshore territorial and maritime entitlement disputes in Asia. His teaching and research revolve around maritime security and ocean governance, ASEAN regionalism, and broadly, US alliances and engagements in the Indo-Pacific. From 2016 to 2019, he was the holder of the endowed Admiral Joe Vasey Fellowship at the Pacific Forum. In 2019, Dr. Ordaniel convened the Indo-Pacific Maritime Security Expert Working Group, an informal network of select experts and scholars from Japan, Southeast Asia, Australia and North America, with the aim of generating sound, pragmatic and actionable policy prescriptions for the region. Between 2019 and 2020, he was invited and actively contributed to several high-level dialogues throughout Asia, including the 2019 UNODC Maritime Workshop in Manila, IISS Fullerton Forum in Singapore, the 2019 Shangri-La Dialogue, the 2019 CSCAP General Conference’s Maritime Security panel in Hanoi, and the International Workshop on “ASEAN and the Rules-Based Regional Order” also in Hanoi. His current projects include research on rule of law issues in maritime Southeast Asia, funded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, track II dialogues on maritime security, US-Vietnam security relations, US-Indonesia security relations, and several next-generation programmings on key US bilateral relations in Southeast Asia. He is author of the forthcoming Routledge book, *Coping with ‘China Threat’—The Philippines, Vietnam and Malaysia in the South China Sea*.

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PUBLICATIONS

In 2020, Pacific Forum published:

- 74 PacNet Commentary distributed to 5,541 US and foreign subscribers
- 9 *Issues & Insights* monograph series
- 3 issues of *Comparative Connections*
 - 14,929 individual users online
 - 41,039 page views
 - 86:14 new-return visitors

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Facebook - 14,391 total followers
 - Pacific Forum Page - 8,955 followers (+255 in 2020)
 - Pacific Forum Young Leaders Page - 5,436 followers
- Twitter - 19,100 total followers (+2,300 in 2020)
- LinkedIn - 2,068 total followers (+668 in 2020)



2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Jan. 14: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership (APAL) Program – Mr. Michael Calistro and Mr. Elbert Brown (Honolulu)

Mr. Michael Calistro and Mr. Elbert Brown from USINDOPACOM's J2 Intelligence Director's Action Group provided a threat briefing.

Jan. 15: Honolulu International Forum featuring Yoichi Kato (Honolulu)

Mr. Yoichi Kato, Senior Research Fellow at the Asia Pacific Initiative (API), discussed "The Role of Japan-U.S. Alliance in the Face of U.S.-China Strategic Rivalry."

Jan. 20-22: Asia Peace Conference (Tokyo)

Pacific Forum co-hosted the inaugural Asia Peace Conference at the International House of Japan in Tokyo, sponsored by The Genron NPO, involving both public and private sessions. Topics discussed included: what do we need now to prevent possible war in Northeast Asia?; and how can we build a stable, sustainable regional order into the future. [+ *Young Leaders Program*]

Feb. 3-4: 7th Myanmar-US Nonproliferation Dialogue (Nay Pyi Taw)

Hosted with support from the US Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration, this dialogue brought together 46 participants from the United States and Myanmar to discuss the Myanmar-US relationship; nonproliferation implementation; nuclear, biological, and chemical safety and security implementation; Myanmar and ASEAN networks on the 3 S's; the challenge of emerging technologies for export control implementation; and implementing UN sanctions. [+ *Young Leaders Program*]

Feb. 6-7: CSCAP Nuclear Energy Experts Group (NEEG) (Singapore)

Hosted in partnership with the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies and with support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the CSCAP NEEG brought together 36 participants to discuss current work on nuclear governance in an era of strategic competition; capacity-building and education on nuclear safety and security in the Indo-Pacific; the role of cyber and artificial intelligence in nuclear governance; mapping nuclear power development in the Indo-Pacific; and the future of small modular reactor technology in the Indo-Pacific. [+ *Young Leaders Program*]

Feb. 6-7: STC in Southeast Asia: Experts Planning Meeting (Honolulu)

Fifteen experts, primarily from research institutions and industry, participated in an Experts Planning Meeting held with support from the US State Department's Export Control and Related Border Security Program. Discussions centered on Strategic Trade Control (STC) implementation in Southeast Asia, CSCAP Memo No. 14, strengthening ASEAN regional cooperation on STC, the economic effects of STC implementation in Southeast Asia, and industry perspectives on STC.

