

## Conference Program (Tentative)

Transatlantic Strategies in a Changing World: U.S. Foreign Policy, China Challenge,  
and Defense Resilience

November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

In an era marked by intensifying great-power competition and rapidly evolving security challenges, the United States and its allies face a critical juncture. Shifts in U.S. foreign policy have reshaped the transatlantic relationship, compelling European partners to reassess their own strategies toward global order, defense commitments, and economic resilience. At the same time, the rise of China as a systemic challenger has introduced new layers of complexity to international politics, requiring greater coordination among democracies on trade, technology, and values-based diplomacy.

This conference brings together scholars and policy practitioners to explore the evolving dynamics of U.S. foreign policy, the European response, and the prospects for transatlantic cooperation in addressing shared challenges. Particular attention will be paid to the strategic competition with China, with panels examining policy coordination, technological rivalry, and the geopolitical consequences for allies and partners worldwide.

Beyond the transatlantic dimension, the conference also highlights the importance of defense resilience in an age of emerging technologies. The roundtable will address how AI, drones, and cyber capabilities are reshaping security strategies, with a special focus on Taiwan's role in the broader defense architecture. By engaging diverse perspectives, the conference aims to foster dialogue on how the United States, the European Union, and their partners can collectively navigate the uncertainties of the 21st century.

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| 08:40-09:10 | <b>Registration</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 09:10-09:30 | <b>Opening Ceremony</b><br>Tsai-Yen Li 李蔡彥 (President, National Chengchi University)<br>Liang-ruey Ke 柯良叡 (Director General, Department of Policy Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs)<br>Yeh-Chung Lu 盧業中 (Professor and Dean, College of |

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| 09:30-09:35 | <b>Group Photo</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 09:35-10:10 | <p><b>Keynote Speech</b></p> <p>Topic: Changing US-China Relations: Implications for Taiwan</p> <p>Moderator: Chong-Han Wu 吳崇涵 (Professor, Associate Dean, and Chair of Department of Diplomacy, National Chengchi University)</p> <p>Speaker: Scott Kastner (Professor, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 10:10-10:30 | <b>Coffee Break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 10:30-12:00 | <p><b>Panel 1: America Reoriented: U.S. Foreign Policy Shifts and the European Response</b></p> <p>Moderator: Cho-Hsin Su 蘇卓馨 (Associate Professor, Department of Diplomacy, National Chengchi University)</p> <p>1. Topic: Europe Grappling With a Changing U.S. Amid Sino-American Competition</p> <p>Speaker: Plamen Tonchev (MOFA Taiwan Scholarship Fellow, Institute for National Defense and Security Research)</p> <p>Discussant: Wei-Fang Chen 陳蔚芳 (Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Tunghai University)</p> <p>2. Topic: America Reoriented: U.S. Foreign Policy Shifts and the European Response</p> <p>Speaker: Guermantes Lailari (Research Fellow, Institute for National Defense and Security Research)</p> <p>Discussant: Chien-Wu Shueh 薛健吾 (Professor, Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies, National Chengchi University)</p> <p>3. Topic: Democracy, Deals, and Disunity: V4 Responses to US Policy Shifts</p> <p>Speaker: Michal Fliegel (Assistant Professor, Bachelor's Program of International Business Administration, Feng Chia University)</p> <p>Discussant: Wayne Tan 譚偉恩 (Professor, Graduate Institute of International Politics, National Chung Hsing University)</p> |
| 12:00-13:20 | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 13:20-14:50 | <p><b>Panel 2: Facing the China Challenge: Transatlantic and Indo-Pacific Cooperation in Strategic Competition</b></p> <p>Moderator: Hong-Yi Lien 連弘宜 (Professor, Department of Diplomacy, National Chengchi University)</p> <p>1. Topic: Future-proofing EU-Taiwan relations amid PRC</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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|             | <p>assertiveness and US-China rivalry</p> <p>Speaker: Matej Šimalčík (MOFA Taiwan Scholarship Fellow, Institute for National Defense and Security Research)</p> <p>Discussant: Chia-Yi Lee 李佳怡 (Professor, Department of Diplomacy, National Chengchi University)</p> <p>2. Topic: Undermining Alliances through Relational Gatekeeping, Disruption, and Decoupling : Evidence from China's De-Socialization Efforts toward Taiwan</p> <p>Speaker: Yavor Kostadinov 森亞博 (Assistant Professor, MCU International Affairs Master's/Diplomacy Bachelor Programs)</p> <p>Discussant: Chiung-Chiu Huang 黃瓊萩 (Professor, Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies, National Chengchi University)</p> <p>3. Topic: TBA</p> <p>Speaker: Tony Tai-Ting Liu 劉泰廷 (Assistant Professor, Graduate Institute of International Politics, National Chung Hsing University)</p> <p>Discussant: Fabricio A. Fonseca 馮幕文 (Associate Professor, Department of Diplomacy, National Chengchi University)</p> |
| 14:50-15:20 | <b>Coffee Break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 15:20-16:50 | <p><b>Roundtable: Allies under Pressure: Defense Resilience, Emerging Technologies, and Taiwan's Strategic Role</b></p> <p>Moderator: Tung-Chieh Tsai 蔡東杰 (Distinguished Professor, Graduate Institute of International Politics, National Chung Hsing University)</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <p>Tinatin Khidasheli (Visiting Fellow, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy)</p> <p>Da-Jung Li 李大中 (Director and Professor, Graduate Institute of International Affairs and Strategic Studies, Tamkang University)</p> <p>Hon-Min Yau 姚宏旻 (Director and Associate Professor, Graduate Institute of International Security, National Defense University)</p> <p>Wongi Choe (MOFA Taiwan Scholarship Fellow, Academia Sinica)</p> <p>Yi-Hao Su 蘇翊豪 (Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University)</p>                                                                                                                                                         |
| 16:50-17:00 | <p><b>Closing Ceremony</b></p> <p>Bai-Ku Wei 魏百谷 (Associate Professor and Vice Dean, Graduate Institute of Russian Studies, National Chengchi University)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |