



CHINA'S STRATEGY FOR THE NEAR SEAS



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Background

The annual conference of the China Maritime Studies Institute (CMSI) is a key function of the institute and has the aim of stimulating focused research on Chinese maritime development. This year’s theme explores China’s claims and capabilities within and around the ‘First Island Chain’ or in the so-called ‘Near Seas.’ The six panels will assess the rapidly evolving situations of concern in the Yellow Sea, the East China Sea and also the South China Sea. Then, participants will collectively formulate balanced assessments of capabilities, doctrinal development and plausible scenarios. Finally, they will discuss and debate possible USN responses to China’s ‘Near Seas’ strategy.

Day 1: Tuesday, May 10

0730 Buses Transport Attendees from Hotel Viking

0800–0900 Registration and Breakfast at McCarty Little Hall, Naval War College (NWC)

0900–0930 Welcoming Remarks: RADM John N. Christenson (PNWC)

0945–1130 Panel 1: New and Old Policies in the Near Seas

Moderator: Ms. Bonnie Glaser (CSIS)

“Near Seas and China’s Maritime Strategy”—Prof. Nan Li (NWC)

“China’s Strategy in the South China Sea”—Prof. M. Taylor Fravel (MIT)

“China’s Strategy in the Yellow Sea”—Mr. Jesse Karotkin (OSD)

“China’s Strategy in the East China Sea”—Prof. Alan Wachman (Fletcher)

1145–1300 Catered Lunch (McCarty Little Hall Café)

1300–1500 Panel 2: Information Dominance in the Near Seas

Moderator: CAPT Tom Mangold (Navy Staff)

“An Analysis of China’s Maritime Claims”—Prof. Pete Pedrozo (NWC)

“China’s ‘Three Warfares’ and the Near Seas”—Prof. Peter Dutton (NWC)

“Informatized Warfare in the Near Seas”—Ms. Maryanne Kivlehan-Wise & Mr. Fred Vellucci (CNA)

“Land and Sea Based C4ISR Infrastructure and Near Seas Strategy”—LCDR Eric Pedersen (ONI)

15001515 Break

1515–1715 Panel 3: Surface Warfare in the Near Seas

Moderator: Prof. Toshi Yoshihara (NWC)

“Chinese Fast Attack Craft”—Prof. John Patch (Army War College)

“Chinese Ship-Based Air Defense”—Ms. Oriana Mastro (Princeton University)

“Chinese Amphibious Capabilities”—LCDR Edward Fiorentino (NWC)

“China’s Surface Fleet Trajectory: A USN Perspective”—CDR (Ret) Bryan McGrath & Mr. Timothy Walton (DELEX)

1730 Transport Attendees from NWC to Hotel Viking

1830 Cocktails at Hotel Viking —Attire: Coat & Tie/Ladies Equivalent

1920 Call to Dinner

1930 Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Amb. Chas Freeman (Fmr Assistant Secretary of Defense)

1935 Amb. Freeman’s remarks

1955–2100 Dinner served

Day 2: Wednesday, May 11

0730 Buses Transport Attendees from Hotel Viking to NWC

0745–0900 Breakfast at McCarty Little Hall, Naval War College (NWC)

0900–1030 Panel 4: Undersea Warfare in the Near Seas

Moderator: Prof. Tom Mahnken (NWC)

“Chinese Naval Mines”—Mr. Scott Truver (Gryphon Technologies)

“Chinese Conventional Submarines”—Dr. Paul Deluca (RAND)

“Chinese UUVs and Sensor Networks”—Mr. Shannon Knight (NUWC)

“China’s Undersea Warfare: A USN Perspective”—Prof. William Murray (NWC)

1045–1215 Panel 5: Air Combat Over the Near Seas

Moderator: Mr. Phil Saunders (NDU)

“Chinese Air Superiority Efforts in the Near Seas”—Mr. David Shlapak (Rand)

“Chinese Air- and Space-Based ISR”—Prof. Andrew Erickson (NWC)

“Second Artillery Capabilities and Missions for the Near Seas”—Mr. Ron Christman (DIA)

“China’s Aerospace Power Trajectory: A USN Perspective”—Mr. Daniel Kostecka (ONI)

1215–1345 Catered Lunch (McCarty Little Hall Café)

1345–1515 Panel 6: Assessing U.S. Interests and Strategy in the Near Seas

Moderator: Prof. John Maurer (NWC)

“Strengthening U.S. Strategic Leverage in the Near Seas”—Prof. Aaron Friedberg (Princeton)

“Strategic Restraint in the Near Seas”—Mr. Doug Bandow (CATO)

“Dilemmas and Options for U.S. Strategy in China’s Near Seas”—Mr. Abraham Denmark (CNAS)

“The Chinese Challenge and the Future of the U.S. Navy”—Prof. Geoffrey Till (King’s College)

1515–1530 Wrap-up

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