Feb. 11: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership (APAL) Program – Mr. Kevin Burnett (Honolulu)

Mr. Kevin Burnett, Consul-General at the New Zealand Consulate-General in Honolulu, discussed New Zealand's approach and objectives in the Indo-Pacific.

Feb. 18: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership (APAL) Program – Mr. Gerald Sumida (Honolulu)

Mr. Gerald Sumida, Partner at Carlsmith Ball, provided an introduction to the Asian Development Bank and discussed the role of development banks in Asia.

Feb. 20: IVLP Briefing (Honolulu)

Members of the US State Department's IVLP program met with Pacific Forum staff to discuss "U.S. Foreign Policy in the Indo-Pacific Region." The IVLP delegation included seven government, academic, and journalism representatives from seven countries in the Indo-Pacific.

March 31: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership (APAL) Program – Mr. Alexander Grant (Virtual Event)

Mr. Alexander Grant, Deputy at the Australian Consulate-General Honolulu, discussed Australia's regional engagement as outlined in its Pacific Step Up.



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April 7: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership (APAL) Program – Mr. Keoni Williams (Virtual Event)

Mr. Keoni Williams from the Hawaii State Legislature discussed housing issues in Hawaii and provided guidance to members of Pacific Forum's APAL program on how to promote their research after their time in the APAL program.

April 20: Maritime Discussion Series Session #1: Total Competition: Understanding the China Challenge in the South China Sea (Public Virtual Event)

Hosted in partnership with the Yokosuka Council on Asia-Pacific Studies (YCAPS), the first session of the Maritime Discussion Series featured Dr. Patrick M. Cronin, Asia-Pacific Security Chair at the Hudson Institute.

April 21: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership (APAL) Program – Dr. Sungmin Cho (Virtual Event)

Dr. Sungmin Cho from DKI-APCSS discussed Korean Peninsula issues, including denuclearization and inter-Korean rapprochement, with a presentation that focused on the Kim family.

April 23: Informal Discussion on Space Security and Norm-Building in the Indo-Pacific (Virtual Event)

Representatives from the Consulate General of Japan in Honolulu, the Consulate General of Australia in Honolulu, Taipei Economic & Cultural Office in Honolulu, DKI-APCSS, and the University of Hawaii at Manoa joined Pacific Forum staff to provide perspectives from the region on space security and norm-building in the Indo-Pacific.

April 24: Honolulu International Forum on COVID-19 Recovery: Re-energizing Hawaii with Regional Insight featuring Amb. Michael Y. K. Tseng (Virtual Event)

Ambassador Michael Tseng, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu, discussed Taiwan's experience with COVID-19 and how it has managed to avoid widespread public shutdowns while containing the spread to only 428 confirmed cases and 6 deaths (as of April 24).

April 27: Maritime Discussion Series Session #2: Japan's Strategy for Indo-Pacific Maritime Security (Public Virtual Event)

Hosted in partnership with the Yokosuka Council on Asia-Pacific Studies (YCAPS), the second session of the Maritime Discussion Series featured Dr. Narushige Michishita, Vice President & Professor of International Security at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo, and Cdr. John Bradford (USN), CFR-Hitachi International Affairs Fellow at GRIPS.

May 5: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership (APAL) Program – Ms. Monica Herrera (Virtual Event)

Ms. Monica Herrera from USINDOPACOM discussed UN Security Council Resolution 1325 and how the US Department of Defense is working to advance the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda in the region.

May 6: Honolulu International Forum on COVID-19 Recovery: Re-energizing Hawaii with Regional Insight featuring Victor Cha (Virtual Event)

Dr. Victor Cha, Professor and Vice-Dean at Georgetown University and Korea Chair at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, discussed South Korea's success in managing COVID-19.

May 7: Maritime Discussion Series Session #3: Survey Standoff in the South China Sea? (Public Virtual Event)

Hosted in partnership with the Yokosuka Council on Asia-Pacific Studies (YCAPS), the third session of the Maritime Discussion Series featured Mr. Gregory B. Poling, Director of the Asia Maritime Transparency Initiative at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, DC, and Capt. Martin A. Sebastian, RMN (Ret.), Head of the Centre for Maritime Security and Diplomacy at the Maritime Institute of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur.

May 14: Honolulu International Forum on COVID-19 Recovery: Re-energizing Hawaii with Regional Insight featuring Benjamin Ang (Virtual Event)

Mr. Benjamin Ang and Mr. Eugene Tan of the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) discussed Singapore's multi-faceted tech approach to managing Covid-19. The speakers discussed the "ecosystem" of COVID-19 services and how various tools can assist human tracers and the public at large.

