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NOVEMBER 4-5, 2023

**“Washington-Taipei-Beijing Relations
at a Crossroads: the 2024 Elections
and Geostrategic Implications
from the Individual, Domestic, and
International Levels of Analysis”**

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Ramapo College of New Jersey is proud to host the 2023 Taiwan and Asia Program Conference on November 4-5, 2023. The conference is sponsored by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) in Washington, D.C. Ramapo is the first college in the New York metropolitan region to host this non-partisan academic conference. Since the program's inception in 2013, the conference has been held at various U.S. colleges and universities including Duke University, the College of William and Mary, Wake Forest University, University of Texas at Austin, University of St. Thomas Houston, and the University of South Carolina, etc.

The Conference Theme: For nearly three years in office, the Biden administration has persisted in strengthening US- Taiwan relations while assembling a coalition of like-minded global and regional allies/ partners to jointly counter the PRC's increasingly autocratic and bellicose behaviors. Though the Biden- Xi face-to-face meeting at the 2022 G-20 meeting in Bali calmed their rising tensions to some extent, the US has remained steadfast in the pursuit of a competitive approach towards China, which is identified by the Biden administration's newly released National Security Strategy (NSS) and National Defense Strategy (NDS) papers as America's most "consequential challenge" and the "only competitor with both the intent to reshape the international order and, increasingly, the economic, diplomatic, military, and technological power to do it." The PRC's spy balloon incursions into continental America in early 2023 further plunged the brittle US-Chinese relations to yet another low point. In this context, Washington's strategic, economic, high-tech and normative ties with Taipei will continue to deepen, to the chagrins of Beijing, which has also escalated its coercive campaigns and so-called gray-zone operations to intimidate and pressure Taiwan. The January and November 2024 General/Presidential Elections in Taiwan and the US, respectively, will introduce new uncertainties and variables to the increasingly intricate US-Taiwan-China strategic balance. How will the election outcomes from both Taiwan and the US potentially affect and shape their ties with the PRC, domestic politics, socioeconomic changes, as well as the broader contours of the Indo-Pacific region? The three levels of analysis—individual, domestic, and international—may provide useful lenses to approach these questions, but the conference theme is open to all methodological approaches and theoretical paradigms that also address issues pertaining to U.S., Taiwan, and China political institutions, electoral and identity politics, state-societal relations, high-tech rivalry, international political economy, to name just a few.

**All panels will take place in the Trustees Pavilion, Ramapo College of New Jersey*

DAY 1: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2023

Conference Checking in and Badge Pickup: 08:00 – 09:05

Introduction: 09:05 - 09:10

- **Dean Chen**, Professor of Political Science, Ramapo College of New Jersey (2023 Taiwan & Asia Program Conference Coordinator)

Welcoming Remarks: 09:10 - 09:30

- **Dr. Michael Middleton**, Provost of Ramapo College of New Jersey
- **Ambassador James K. J. Lee**, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in New York

1. Policy Roundtable: 09:30 – 10:50

The State of U.S.-China-Taiwan Relations on the Eve of 2024 Elections

- **Susan Elliott** (Ambassador (ret.); President and CEO, National Committee on American Foreign Policy)
- **Jacques deLisle** (Stephen A. Cozen Professor of Law & Professor of Political Science; Director, Center for the Study of Contemporary China, University of Pennsylvania)
- **David Sacks** (Fellow for Asian Studies, Council on Foreign Relations)

Moderator: Andrew Nathan (Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science at Columbia University)

2. Scholars Panel: 11:00 – 12:30

Strategic, Domestic, and Ideational Factors Driving the China Policies of Washington and Taipei

- “Bipartisan Congressional Majorities: Congress Ensures Continuity in US Policy toward China and Taiwan,” **Robert Sutter** (Professor of Practice of International Affairs, The Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University)
- “Exploring Impacts and Implications of US-China Relations on the US Public and Chinese and Asian Americans,” **Pei-te Lien** (Professor of Political Science, University of California, Santa Barbara)
- “An Appraisal of Taiwan’s Strategic Adaptation amid the US-China Hegemonic Rivalry since 2017,” **Wei-chin Lee** (Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Wake Forest University)
- “Taiwan’s Bandwagoning or Balancing Strategy toward China,” **Tsai Jung-hsiang** (Professor of Political Science, National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan)

Panel Chair: Dennis Lu Chung Weng (Associate Professor of Political Science, Sam Houston State University); **Discussants: Dennis Lu Chung Weng** and **Chien-Kai Chen** (Associate Professor of International Studies, Rhodes College)

