



Security and Strategy Seminar

U.S.-China Strategic Competition *September 2020 to May 2021*

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.

The Security and Strategy Seminar (SSS) is a graduate-level seminar in Washington, D.C. focused on distinct challenges to the American position in the world with an emphasis on policy and cohort-building. Taught by leading scholars in the field, each SSS will consist of 15 evening sessions that meet on Tuesday evenings from September-May and will afford participating fellows an opportunity to gain a breadth of knowledge on critical subjects, forge relationships with senior scholars and practitioners, sharpen analytical frameworks through written and oral arguments, and build a cohort with their peers.

Ideal Candidates:

SSS seeks a professionally diverse and first-rate class of highly committed junior to mid-level professionals (25 to 35 years old) already working in policy-relevant institutions. Fellows will be responsible for around 50 pages of reading for each session and will be required to write two short essays over the course of the program. If the ongoing public health crisis prevents in-person gatherings, SSS will operate via virtual platforms.

How to Apply:

[Submit](#) your resume, a letter of interest, a 5-page writing sample, and two references by **June 15, 2020**. Candidates are eligible to be considered for more than one seminar.

Draft Seminar Agenda as of May 13, 2020

Welcome to the Competition

America as an Asian Power:
1784-1972

The Realignment: Nixon to China

The Unraveling: 1989-Present

The CCP: Ideology, Structure,
and Power

Internal Systems of Control:
Dissidents, Religion, and Human
Rights

The Chinese Economy

China's Grand Strategy

The Military Balance: Air, Land,
Sea, and Space

Political and Information Warfare

The Technology Competition: AI,
Cyber, 5G, and Semiconductors

Taiwan

Competing Over Allies

Competing in Other Theaters:
Belt and Road in Eurasia and the
Developing World

Competing to Win

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