May 21: Honolulu International Forum on COVID-19 Recovery: Re-energizing Hawaii with Regional Insight featuring John Wood (Virtual Event)

Dr. John Wood, Director of United States Indo-Pacific Command (INDOPACOM) J9 Pacific Outreach, discussed the Department of Defense's perspectives on responding to the pandemic. His talk focused on INDOPACOM's readiness to support the State of Hawaii and regional partners and allies, and how the military will continue to contribute to the state's economy.

May 21: Maritime Discussion Series Session #4: 2016 Arbitration: Did It Matter? Could It Still? (Public Virtual Event)

Hosted in partnership with the Yokosuka Council on Asia-Pacific Studies (YCAPS), the fourth session of the Maritime Discussion Series featured Prof. James Kraska, Chair of the Stockton Center for International Law at the US Naval War College, and Amb. Nguyen Hong Thao, Second Vice Chairman of the United Nations International Law Commission.

May 28: Honolulu International Forum on COVID-19 Recovery: Re-energizing Hawaii with Regional Insight featuring Dr. Kazuto Suzuki (Virtual Event)

Dr. Kazuto Suzuki, Vice Dean and Professor of International Politics at the Public Policy School of Hokkaido University, discussed Japan's unique approach to managing COVID-19. Its pragmatic strategy is driven by the desire to wage a long-term, sustainable battle against the virus, but his presentation acknowledged how cultural norms and public cooperation have also helped to reduce the virus' spread.

June 5: Maritime Discussion Series Session #5: Maritime Crime & Interstate Rivalry in the Eastern Indian Ocean: The Next South China Sea? (Public Virtual Event)

Hosted in partnership with the Yokosuka Council on Asia-Pacific Studies (YCAPS), the fourth session of the Maritime Discussion Series featured Commander (Ret.) Abhijit Singh, Senior Fellow at the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) in India, and Dr. Asyura Salleh, Consultant at the Global Awareness and Impact Alliance.

June 9: Critical Thinking in an Age of Strategic Competition: Navigating Information & Influence featuring Assistant Secretary David Stilwell (Public Virtual Event)

David R. Stilwell, Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, discussed critical thinking in an age of strategic competition. This public event attracted over 170 attendees.

June 11: Honolulu International Forum on COVID-19 Recovery: Re-energizing Hawaii with Regional Insight featuring Dr. Jane Rovins (Virtual Event)

Dr. Jane Rovins, Senior Lecturer and International Coordinator at the Joint Centre for Disaster Research at Massey University, discussed New Zealand's "go hard, go early" approach to managing the COVID-19 public health crisis and the nation's emerging path to economic recovery.

June 15: US-ROK-Japan Strategic Trilateral Relations: A Discussion on Northeast Asia Extended Deterrence and Defense Policies Looking Ahead (Public Virtual Event)

Hosted with support from the US Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), this public virtual event featured Mr. S. Paul Choi, Principal Advisor & Managing Director at StratWays Group; Mr. Ralph Cossa, WSD-Handa Chair & President Emeritus at Pacific Forum; Mr. Brad Glosserman, Senior Advisor at Pacific Forum and Deputy Director of the Center for Rule-making Strategies at Tama University; and Mr. Masashi Murano, Japan Chair Fellow at the Hudson Institute, who discussed findings from Pacific Forum's 2019 US-ROK-Japan Trilateral Strategic Dialogue. This public event attracted over 115 attendees.

June 25: Honolulu International Forum on COVID-19 Recovery: Re-energizing Hawaii with Regional Insight featuring Amb. Jane Hardy (Virtual Event)

Ambassador Jane Hardy, Australia's Consul-General in Honolulu, discussed Australia's strategy for managing the COVID-19 pandemic. Her talk emphasized the country's highly internationalized nature and its holistic approach to recovery on both the national and regional levels.

July 23: Maritime Discussion Series #6: Indonesia's Potential as a Maritime Leader (Public Virtual Event)

Hosted in partnership with the Yokosuka Council on Asia-Pacific Studies (YCAPS), the fourth session of the Maritime Discussion Series featured Ms. Natalie Sambhi, Executive Director of Verve Research, and Dr. Evan Laksmana, Senior Researcher at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Indonesia.

