

NAVAL WAR COLLEGE FOUNDATION

2022 NEWPORT SUMMER SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

CHINA'S GROWING ASSERTIVENESS: ASSESSING INTEGRATED DETERRENCE STRATEGIES AND CHALLENGES

AUGUST 19, 2022, 9:00 AM – 4:15 PM

8:15 AM – 9:00 AM

Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM

Chairman's Welcome and Event Overview

9:15 AM – 9:30 AM

President of the Naval War College – About the Naval War College and Educating the Next Generation of Warfighters

9:30 AM – 10:15 AM

MORNING KEYNOTE

National Defense Strategy Implications for Competition with China – Current thinking on integrated deterrence and how the whole of U.S. government can be leveraged

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Break (Transition Panel 1)

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

PANEL 1: Conventional Deterrence

- What more can DoD do in support of an integrated deterrence strategy for provocations short of armed conflict? How do we maintain an advantage over China in conventional warfare capability?
- Is the U.S. nuclear weapons advantage an effective deterrent against nuclear-capable adversaries projecting force regionally? Can China's nuclear ambitions be deterred?

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

LUNCH

1:00 PM – 1:45 PM

AFTERNOON KEYNOTE

Role of Diplomacy and Statecraft – Linking traditional military deterrence to cyber, economic, and diplomatic tools in reshaping a long-term strategy for China

1:45 PM – 2:00 PM

Break (Transition Panel 2)

2:00 PM – 2:45 PM

PANEL 2: Deterrence in Cyber and Technology Domains

- To what degree are U.S. defense capabilities and critical infrastructure reliant on Chinese components, subcomponents, and materials or software? How confident are we that we know? What are the implications in a new era of strategic competition?
- What is the cyber threat from China and how does it factor into strategic competition? Is China's state sponsored industrial espionage still the main threat? Can it be deterred?
- What if China is first to develop cryptography-breaking quantum computing capability?

2:45 PM – 3:00 PM

Break (Transition Fireside Chat)

3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

Fireside Chat: Economic Competition

- During the Cold War, Western Allies sought to counter Soviet initiatives everywhere on the globe. Does China's Belt and Road Initiative to develop economic corridors linking China with East Asia, Africa, and Europe present a similar threat requiring a similar response?
- Are China's efforts to build independent capabilities in financial and commercial markets strategic national security threats? Are its aspirations to develop alternatives to U.S. dollar financing real?
- How might the West's response to the Russia-Ukraine conflict shape China's thinking on flexing its political, economic, and military power in East Asia—against Taiwan? Are similar economic sanctions a credible threat/deterrent against China?

3:45 PM – 4:15 PM

Concluding Remarks and Key Takeaways