



Committee for a SANE U.S. China Policy

WEBINAR: Biden and China: Challenges & Opportunities.

DATE: Wednesday Jan 27th, 4:00-5:30 PM (EST), 1:00-2:30 PM (PST)

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The Committee for a SANE U.S.-China Policy will be formally launched on January 27 with the release of its signature statement, “Averting a New Cold War Between the United States and China,” and a webinar on the challenges and opportunities in U.S.-China relations facing the incoming Biden administration.

The U.S. and China have entered a period of intensified economic, political, and military competition best described as a new Cold War, with the possibility of it becoming a hot war – even a nuclear war. President-elect Biden has spoken of the need to be “tough with China,” while signaling possible collaboration to stem the coronavirus pandemic and reverse climate change. China’s leaders have reiterated their commitment to protecting China’s vital interests with force if necessary, while suggesting that President Biden’s election provides an opportunity to “open a new window of hope.”

The January 27 webinar will explore these tension, likely Biden Administration responses, and steps that can be taken for the mutual benefit of both nations. The webinar is being organized by the Committee for a Sane U.S.-China Policy, a new citizens’ initiative to promote peaceful, mutually beneficial solutions to divisive issues in Sino-American relations.

The webinar, which is open to the public, will feature presentations by Committee co-founder **Prof. Michael Klare**, **Rachel Esplin Odell** of the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft, and **Prof. Zhiqun Zhu** of Bucknell University.



Michael T. Klare is the Five College Professor of Peace and World Security Studies at Hampshire College and a Senior Visiting Fellow at the Arms Control Association. He is the defense correspondent of *The Nation* magazine and is a contributor to numerous publications, including *Arms Control Today*, *Current History*, *Foreign Affairs*, *The Nation*, *The National Interest*, *Newsweek*, *Scientific American*, and *Technology Review*. Klare is the author of 15 books, including *Resource Wars*, *Blood and Oil*, and *The Race for What’s Left*.



Rachel Esplin Odell is a Research Fellow in the East Asia Program at the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft and is an expert in U.S. strategy toward Asia, Chinese foreign policy, and maritime disputes. She was an International Security Fellow in the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard Kennedy School from 2019 to 2020. Odell previously worked as a Research Analyst in the Asia Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, co-authoring policy reports and organizing numerous public forums, government briefings, and Track II workshops. She has also served in the China Affairs bureau of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. Odell’s writings have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *War on the Rocks*, *The National Interest*, and *The Diplomat*, among other publications.



Zhiqun Zhu is Professor of Political Science and International Relations and Chair of Department of International Relations at Bucknell University. He was Bucknell’s inaugural Director of the China Institute (2013–2017) and MacArthur Chair in East Asian politics (2008–2014). He previously taught at Shanghai International Studies University and was Senior Assistant to Consul for Press and Cultural Affairs at the American Consulate General in Shanghai. Dr. Zhu is a member of the National Committee on United States-China Relations and is frequently quoted by international media on Chinese and East Asian affairs. His books include *The People’s Republic of China Today: Internal and External Challenges* [ed.] and *U.S.-China Relations in the 21st Century: Power Transition and Peace*

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