July 28-29, Aug. 6-7: Seminar on Strategic Trade Controls in Southeast Asia (Virtual Event)

Hosted with support from the US State Department's Export Control and Related Border Security Program, this virtual Seminar on Strategic Trade Controls in Southeast Asia convened over 90 people from the Indo-Pacific to discuss four substantive topics: (1) the adoption of Strategic Trade Controls (STCs) for non-proliferation and internal security; (2) post- COVID-19 supply chains and trade facilitation; (3) ASEAN and STC; (4) the World Customs Organization, STC and the exploration of maturity models. Southeast Asian countries – Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and Indonesia – also offered updates on the adoption of STC in their respective jurisdictions. [+ *Young Leaders Program*]

Aug. 26: US-Russia-China Trilateral Dialogue Session #1 (Virtual Event)

Hosted in partnership with the Moscow-based Center for Energy and Security Studies and the Beijing-based China Arms Control and Disarmament Association, and with support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, this dialogue has sought to identify areas of convergence and divergence between the United States, Russia, and China about the nuclear crisis on the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asian security writ large. An associated goal is to improve US-Russia-China strategic relations.

Sept. 3: Maritime Discussion Series #7: IUU Fishing as a Major Security Threat in Southeast Asia (Public Virtual Event)

Hosted in partnership with the Yokosuka Council on Asia-Pacific Studies (YCAPS), the fourth session of the Maritime Discussion Series featured Micheal Abbey, Fisheries Lead for Technical Capacity Building in Asia-Pacific at the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, and Kongpathai Saraphaivanich, Project Manager of Strengthening Regional Cooperation & Enhancing National Capacities to Eliminate IUU Fishing in Southeast Asia at the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center.

Sept. 14-15: CSCAP Nonproliferation and Disarmament (NPD) Export Controls Experts Group (XCXG) (Virtual Event)

The Pacific Forum, in its capacity as US Member Committee (USCSCAP) of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP), convened the CSCAP Nonproliferation and Disarmament (NPD) Export Controls Experts Group (XCXG) for a two-day virtual meeting. Forty-some participants from the Indo-Pacific region and beyond joined the online seminar to discuss the following five topics: CSCAP NPD XCXG overview and background; research findings from the study “Measuring the Economic Effects of STC Implementation”; maturity model discussion; CSCAP Memorandum No. 14 update; and next steps. [+*Young Leaders Program*]

Sept. 16-17: Virtual Training Course on Strengthening Biological and Chemical Safety and Security (Virtual Event)

35 participants from Myanmar attended this virtual training course hosted with support from the US Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration. Lecture topics included the Chemical Weapons Convention, Chemical Safety and Security, the Biological Weapons Convention, and Biosafety and Biosecurity.

Sept. 28: US-Russia-China Trilateral Dialogue Session #2 (Virtual Event)

Hosted in partnership with the Moscow-based Center for Energy and Security Studies and the Beijing-based China Arms Control and Disarmament Association, and with support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, this dialogue has sought to identify areas of convergence and divergence between the United States, Russia, and China about the nuclear crisis on the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asian security writ large. An associated goal is to improve US-Russia-China strategic relations.

Sept. 28: 21st Century Technologies, Geopolitics, and the US-Japan Alliance - Opening Session: Scoping “Game-changing Technologies” & Geopolitics (Virtual Event)

Hosted with support from the US Embassy Tokyo, the opening closed-door session of the “21st Century Technologies, Geopolitics, and the US-Japan Alliance: Recognizing Game-Changing Potential” virtual series featured RADM Bob Girrier (USN, Ret.), President of Pacific Forum; Mr. Martijn Rasser, Senior Fellow at the Center for a New American Security; and Mr. Akira Igata, Executive Director of the Center for Rule-making Strategies at Tama University. This opening session explored the concept of game-changing technologies and their place in national, regional, and global strategies. [+*Young Leaders Program*]

Sept. 30: 21st Century Technologies, Geopolitics, and the US-Japan Alliance - Foundational Technology Session: Cybersecurity, AI, and Data Management (Virtual Event)

Hosted with support from the US Embassy Tokyo, the second closed-door session of the “21st Century Technologies, Geopolitics, and the US-Japan Alliance: Recognizing Game-Changing Potential” virtual series featured Ms. Elsa Kania, Adjunct Senior Fellow at the Center for a New American Security; Ms. Mihoko Matsubara, Chief Cybersecurity Strategist at NTT Corporation; and Mr. Kazuya Saginawa, CEO of DataGateway. [*+Young Leaders Program*]

Sept. 30: 21st Century Technologies, Geopolitics, and the US-Japan Alliance - Young Leaders Roundtable featuring Ms. Mihoko Matsubara (Virtual Event)

Pacific Forum Young Leaders participated in an informal roundtable discussion with Ms. Mihoko Matsubara, Chief Cybersecurity Strategist at NTT Corporation.

