

HOW TO MANAGE THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP RESPONSIBLY AND FIND AREAS OF COOPERATION?

--AN ONLINE DIALOGUE ON US-CHINA RELATIONS

Thursday, January 20
8:00-10:00pm (New York/Washington)
Friday, January 21
9:00-11:00am (Beijing)
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2022 marks the beginning of the 6th year during which the bilateral relationship between the U.S. and China has entered an unstoppable downward spiral. It was in this context President Xi Jinping and President Joseph Biden held a virtual meeting on November 15, 2021. President Xi proposed that the consequential relationship should be buttressed by the commitment to the principle of mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and win-win cooperation. President Biden underscored the importance of managing strategic risks and the need for common-sense guardrails to ensure that competition does not veer into conflict. The two leaders have reached a consensus on how to stabilize the relationship, find ways to compete orderly and peacefully and look for areas where the two governments could coordinate and even cooperate to anchor global peace and prosperity. Against this backdrop, the Chinese People's Association for Peace and Disarmament (CPAPD) and The Carter Center have decided to organize an online dialogue for prominent Chinese and American experts to reflect on what the two nations must do to responsibly manage the volatile bilateral relationship so that it does not destroy the dividends of four decades of engagement, force other countries in the world to choose side and allow rivalry to escalate into an arms race, possible proxy wars or even direct conflict. More importantly, the two nations need to find means to reduce distrust and work together to respond to global challenges and resolve regional conflicts.

This online meeting is supported by the Ford Foundation, the World Affairs Council of Atlanta, the China Research Center in Atlanta and Center for International Business Education & Research of Georgia Institute of Technology.

Agenda

8:00 pm -- 8:05 pm

Opening Remarks by Dr. Yawei Liu, Senior Advisor on China, The Carter Center

8:05 pm -- 9:00 pm

Panel I: How to Manage the Bilateral Relationship Responsibly?

Moderator: Rickey Bevington, President, World Affairs Council of Atlanta

- Amb. He Yafei, Former Vice Ministry, Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Susan Thornton, Senior Fellow, Paul Tsai China Center, Yale Law School
- Dr. Shao Yuqun, Director of Institute for Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao Studies, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies
- Anna Ashton, Senior Fellow, Asia Society Policy Institute

9:00 pm -- 9:55 pm

Panel II: Where and How Can the U.S. and China Cooperate?

Moderator: Dr. Robert A. Kapp, Former President, US-China Business Council

- Amb. Su Ge, Former President, China Institute of International Studies
- Joseph Fewsmith, Professor of Political Science, Boston University
- Ms. Su Xiaohui, Deputy Director, Department for American Studies, China Institute of International Studies
- Denis Simon, Senior Advisor to the President for China Affairs, Duke University

9:55 pm -- 10:00 pm

Closing Remarks by Dr. Tao Tao, Deputy Secretary General, CPAPD

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Speakers & Moderators

Speakers:

Susan Thornton: Ms. Thornton is a retired senior US diplomat with almost 30 years of experience with the US State Department in Eurasia and East Asia.

Susan is a Senior Fellow with the Paul Tsai China Center at Yale Law School

and a Non-resident Fellow at Brookings Institution. Until July 2018, Thornton was acting assistant secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs at the Department of State and led East Asia policy making amid the crisis with North Korea, escalating trade tensions with China, and a fast-changing international environment. In previous State Department roles, she worked on China and Korea policy and served in leadership positions at US embassies in Central Asia, Russia, the Caucasus, and China.



Amb. He Yafei: Amb. He Yafei served as Counsellor of the Chinese Permanent Mission to the United Nations, Deputy Director General of the Arms Control Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Minister Counsellor and Minister of the Embassy of



China in the United States, Director General of the America and Pacific Department, Assistant Minister and Vice Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Representative and Ambassador of the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland, and Vice Minister of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council. He graduated from Beijing Foreign Studies University, and later studied at Geneva Institute of International Relations.

Joseph Fewsmith: Dr. Fewsmith is a Professor of International Relations and Political Science at Boston University and the Director of the University's Center for the Study of Asia. He is the author or editor of eight books, including, most recently, *Rethinking Chinese Politics*



(Published Online June 2021). He is one of the seven regular contributors to the China Leadership Monitor, a quarterly web publication analyzing current developments in China. His articles have appeared in such journals as Asian Survey, Comparative Studies in Society and History, The China Journal, The China Quarterly, Current History, The Journal of Contemporary China, Problems of Communism, and Modern China.

