

## **Mediated Perceptions: Cross-Strait Relations through the Lens**

Speakers: Xiguang Li and Randolph Kluver  
Moderator: Dr. Tatsushi Arai

In a world of instantaneous news updates and widespread use of both new and older forms of media, it has become critically important to understand the interplay between the media and international affairs. This relationship is especially important and relevant to the Taiwan Strait conflict, as China and Taiwan have what are ranked, respectively, among the most censored and the freest media in the world.

In this panel, we will explore such questions as: How is the cross-Strait conflict portrayed differently in Chinese, Taiwanese and American media and journalism? How has that representation changed over time? What are the underlying assumptions and motivations, as well as the economic, political and social repercussions, of media discourse on the Taiwan Strait issue?

### **Speakers:**

**Xiguang Li** is the executive dean of the School of Journalism and Communication of Tsinghua University. He is also a special senior research fellow with the Taiwan Affairs Office of the State Council, People's Republic of China. He was the founding director of the Center for International Communications Studies of Tsinghua University. Li was

an Alfred Friendly Press Fellow with the Washington Post in 1995 and a research fellow with the Shorenstein Center for Press, Politics and Public Policy of Harvard University in 1999. He worked as a science writer, editor, senior editor and director of the political desk of Xinhua News Agency for 11 years before he joined Tsinghua University.

**Randolph Kluver** is the Executive Director of the Institute for Pacific Asia and an Associate Professor in the Department of Communication at Texas A&M University. Dr. Kluver is the co-founder and co-moderator of the Chinese Internet Research listserve, a mailing list that was identified by Foreign Policy magazine as a “website changing the world.” He does research in international communication and the political and geopolitical impact of new media technologies.

### **Moderator:**

**Tatsushi Arai**, the ICR facilitator for the Brown University Strait Talk Symposium, is Associate Professor of Conflict Transformation at the School for International Training (SIT) Graduate Institute. He is a veteran of numerous conflict resolution workshops and instruction programs in different regions, having also led workshops for government personnel, international organizations and civil society leaders worldwide. He is returning to Strait Talk for the seventh year. Dr. Arai is also a research fellow of the Toda Institute for Global Peace and Policy Research, an advisor to Global Majority, and a member of TRASCEND.

## 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 and understanding.

### 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 and the University of Hong Kong. Staying true to its roots, each Symposium is still student-run and student-focused.

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