Oct. 5: 21st Century Technologies, Geopolitics, and the US-Japan Alliance - Game-changing Technology Session 1: Robotics (Virtual Event)

Hosted with support from the US Embassy Tokyo, the third closed-door session of the “21st Century Technologies, Geopolitics, and the US-Japan Alliance: Recognizing Game-Changing Potential” virtual series featured Ms. Kelley Saylor, Analyst in Advanced Technology and Global Security at the US Congressional Research Service, and Dr. Yoshiyuki Sankai, Director of the R&D Center for Frontiers of MIRAI in Policy and Technology at the Center for Cybernetics Research, University of Tsukuba. [*+Young Leaders Program*]

Oct. 5: 21st Century Technologies, Geopolitics, and the US-Japan Alliance - Game-changing Technology Session 1 Part 2: Semiconductors, 3D-printing, and Supply Chains (Virtual Event)

Hosted with support from the US Embassy Tokyo, the fourth closed-door session of the “21st Century Technologies, Geopolitics, and the US-Japan Alliance: Recognizing Game-Changing Potential” virtual series featured Dr. Willem Thorbecke from the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry in Tokyo, Mr. Keisuke Inoue from the Digital Fabrication Association, and Mr. Ryota Sekine, Cofounder of Cubii. [*+Young Leaders Program*]

Oct. 5: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership (APAL) Program – Mr. Jeffrey Lau and ADM Zap Zlatoper (USN, Ret.) (Virtual Event)

Mr. Jeffrey Lau and ADM Zap Zlatoper (USN, Ret.) from the Consular Corps of Hawaii discussed the Pacific Century and the role that the Consular Corps has played in fostering diplomatic relations in the region.

Oct. 7: 21st Century Technologies, Geopolitics, and the US-Japan Alliance - Game-changing Technology Session 2: Development of Quantum Technology (Virtual Event)

Hosted with support from the US Embassy Tokyo, the fifth closed-door session of the “21st Century Technologies, Geopolitics, and the US-Japan Alliance: Recognizing Game-Changing Potential” virtual series featured Dr. Edward Parker, Associate Physical Scientist at RAND Corporation; Dr. Hiroki Takahashi, Assistant Professor at the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University; and Dr. Takahiro Tsuchiya, Associate Professor at the Kyoto University of Advanced Science. [*+Young Leaders Program*]

Oct. 7: 21st Century Technologies, Geopolitics, and the US-Japan Alliance - Young Leaders Roundtable featuring Dr. Edward Parker (Virtual Event)

Pacific Forum Young Leaders participated in an informal roundtable discussion with Dr. Edward Parker, Associate Physical Scientist at RAND Corporation.

Oct. 9: Do Morals Matter? Presidents & Foreign Policy from FDR to Trump feat. Dr. Joseph S. Nye (Virtual Event)

Dr. Joseph S. Nye, Jr., University Distinguished Service Professor and former Dean of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, discussed his latest book, *Do Morals Matter? Presidents & Foreign Policy from FDR to Trump*.

Oct. 12: 21st Century Technologies, Geopolitics, and the US-Japan Alliance - Game-changing Technology Session 3: Emerging Biotechnology, Cellular Agriculture, and Biomedical Innovation and Policies (Virtual Event)

Hosted with support from the US Embassy Tokyo, the sixth closed-door session of the “21st Century Technologies, Geopolitics, and the US-Japan Alliance: Recognizing Game-Changing Potential” virtual series featured Dr. Margaret Kosal, Professor at the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology; Dr. Yuki Hanyu, CEO of IntegriCulture Inc.; and Dr. Kathryn Ibata-Arens, Vincent de Paul Professor of Political Science (Political Economy) at DePaul University. [*+Young Leaders Program*]

Oct. 12-13: CSCAP Nonproliferation and Disarmament (NPD) Study Group (Virtual Event)

The Pacific Forum, in its capacity as US Member Committee (USCSCAP) of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP), convened the CSCAP Nonproliferation and Disarmament (NPD) Study Group for a two-day virtual meeting. 51 participants discussed the following topics: recent developments in nonproliferation and disarmament; the Korean Peninsula and denuclearization; the nonproliferation regime in a competitive Asian security environment; and missile proliferation in Asia. [*+ Young Leaders Program*]

Oct. 14: 21st Century Technologies, Geopolitics, and the US-Japan Alliance - Closing Session: Areas for Cooperation and Policy Recommendations (Virtual Event)