Amb. Su Ge: Dr. SU Ge is former President of China Institute of International Studies (CIIS), former Co-Chair of Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC), and Chairman of PECC-CHINA. He is a member of the Committee of Public Diplomacy of the Chinese Foreign



Ministry. Su received his MA, Ph.D., and Honorary Doctorate from Brigham Young University. He has served consecutively as Minister Counselor in the Chinese Embassy in the USA, Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, and Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland. He is the author of American China Policy and the Taiwan Issue, and International Situation and China's Foreign Policy.

Anna Ashton: Ms. Ashton has served as the former Senior Director and later, Vice President of government affairs with the US-China Business Council, developing, and implementing the Council's advocacy on behalf of member companies. She also previously served as the Director of business advisory services,



leading staff across USCBC's three offices in providing member companies with analysis of China's commercial policies, business operating environment, and best practices. Ms. Ashton is currently a Senior Fellow with the Asia Society Policy Institute where her research focuses on the United States and China's respective economic engagement in the region and implications for U.S.-China bilateral relationship in the region.

Dr. Shao Yuqun: Dr. Shao Yuqun is the Director of the Institute for Taiwan, Hong Kong & Macau Studies, and a senior fellow of the Center for American Studies at Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS). Her main research areas are American



foreign policy and China-U.S. relations. She joined SIIS in 2003 and worked as a visiting fellow at the German Development Institute (DIE, 2007) and the Center for Strategic and International Studies in the US (2010). She also serves as Vice President of the Shanghai Association of American Studies.

Denis Simon: Dr. Simon is the Senior Adviser on China Affairs to the President of Duke University. He is also a Professor of China Business and Technology at Duke's Fuqua School of Business. Prior to returning to Duke, Dr. Simon served as Executive Vice Chancellor at Duke



Kunshan University in China (2015-2020). Simon's career included spells as senior adviser on China and global affairs in the Office of the President at Arizona State University; vice-provost for international affairs at the University of Oregon; and professor of international affairs at Penn State University's School of International Affairs. He also has had extensive leadership experience in management consulting having served as General Manager of Andersen Consulting in Beijing (now Accenture) and the Founding President of Monitor

Group China.

Ms. Su Xiaohui: Ms. Su Xiaohui serves as Deputy Director

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media outlets, including China Central Television (CCTV) and China Global

Television Network (CGTN). She has published on China-US relations and

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International Studies at Peking University in 2004 and her MA from China

Foreign Affairs University in 2009.



Moderators

Robert Kapp: Robert A. Kapp is President of Robert A.

Kapp & Associates, Inc., Port Townsend, Washington,

USA. From 1970 to 1980, Dr. Kapp served in the History

Departments of Rice University and the University of

Washington. He published one scholarly monograph on

20th century Chinese history and several shorter pieces. He was also the Editor

of *The Journal of Asian Studies*, 1978-1980.



From 1994 to late 2004, Dr. Kapp served as President of the US-China Business

Council, the principal national organization of American firms engaged in

trade and investment with the People's Republic of China. He played a prominent role in the American debate over China policy, and represented the American business community on numerous occasions, in Washington and China. Since the completion of his work with the US-China Business Council, Dr. Kapp has offered consulting services to leading American companies. He served for many years as Senior Advisor to the China Program of The Carter Center, and currently serves as Special Advisor to the US-China Education Trust. He is a member of the Board of The Blakemore Foundation, which provides generous grants to distinguished applicants for advanced study of Chinese, Japanese and other Asian languages. Dr. Kapp is a member of The Council on Foreign Relations, the National Committee on US-China Relations, and the Washington State China Relations Council.

Rickey Bevington: Rickey Bevington is President of the World Affairs Council of Atlanta and Executive in Residence at Georgia State University's Robinson College of Business. Her lifelong professional mission "to empower people with information"



drives her work to foster global synergism. In 2020, she was named a Young Leader of the French American Foundation. The year prior, she traveled through Ukraine observing propaganda and voter engagement during the election of President Volodymyr Zelensky. In 2018, Bevington examined media freedoms in Hungary and in Serbia. Bevington was a 2014 recipient of

the Marshall Memorial Fellowship of the German Marshall Fund of the United States. Prior to joining the Council, Bevington spent nearly two decades as a television and radio journalist with outlets including Georgia Public Broadcasting, *PBS Newshour* and National Public Radio. Her journalism garnered honors from the Edward R. Murrow Awards, the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Southeast (Emmys) and the Society of Professional Journalists. Bevington graduated *magna cum laude* from Barnard College of Columbia University with a degree in Comparative Literature.