Lunch: 12:40 - 14:00

Keynote Address “The Global Democratic Recession and How to Reverse It” (Virtual)

Larry Diamond (Mosbacher Senior Fellow of Global Democracy at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution and Professor of Political Science and Sociology, Stanford University)

3. Policy Roundtable: 14:05 - 15:25

Assessment of Taiwan’s Role in the Indo-Pacific Region

- **Kharis Templeman** (Research Fellow, Manager of Project on Taiwan in the Indo-Pacific Region, Hoover Institution, Stanford University)
- **Robert S. Wang** (Senior Associate of the Asia Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies)
- **Zoe Weaver-Lee** (Program Coordinator, East West Center in Washington) and **Satu Limaye** (Vice President of East West Center, Director of Research and EWC in Washington)

Moderators: Yao-Yuan Yeh (Cullen Trust for Higher Education Endowed Chair in International Studies, University of St. Thomas, Houston) and **Dean Chen** (Professor of Political Science, Ramapo College of New Jersey)

Coffee Break

4. Scholars Panel: 15:30 - 17:00

National Security, High-Tech Rivalry, and Economic Statecraft

- “The Role of Taiwan in the Shifting Paradigm of ‘De-risking’ Policy toward China,” **Peter Chow** (Professor of Economics and Business, City of University of New York)
- “Taiwan’s Economic Policy toward China under the Tsai Administration,” **Chien-kai Chen** (Associate Professor of International Studies, Rhodes College)
- “When Democracy Meets Chip: Explaining American Support for Intervention,” **Hsuan-Yu (Shane) Lin** (Postdoc Research Fellow, Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica, Taiwan), **Ronan Tse-min Fu** (Assistant Research Fellow at the Institute of Political Science at Academia Sinica, Taiwan), and **Nien-Chung Chang-Liao** (Associate Research Fellow at the Institute of Political Science at Academia Sinica, Taiwan)
- “The Role of Taiwanese Business in the Dynamism of US-Taiwan-China

Triangular Relations,” **Chiang Min-Hua** (Non-Resident Fellow, Taiwan Studies Programme at the University of Nottingham)

Panel Chair: Pei-te Lien (Professor of Political Science, University of California Santa Barbara)

Discussants: Wei-chin Lee (Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Wake Forest University) and **Charles K.S. Wu** (Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Southern Alabama)

5. Scholars Panel: 17:05 - 18:25

Coercive Diplomacy and Deterrence in the Shadow of Russia-Ukraine War

- “The Ukraine War and US Deterrence in the Taiwan Strait,” **Wang Yuan-kang** (Professor of Political Science, Western Michigan University)
- “Will China and Taiwan Go to War? **John Hsieh** (Professor of Political Science, University of South Carolina)
- “The Ripple Effect: How the Russo-Ukrainian War Shaped Public Perception of Presidential Performance in Taiwan,” **Charles K.S. Wu** (Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of South Alabama), **Yao-Yuan Yeh** (Cullen Trust for Higher Education Endowed Chair in International Studies, University of St. Thomas, Houston), **Hsuan-Yu (Shane) Lin** (Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica, Taiwan)

Panel Chair and Discussant: Hans Stockton (Associate Vice President, Center for International Studies, University of St. Thomas)

Saturday Dinner: 19:00 - 21:00

- **Opening Remarks: Dr. Cindy Jebb**, President of Ramapo College of New Jersey; and **Lishan Chang**, Deputy Director-General, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in New York
- **Joint Keynote Address** “U.S. Taiwan Policy at an Inflection Point? Perspectives from Washington and Beijing”

Andrew Nathan (Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science at Columbia University) and **Robert Sutter** (Professor of Practice of International Affairs, The Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Conference Checking in and Badge Pickup: 08:00 – 09:00

6. Scholars Panel: 09:00 - 10:30

Digital Politics, Public Opinions, and Security Affairs in the US and Taiwan

- “Conducting Digital International Relations with Contested International Status: The Case of Taiwan,” **Fang-long Shih** (LSE IDEAS Digital IR Project Associate, The London School of Economics and Political Science) and **Kendrick Chan** (LSE IDEAS Digital IR Project Head, The

London School of Economics and Political Science)