Hosted with support from the US Embassy Tokyo, the final closed-door session of the “21st Century Technologies, Geopolitics, and the US-Japan Alliance: Recognizing Game-Changing Potential” virtual series featured Mr. Daisuke Sato, Director of the Economic Security Policy Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan; Mr. Jim Schoff, Senior Fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; and Ms. Yuka Koshino, Research Fellow for Japanese Security and Defence Policy at the International Institute for Strategic Studies. [*+Young Leaders Program*]

Oct. 14: 21st Century Technologies, Geopolitics, and the US-Japan Alliance - Young Leaders Panel (Virtual Event)

Hosted with support from the US Embassy Tokyo, this closed-door panel featured Pacific Forum Young Leaders Mr. Erick Nielson Javier, Defense Analyst in the Armed Forces of the Philippines; Ms. Mariko Togashi, MA Candidate at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies; and Mr. Mason Venturo, Independent Research Consultant. The panelists presented working papers addressing game-changing technologies and its implications for US and Japanese national security, and regional security broadly. [*+Young Leaders Program*]

Oct. 19: 21st Century Technologies, Geopolitics, and the US-Japan Alliance: Cybersecurity for Autonomous Vehicles (日本語) (Public Virtual Event)

Featuring Ms. Mihoko Matsubara, Chief Cybersecurity Strategist at NTT Corporation; Prof. Souichirou Kozuka, Professor of Law at Gakushuin University; and Mr. Simon Saito Nielsen, founder and former CEO of recently acquired Ctrl Me Robotics, Inc., this public panel hosted in partnership with the Nagoya Chamber of Commerce & Industry and with support from the US Embassy Tokyo focused on bringing insights on foundational and game-changing technologies to an industry audience. It explored cybersecurity in three contexts: within the Japanese automobile industry, for autonomous and connected vehicles, and in relation to flying drones.

Oct. 19: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership (APAL) Program – Ms. Khara Jabola-Carolus (Virtual Event)

Ms. Khara Jabola-Carolus from the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women discussed the essential role that women play in our communities, how they've been uniquely affected by during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the feminist economic recovery plan developed by her office.

Oct. 20: US-Vietnam Indo-Pacific Conversation Series #1: United States-Vietnam Relations: Charting the Next 25 Years & Beyond (Public Virtual Event)

Hosted with support from the US Consulate General Ho Chi Minh City, the first session of the US-Vietnam Indo-Pacific Conversation Series featured Ms. Marie Damour, Consul General of the United States to Ho Chi Minh City, and Dr. Le Dinh Tinh, Director General of the Institute of Foreign Policy & Strategic Studies at the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam. Panelists discussed some of the biggest achievements of US-Vietnam relations, areas of convergence and divergence in the two countries' foreign policy priorities, and expectations towards each other in the areas of security, economics and politics as they chart the next 25 years in their relations.

Oct. 21: US-Russia-China Trilateral Dialogue Session #3 (Virtual Event)

Hosted in partnership with the Moscow-based Center for Energy and Security Studies and the Beijing-based China Arms Control and Disarmament Association, and with support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, this dialogue has sought to identify areas of convergence and divergence between the United States, Russia, and China about the nuclear crisis on the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asian security writ large. An associated goal is to improve US-Russia-China strategic relations.

Oct. 21: 21st Century Technologies, Geopolitics, and the US-Japan Alliance: US and Japanese Perspectives on Cybersecurity and Undersea Cables (Japanese Version) (Public Virtual Event)

Featuring Ms. Christina Ayiotis, Cyber Strategist & Consultant; Ms. Mihoko Matsubara, Chief Cybersecurity Strategist at NTT Corporation; and Prof. Motohiro Tsuchiya, Professor at Keio University, this public panel hosted in partnership with the Keio University Global Research Institute and the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology, with support from the US Embassy Tokyo, focused on bringing insights on key foundational technologies to an undergraduate and graduate student audience. It explored cybersecurity from US and Japanese perspectives, including issues of trust and transparency and regional cooperation; as well as the geopolitics of submarine cables.

Oct. 21: Pacific Forum Young Leaders Open House (Public Virtual Event)

Pacific Forum Young Leaders Program Director Ariel Stenek led an informational session about the Young Leaders program. During the session several current Young Leaders and alumni from around the Asia-Pacific shared their experiences of how their participation in the program has impacted their research and careers. Attendees included students from Japanese universities, current members of the Young Leaders network, and Young Leaders Program alumni.

