

STRAIT TALK

Mission

Strait Talk is a non-partisan dialogue program that seeks to transform international conflict by connecting young people from both sides of the Taiwan Strait and the United States and empowering them to strive for peace.

Our Model

We convene DIALOGUE among outstanding university students from both sides of the Taiwan Strait and the United States.

We work with our alumni as they take ACTION for peace and understanding in their communities.

We sustain a COMMUNITY of young people dedicated to pursuing peaceful resolution of the Taiwan Strait issue as they enter positions of influence in politics and society.

Who We Are

We are young people who believe that direct dialogue can break the impasse in relations across the Taiwan Strait. Working together across communities and oceans, we can build a platform of trust that will help us on the path to lasting peace.

Frustrated by the political deadlock between the governments on both sides of the Taiwan Strait and inspired by the willingness of young people to reach out to each other, a group of undergraduate students at Brown University advocated an alternative approach to resolving the Taiwan Strait issue. They launched the first Strait Talk Symposium in November 2005. Since then, Strait Talk has formed a strong network of delegates, involved numerous experts in the project, and even expanded its work to include U.C. Berkeley. Staying true to its roots, each Symposium is still student-run and student-focused.

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Investing in the Future: Economic Exchange and Cross-Strait Political Stability

Presented by The Strait Talk Symposium at Brown University

海峡寻新/海峡尋新

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Smith-Buonanno 106

Speakers:

Randall Schriver, Dan Blumenthal
& Dr. Merritt Cooke

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With the landmark signing of the Economic Co-Operation Framework Agreement (ECFA), the first major piece of legislation addressing the economic relationship between mainland China and Taiwan, the political and economic cross-strait environment has become increasingly complex. With Randall Schriver's experience in both the public and private sectors, and Dan Blumenthal's expertise on the interactions between economic and security relationships, this panel will explore the following questions: In which ways are mainland China and Taiwan integrated economically? How can private sector actors interact in ways that public actors such as the government or state cannot? What are the implications for peace building across the sensitive political divide?



Randall Schriver is one of five founding partners of Armitage International LLC, a consulting firm that specializes in international business development and strategies. He is also CEO and President of the Project 2049 Institute, a non-profit research organization dedicated to the study of security trend lines in Asia. He is also a Senior Associate at the Center for Strategic and

International Studies. He has served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs responsible for the People's Republic of China (PRC), Taiwan, Mongolia, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands. Prior to his work at the State Department, he served for four years in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) as a civil servant. As Senior Country Director for the PRC, Taiwan, and Mongolia in OSD from 1997 to 1998, he was the senior official responsible for the day-to-day management of U.S. bilateral relations with the People's Liberation Army, and the bilateral security & military relationships with Taiwan. His political experience includes service on the Bush-Cheney Defense Transition Team, and

work on the 2000 Bush-Cheney campaign as a member of the Asia Policy Team.

Dan Blumenthal is a current commissioner and former vice chairman of the United States' U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, where he directs efforts to monitor, investigate, and provide recommendations on the national security implications of the economic relationship between the two countries. Previously, he was senior director for China, Taiwan, and Mongolia in the Secretary of Defense's Office of International Security Affairs and has practiced law privately in New York. At the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), he researches the national security implications of U.S.-Sino relations and coordinates the Tocqueville on China project, which examines the underlying civic culture of post-Mao China. Mr. Blumenthal also contributes to AEI's Asian Outlook series and is a research associate with the National Asia Research Program.



Dr. Merritt Cooke received his PhD in cultural anthropology at U.C. Berkeley. After 15 years working in East Asia for the U.S. Foreign Commercial Service in various leadership positions, he brought his expertise to the private sector and founded GC3 Strategy, Inc., a consulting company focused on linking the U.S. mid-Atlantic with emerging South and East Asian markets. Dr. Cooke has also spearheaded initiatives and projects with institutions as diverse as the World Economic Forum, the City of Philadelphia, and the Foreign Policy Research Institute. His research on cross-Strait economic integration for the FPRI has led him to address Congress as an expert witness. Dr. Cooke holds diplomatic fluency in 5 languages and has spoken and published widely on issues at the confluence of culture, economics, and politics in East and South Asia.

