President Trump’s National Security Strategy marked a fundamental shift in U.S.-China policy. It acknowledged that engagement has not only failed to integrate China into the international order, it has allowed China to develop rapidly and challenge that order. It labels China as a revisionist power and commits the U.S. to competing with China across all dimensions of national power. What does a new era of strategic competition with China look like? Why is such a competition necessary, and what are its stakes? What are China’s objectives, and how do its leaders seek to achieve them? How can the U.S. reshape its strategy to avoid – and yet be prepared for – conflict? Fellows will study with leading experts on the Chinese economy, political warfare, and the role of regional allies through different theaters of competition.

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**Ideal Candidates:**
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