

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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Taiwan and Mainland China in International Discourse: Potential for Peace

Presented by The Strait Talk Symposium at Brown University

海峡寻新/海峡尋新

Tuesday, November 2, 2010
2:00-3:30 pm
Smith-Buonanno 106

Speakers:

Dr. Alan Wachman & Professor Jacques deLisle

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Moderator: Dr. Kerry Smith

This panel will present an analysis of the discourse used to describe the relationship between mainland China and Taiwan and their respective legal and international statuses as described and discussed in international law, international agreements, and the rhetoric of governmental and intergovernmental institutions. The panelists will assess the implications and assumptions carried in the different terms used by these actors and consider several proposals for arriving at a terminology that is agreed upon by all parties and respects all parties' needs and concerns. Professor deLisle brings an expertise in international law, while Dr. Wachman has an extensive knowledge of the history of East Asian political thought. Together, the panelists will present an enriching analysis of how political actors on each side of the Strait describe and discuss the 'other' and the ways that language can be employed to transform the cross-strait relationship.

Alan Wachman is Associate Professor of international politics at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. His research interests include links between diplomatic history and contemporary international security arising from China's foreign relations and the



Sino-US rivalry for moral influence in international institutions. His most recent book is *Why Taiwan: Geostrategic Rationales for China's Territorial Integrity*. Dr. Wachman has received numerous grants for his research, and has previously served in New York as the president of the China Institute in America. He received his Ph.D. in Government from Harvard University.

Jacques deLisle is the Stephen A. Cozen Professor of Law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. His research expertise includes Chinese law and politics, comparative politics, and international politics. Professor deLisle produces and contributes to scholarly articles such as *Development without Democratization? China, Law, and the East Asian Model*, and *Vicious Cycles and Virtuous Circles: International Contexts, Taiwanese Democracy and Cross-Strait Relations*. In addition, he currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Pacific Rim Interest Group for the American Society of International Law and the Director of the Asia Program at the Foreign Policy Research Institute. He received his J.D. from Harvard University in 1990.



Kerry Smith completed his undergraduate and graduate work at Harvard, and joined the Brown History Department in 1997. He is the author of *A Time of Crisis: Japan, the Great Depression, and Rural Revitalization* (Harvard University Press), a number of shorter works on the social history of interwar Japan, and a prize-winning article on Japan's first "official" museum of the war years. Dr. Smith is the Chair of the East Asian Studies Department at Brown University.