Oct. 22: 21st Century Technologies, Geopolitics, and the US-Japan Alliance: US & Japanese Economic Security Strategies and “Game-changing” Technologies (日本語) (Public Virtual Event)

Featuring Mr. Akira Igata, Executive Director of the Center for Rule-making Strategies at Tama University; Ms. Elsa Kania, Adjunct Senior Fellow, Technology and National Security Program at the Center for a New America Security; and Prof. Takahiro Tsuchiya, Associate Professor at Kyoto University of Advanced Science, this public panel hosted in partnership with the Center for Rule-making Strategies, with support from the US Embassy Tokyo, explored international trends on “game-changing” technologies and their impact on the economic security strategies of Japan and the United States. Panelists considered how major countries in the Indo-Pacific region such as Japan, the United States, and China are incorporating various advanced technologies into their strategies and policies. They also discussed the role of the US-Japan alliance in managing these technologies.

Oct. 28: Hong Kong: Developments in 2020 feat. Amb. Kurt Tong (Virtual Event)

Ambassador Kurt Tong, Partner at The Asia Group, discussed recent developments in Hong Kong.

Oct. 28: Rising Together: How the Defense Sector Advances Women, Peace and Security (Virtual Event)

Hosted with U.S. Indo-Pacific Command in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, this roundtable discussion featured Commander Philippa Hay from the Royal Australian Navy, Rear Admiral Arti Sarin from the Indian Navy, Captain Junko Kawashima from the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force, and Major General Suzanne P. Vares-Lum from the U.S. Army, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

Nov. 2: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership (APAL) Program – Ms. Linda Paul (Virtual Event)

Ms. Linda Paul, Senior Associate for Ocean Law and Policy at Pacific Forum, discussed conservation practices like marine protected areas and non-traditional security issues in the maritime domain.

Nov. 9-10: CSCAP Nuclear Energy Experts Group (NEEG) (Virtual Event)

The Pacific Forum, in its capacity as US Member Committee (USCSCAP) of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP), convened the CSCAP Nuclear Energy Experts Group (NEEG) for a two-day virtual meeting attended by 56 participants. Topics discussed include: the role and place of nuclear energy in Asia’s energy mix; the future of the peaceful use of nuclear technology in Asia; the Three S’s in Asia in the lead-up to and after the 2021 NPT and CPPNM Review Conferences; the nexus between nuclear governance and strategic trade controls in an increasingly competitive Asian security environment; and filling the gaps: what roles for regional organizations to advance nonproliferation and nuclear security in an increasingly competitive Asian security environment? [+ *Young Leaders Program*]

Nov. 16: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership (APAL) Program – Amb. Michael Tseng (Virtual Event)

Ambassador Michael Tseng, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Honolulu, discussed Taiwan's position in regional affairs, relations with Hawaii, and shared insights from his career as a diplomat.

Nov. 17: US-Singapore Cyber & Tech Security Virtual Series #1: Cybersecurity Threats & Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific (Public Virtual Event)

With support from the US Embassy Singapore, the Pacific Forum hosted the first public session, joined by over 70 individuals, of its US-Singapore Cyber & Tech Security Virtual Series. Mr. Benjamin Ang, Senior Fellow at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), and Ms. Cristin Goodwin, Assistant General Counsel at Microsoft, discussed cyber threats in the Indo-Pacific region, the challenges and opportunities encountered by governments and the private sector to fortify their cyber defenses, and the role played by the US and Singapore in enhancing regional cybersecurity.

Nov. 24: US-Vietnam Indo-Pacific Conversation Series #2: Advancing US-Vietnam Cooperation in the South China Sea: Towards a Stable, Rules-based Maritime Order in Southeast Asia (Public Virtual Event)

Hosted with support from the US Consulate General Ho Chi Minh City, the second session of the US-Vietnam Indo-Pacific Conversation Series featured Trang Pham Ngoc Minh from Vietnam National University in Ho Chi Minh City and Alexander Vuving, Professor at the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. Panelists discussed innovative ways to counter efforts geared at weakening the authority and standing of existing international rules and norms in the waters of Southeast Asia and beyond; how Washington and Hanoi can better coordinate maritime approaches, both at the policy and operational levels, that safeguard freedom of the seas; and how Washington can support Vietnam's lawful exercise of sovereign rights within its EEZ, such as fishery and hydrocarbon resource exploration.

Dec. 1: Asia Pacific Space Diplomacy Dialogue (Virtual Event)

Hosted in partnership with the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS) and the University of Hawaii at Manoa Department of Asian Studies as an official side event of the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum, the Asia Pacific Space Diplomacy Dialogue aimed to broaden the space strategy agenda by highlighting diplomatic engagements that foster international collaboration. 55 participants joined the discussion, with additional attendees viewing the event via a live stream.