- “Rationality versus Trust: How Do Taiwanese Approach the Prisoner’s Dilemma with Their Chinese and American Counterparts?” **Tse-min Lin**, University of Texas at Austin
- “Dimensionality of American Public Support of Taiwan: A Structural Topic Model Analysis,” **Karl Ho** (Professor of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences, University of Texas, Dallas), and **Dennis Lu Chung Weng** (Associate Professor of Political Science, Sam Houston State University)
- “To Be or Not To Be: Multilateralism, Bilateralism, and Military Spending in Taiwan,” **Jun Xiang** (Associate Professor of Economics and Global Affairs, Rutgers University, Newark), **Yao-Yuan Yeh** (Cullen Trust for Higher Education Endowed Chair in International Studies, University of St. Thomas, Houston), and **Wei-hao Huang** (Assistant Professor, Institute of Political Science, National Sun Yat-sen University, Taiwan)

Panel Chair: Wang Yuan-kang (Professor of Political Science, Western Michigan University) **Discussants: Wang Yuan-kang** and **Jacques deLisle** (Stephen A. Cozen Professor of Law & Professor of Political Science; Director, Center for the Study of Contemporary China, University of Pennsylvania)

Coffee Break

7. Scholars Panel: 10:40 – 12:10

A Fresher Look at the U.S-China-Taiwan Dynamics from the Public Policy and Civil Societal Domains

- “Identities May Work: The Campaign Strategies that Asian Candidates Use on Mobilizing Voters,” **Shu-An Tsai** (Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, State University of New York at Buffalo)
- “Political Boundary and Solidarity: Evidence from Taiwan’s Social Security Reform,” **Wei-Ting Yen** (Assistant Professor of Government, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania) and **Ming-Jui Yeh** (Assistant Professor of the Institute of Health Policy and Management, National Taiwan University)
- “Assessing Congress’s Role in Taiwan Policy: The History of Congressional Support and Congressional Delegations,” **Jenny Li** (Policy Associate, Formosan Association for Public Affairs)
- “How China Delegitimizes Dissents by Weaponizing Identity Politics in the U.S.,” **Jiachen Shi** (Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA)

Panel Chair: Jeremy Teigen (Professor of Political Science, Ramapo College of New Jersey) **Discussants: Jeremy Teigen** and **Karl Ho** (Professor of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences, University of Texas, Dallas)

Lunch: 12:10 – 1:30

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Larry Diamond is the William L. Clayton Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, the Mosbacher Senior Fellow in Global Democracy at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI), and a Bass University Fellow in Undergraduate Education at Stanford University. He is also professor by courtesy of Political Science and Sociology at Stanford. He leads the Hoover Institution's programs on China's Global Sharp Power and on Taiwan in the Indo-Pacific Region. At FSI, he leads the Program on Arab Reform and Democracy, based at the Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law, which he directed for more than six years. He also co-leads with (Eileen Donahoe) the Global Digital Policy Incubator, based at FSI's Cyber Policy Center. He is the founding coeditor of the *Journal of Democracy* and also serves as senior consultant at the International Forum for Democratic Studies of the National Endowment for Democracy. His research focuses on democratic trends and conditions around the world and on policies and reforms to defend and advance democracy. His latest edited book (with Orville Schell), *China's Influence and American Interests* (Hoover Press, 2019), urges a posture of constructive vigilance toward China's global projection of "sharp power," which it sees as a rising threat to democratic norms and institutions. He offers a massive open online course (MOOC) on Comparative Democratic Development through the edX platform and is now writing a textbook to accompany it. Diamond's book, *Ill Winds: Saving Democracy from Russian Rage, Chinese Ambition, and American Complacency*, analyzes the challenges confronting liberal democracy in the United States and around the world at this potential "hinge in history," and offers an agenda for strengthening and defending democracy at home and abroad. His other books include: *In Search of Democracy* (2016), *The Spirit of Democracy* (2008), *Developing Democracy: Toward Consolidation* (1999), *Promoting Democracy in the 1990s* (1995), and *Class, Ethnicity, and Democracy in Nigeria* (1989). He has also edited or coedited more than forty books on democratic development around the world, most recently, *Dynamics of Democracy in Taiwan: The Ma Ying-jeou Years*. During 2002–03, Diamond served as a consultant to the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and was a contributing author of its report, *Foreign Aid in the National Interest*. He has also advised and lectured to universities and think tanks around the world, and to the World Bank, the United Nations, the State Department, and other governmental and nongovernmental agencies dealing with governance and development.

Andrew J. Nathan is Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science at Columbia University. He studies the politics and foreign policy of China, political participation and political culture in Asia, and the international human rights regime. Nathan's books include *Chinese Democracy* (1985), *The Tiananmen Papers* (2001), *China's Search for Security* (2012), *Will China Democratize?* (2013), *China's Influence and the Center-Periphery Tug of War in Hong Kong, Taiwan and Indo-Pacific* (2021). He has served at Columbia as director of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute and as chair of the Political Science Department. He is chair of the Morningside Institutional Review Board (IRB). Off campus, he is a member of the board of Human Rights in China and a former board member of the National Endowment for Democracy and of Freedom House. He is the regular Asia and Pacific book reviewer for *Foreign Affairs*.

