



U.S. ELECTIONS: WHAT WILL THEY MEAN FOR ASIA?

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18:15 - 19:30 (Zurich time). Apéro riche: 19.30 – 20.30

ABOUT THE LECTURE:

The U.S. election season has certainly been characterized by division, disinformation, and disruption at home. What about its impact on foreign policy and America's future approach to Asia, in particular? Geopolitical relations between Beijing and Washington - as well as between China and U.S. allies and friends across Asia - remain tense while deepening cooperation between China, Russia and North Korea presents new challenges for the United States and its partners, regionally and globally. Meanwhile, economic competition continues to intensify, especially between the US and China, with protectionism, "friend-shoring", and forms of decoupling becoming the new normal. With the region reaching this crucial juncture—and with the two major U.S. presidential candidates holding often-widely divergent views on how to deal with these developments—the future of Asian prosperity and stability will be deeply affected by the outcomes of the U.S. election. Depending on the results on November 5, what should we expect from American engagement in Asia? In this timely talk, Dr. Bates Gill will examine the likely Asia-related policies of the prospective Trump and Harris administrations and discuss their economic, security, and political implications for the region and beyond.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Dr. Bates Gill has a 30-year global career as an internationally-respected institution-builder, policy advisor, consultant, board director, and scholar, with a particular focus on China and Indo-Pacific affairs. He is Senior Fellow for Asian Security with the U.S.-based National Bureau of Asian Research and a Senior Fellow with the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research in Geneva, Switzerland. Among other positions, he previously served as Executive Director of the Asia Society Center for China Analysis, Director and chief executive of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), the Freeman Chair in China Studies at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and a Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy Studies and inaugural Director of the Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution. Dr. Gill has a long record of research and publication, resulting in more than 200 publications and research-related travel to more than 55 countries, and has consulted for corporations, government agencies, and philanthropic organizations. His most recent book is **Daring to Struggle: China's Global Ambitions under Xi Jinping** (Oxford University Press, 2022). Among his international honors, Dr. Gill holds the Royal Order of the Commander of the Polar Star (post-nominal: KNO), the highest award bestowed upon foreigners by the Swedish monarch, for his contributions to Swedish interests. Dr. Gill received his Ph.D. in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia.

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