Dec. 9: US-Vietnam Indo-Pacific Conversation Series #3: From Foes to Friends: Rethinking US-Vietnam Reconciliation (Public Virtual Event)

Hosted with support from the US Consulate General Ho Chi Minh City, the second session of the US-Vietnam Indo-Pacific Conversation Series featured Denise To, Supervisor and Laboratory Manager at the US Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, and Phan Xuân Dũng, Graduate Student and Research Assistant at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS). Panelists discussed mutual efforts to overcome history, promote transitional justice and people-to-people ties, and achieve enduring U.S.-Vietnam partnership.

Dec. 9: US-Russia-China Trilateral Dialogue Session #4 (Virtual Event)

Hosted in partnership with the Moscow-based Center for Energy and Security Studies and the Beijing-based China Arms Control and Disarmament Association, and with support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, this dialogue has sought to identify areas of convergence and divergence between the United States, Russia, and China about the nuclear crisis on the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asian security writ large. An associated goal is to improve US-Russia-China strategic relations.

Dec. 10: Honolulu International Forum featuring David Santoro (Virtual Event)

Dr. David Santoro, Vice President and Director for Nuclear Policy at Pacific Forum, discussed US-China nuclear relations & the impact on the Asian and international security orders.

Dec. 13: US-Singapore Indo-Pacific Conversation Series #1: The United States & Singapore: 55 Years of Partnership (Public Virtual Event)

Pacific Forum, in cooperation with S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) and with support from the U.S. Embassy in Singapore, organized the inaugural session of its U.S.-Singapore Indo-Pacific Conversation Series that was headlined by Dr. Satu Limaye (East-West Center in Washington), Prof. Ja Ian Chong (National University of Singapore), and Amb. Chan Heng Chee (ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute). The webinar brought together some 140 participants mainly from the United States and Singapore, but also from other countries in Southeast Asia and the wider Indo-Pacific.

Dec. 14: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership (APAL) Program – Ms. Kim Fassler (Virtual Event)

Ms. Kim Fassler of the China Strategic Focus Group discussed military aspects of US-China competition and how US policy towards China has been adapted in recent administrations.

Dec. 14-15: 8th Myanmar-US Nonproliferation Dialogue (Virtual Event)

Hosted with support from the US Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration, this dialogue brought together 58 participants from the United States and Myanmar to discuss the Myanmar-US relationship; the Additional Protocol and the modified Small Quantities Protocol; strategic trade controls; the NPT Review Conference and the "CEND" initiative; and the CPPNM Review Conference and the broader nuclear security agenda. [*+ Young Leaders Program*]

Dec. 16: Regional Perspectives on Export Controls and STC (Virtual Event)

The Pacific Forum and the Institute of International Relations at National Chengchi University, with support from Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prospect Foundation, and the US State Department's Export Control and Related Border Security Program, held their tenth annual strategic trade control workshop. Over 70 participants from relevant government agencies and nongovernmental organizations attended in their private capacities. Discussions focused on regional developments in export controls and strategic trade controls (STC), and the economic benefits of strategic trade control implementation. [*+ Young Leaders Program*]

Dec. 17: US-Singapore Cyber & Tech Security Virtual Series #2: Indo-Pacific Perspectives on the Application of International Law in Cyberspace (Public Virtual Event)

Hosted with support from the US Embassy Singapore, the second public session in the US-Singapore Cyber & Tech Security Virtual Series featured Ms. Debra Decker, Senior Advisor at the Stimson Center; Ms. Elina Noor, Director of the Political- Security Affairs and Deputy Director, Asia Society Policy Institute; and Mr. Eugene Tan, Associate Research Fellow at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies. Panelists examined ongoing debates over the development of norms and the application of international law in cyberspace, current capacity-building and confidence-building initiatives in ASEAN, and the roles played by the US and Singapore in norm-building and technical capacity assistance in Southeast Asia. Over 60 participants from governments, private sector, academia, and non-governmental organizations attended.

Dec. 29: CSCAP Study Group on Northeast Asia Peace and Cooperation (Virtual Event)

The Pacific Forum, in its capacity as US Member Committee (USCSCAP) of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP), co-hosted the second CSCAP Study Group on Northeast Asia Peace and Cooperation along with primary host CSCAP-Korea. The virtual session focused on the new US administration's security policies vis-à-vis China and North Korea. [*+ Young Leaders Program*]

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