Robert Sutter (Ph.D., Harvard University) is Professor of Practice of International Affairs at the Elliott School of George Washington University since 2011. Before that, he taught full-time at Georgetown University for ten years; and he had regular part time teaching experience for thirty years with positions at George

Washington, Georgetown, Johns Hopkins SAIS, the University of Virginia and the University of Maryland. Sutter's publications include 22 books (four with multiple editions). His most recent books are *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy of an Emerging Global Force* Fifth Edition (Rowman & Littlefield, 2021) and *US-China Relations: Perilous Past, Uncertain Present* Fourth Edition (Rowman & Littlefield, 2022). His forthcoming book is *Congress and China Policy: Past Episodic, Recent Enduring Influence* (Lexington Books 2024). Sutter's government career (1968-2001) saw service as senior specialist and director of the Foreign Affairs and National Defense Division of the Congressional Research Service, the National Intelligence Officer for East Asia and the Pacific at the US Government's National Intelligence Council, the China division director at the Department of State's Bureau of Intelligence and Research and professional staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

PANEL SPEAKERS

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Dean P. Chen is a professor of Political Science at Ramapo College of New Jersey. He holds his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California at Santa Barbara. He is the author of *U.S.-China-Taiwan in the Age of Trump and Biden: Towards a Nationalist Strategy* (New York: Routledge, 2022), *U.S.-China Rivalry and Taiwan's Mainland Policy: Security, Nationalism, and the 1992 Consensus* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017), and *U.S.-Taiwan Strait Policy: The Origins of Strategic Ambiguity* (Lynne Rienner, 2012). His articles have appeared in *Asian Survey*, *Asian security*, *Asian Politics & Policy*, *Pacific Focus*, *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, and *American Journal of Chinese Studies*. Commentaries have appeared in *The National Interest*, *Global Taiwan Brief*, *Taiwan Insight*, and *China-US Focus*. In 2014-16, Chen was coordinator of the Conference Group on Taiwan Studies of the American Political Science Association. He was a MOFA Taiwan Fellow in 2014 and a Fulbright U.S. Scholar in 2017-18. Currently, Chen serves on the board of directors of the American Association for Chinese Studies.

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Susan M. Elliott, Ambassador (retired), is President & CEO of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy, a position she assumed in August 2018. During her 27-year diplomatic career, Ambassador Elliott held a variety of leadership positions at the U.S. Department of State. Ambassador Elliott served as the Civilian Deputy and Foreign Policy Advisor to the Commander of the United States European Command and was the U.S. Ambassador to Tajikistan from 2012 to 2015. Prior to her Ambassadorial appointment, she served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State. Ambassador Elliott also worked in Russia, Greece, Peru and Northern Ireland as well as a variety of Washington-based assignments. Ambassador Elliott served on the faculties of Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana and the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia before joining the

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Hans Stockton is the Associate Vice President for International Relations & Engagement and Professor of international studies at the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas. Dr. Stockton manages the university's international partnerships, consortia relationships, and works across all of UST's schools to increase international student enrollment, global scholarly and student exchange, and advancement activities. He previously served as director of UST's Center for International Studies from 2010 – 2020. During that time, Dr. Stockton founded the Taiwan & East Asia Studies Program and launched the first Mandarin Center funded by Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the United States - the Mandarin Center of the Universities of St. Thomas and Wenzao Ursuline University. His areas of academic specialization are democratization, elections, and security in contemporary Asia Pacific. He has published articles in journals of political science, economics, public administration, and Asian Studies; authored multiple chapters in edited volumes on military affairs in the Asia Pacific and Taiwan's political development; and authored or edited three books on development and democratization in East Asia. His most recent book, *Taiwan: The Development of a Mini-Dragon* (2019), is co-edited with Yao-Yuan Yeh. Professor Stockton is the principal investigator for multiple grant awards from the US Department of Education, Japan Foundation, US Japan Council, and ministries of Foreign Affairs and Education in Taiwan. Dr. Stockton has served as president of the American Association of Chinese Studies (2015, 2016), coordinator of the Conference Group on Taiwan Studies (2012 – 2014), and served multiple terms as president of the Southwest Conference on Asian Studies. He currently serves on the board of directors of the American Association of Chinese Studies and the Houston-Taipei Society. He serves on the editorial board of the Korea Journal.

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