



The ISCS is pleased to announce our next Knowledge Engagement event, a talk and discussion on "**The Complexities of China-USA relations: Three Approaches for the Trump Administration**" by Dr. Robert Bedeski on March 29, 2025.

Topic: The Complexities of China-USA relations: Three Approaches for the Trump Administration

Based on a talk given by the author in Tucson AZ on January 24, this paper first examines the dynamics of Sino-American relations as they evolved in the Biden administration, with special emphasis on Chinese military and trade expansion. The second part offers three optional approaches for the incoming Trump government: First, is globalization, with cooperative passivity to Chinese growth, and a weakening of American sovereignty with open borders. The second option is President Trump's call for revival of the nation-state and pushback against Chinese threats to national security with tariffs and strengthening of national defense and border security. A third option is a return to balance of power, with recognition of China's national interests and acknowledgement of their rapid growth in modernization and industrialization. A broader appreciation of the U.S. and China having different interests will help avoid future kinetic conflicts.

Speaker: Dr. Robert Bedeski

Robert E. Bedeski joined the faculty of the University of Victoria (1989) where he served as Professor of Political Science until retirement as Professor Emeritus. He was the Visiting Aung San Suu Kyi Endowed Chair in Asian Democracy, University of Louisville, 2008-2009, and subsequently was appointed Affiliate Professor, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington. He is former-President of the Asian Politics and History Association until 2025, and former President of the Japan Studies Association of Canada. He received an Honorary Doctorate, from the Mongolia Academy of Science, and was recipient of the Mongolia's Presidential Medal. He has lectured and written books and articles on Asian affairs, with focus on China, Taiwan, Korea, Japan, and Mongolia. His central theme of research and writing has been the evolution of the Nation-State in Asia, and how this phenomenon can be understood applying the concepts of Western political thought to Asian history. He continues to explore and write about the link between the nation-state and human existence and is writing a book exploring how the modern State is replacing traditional civilization. Working Title: Apotheosis of the State and the Decline of Civilization: Eurasia and America.

When: March 29, 2025, Saturday USA and Canada

Time: 7 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Mountain Time

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