U.S.–China Competition
Trade, Technology, and Indo-Pacific Security

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❖ Spectrum between “peace” and “war”
  ❖ Cooperation → competition → conflict

❖ U.S. and China currently in competition on three tracks
  ❖ Trade
  ❖ Technology
  ❖ Indo–Pacific security
Trade

- Major issues for MoUs
  - Forced technology transfer and cyber theft; IP rights; Services; Currency; Agriculture; Non-tariff barriers
- Prospects for a Trump–Xi deal in March
- Domestic pressures
Technology

- Global rollout of 5G, plans for 6G
- U.S. allies and Chinese technology
  - Britain, Germany, India: Use of Huawei for 5G?
- Prospects for U.S.–Japan “Two Eyes”
Indo-Pacific Security

- U.S. strategy: Strengthen alliances to deter China
- Indo-Pacific framework
  - Japan
  - Taiwan
  - ASEAN
  - India
  - Australia
  - European Union
- FONOPs and naval diplomacy
Chinese Neocolonialism

- Maritime Silk Road (Belt and Road Initiative)
  - Debt-trap diplomacy
  - Geoeconomic competition
  - Technology dominance
- The U.S. anti-colonial outlook