



中国海事研究所
China Maritime Studies Institute

FAR SEAS OPERATIONS

9 — 10 MAY 2012

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

This conference will address the links between China's evolving overseas national interests, its evolving foreign policy perspectives, its perspectives on international law of the sea, and its naval and maritime development. We will also consider how these developments might support a cooperative approach to global maritime stability—especially outside East Asia. China's global interests are increasing and recent operations in the Gulf of Aden, hospital ship operations in Africa and the Caribbean, and ship operations in the Mediterranean and the Persian Gulf, in combination with new force structure and doctrinal developments, suggest the PLAN is also developing the capacity to operate more effectively beyond the near seas to influence events that affect China's expanding interests. As China moves more confidently beyond the East Asia region, what roles will China's maritime power play in protecting China's evolving far seas interests? How will China's navy contribute to stability in the global commons? Will China's approach to foreign policy and international law evolve or change and if so how? How might these changes affect the relationship between Chinese and American maritime power?

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Wednesday, May 9

- 7:00 a.m. **Trolley transportation available from Hotel Viking to U.S. Naval War College**
- 7:00 **Conference check-in and morning refreshments** – McCarty Little Hall
- 8:00 **Welcoming and Administrative Remarks**
- ♦ Peter Dutton, U.S. Naval War College
 - ♦ LCDR Wilson VornDick, USNR, U.S. Naval War College
- 8:30 **Keynote Address**
- ♦ Robert Rubel, U.S. Naval War College
What if Jiang Zemin is Right? ...Implications for US-Chinese Global Naval Operations
- 9:30 **Coffee Break and Group Photograph for Panelists and Presenters**
- 10:00 **Panel 1 – China's Evolving National Interests and Foreign Policy Choices**
- This panel will lay a foundation for understanding China's increasing overseas interests and China's evolving foreign policy approaches to achieving them. China is increasingly reliant on energy and resource acquisition from overseas sources and a stable international environment for manufacturing exports. To support these evolving interests, there is much debate and discussion about foreign policy directions among academics and policy makers in China, including concepts such as "creative involvement" and "moral leadership." What are the contours and drivers of China's foreign policy debate and how might they differ from American views on global security? How does Chinese nationalism affect its foreign policy and the perception of its maritime interests? What will these factors likely mean for China's approach to its growing naval power?
- Panelists:
- ♦ Thomas Mahnken, U.S. Naval War College
 - ♦ Abraham Denmark, The National Bureau of Asian Research
 - ♦ Ja Ian Chong, National University of Singapore
 - ♦ Cai Penghong, Shanghai Institute for International Studies
- Moderator:
- Taylor Fravel, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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12:00 p.m. **Lunch Break**

1:00 **Commentary – China’s Foreign Policy and Evolving Naval Strategy**

This panel will offer structured discussion on China’s foreign policy perspectives and draw some conclusions about the ways in which China is likely to employ its growing maritime power as it moves more confidently into the far seas to undertake such operations and missions as antipiracy patrols, noncombatant evacuations, HA/DR, and international engagement.

Commentators:

- ♦ Alastair Iain Johnston, Harvard University
- ♦ James Manicom, Balsillie School of International Affairs
- ♦ Bernard Cole, National Defense University

Moderator:

Peter Dutton, U.S. Naval War College

2:15 **Coffee Break**

2:30 **Panel 2 – Securing the Global Commons**

This panel will discuss China’s evolving perception of maritime power in light of PLAN force structure developments, China’s increasing energy and natural resource needs, and China’s evolving international relationships. How does the PLAN see its role in achieving SLOC security in evolving Chinese maritime strategy, operations, and maritime force structure developments? What is the potential role of Chinese aircraft carriers in far seas operations? What are the challenges and limitations for effective PLAN far seas operations, such as logistical support and overseas bases? How might developing PLAN far seas capabilities create opportunities and challenges for Sino-American cooperation in providing global maritime governance?

Panelists:

- ♦ Barry Posen, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- ♦ Christopher Yung, National Defense University
- ♦ Andrew Erickson, U.S. Naval War College

Moderator:

RADM Michael McDevitt, USN (Ret.), Center for Naval Analyses

4:30 **Adjourn**

Trolley service to Hotel Viking begins

6:00 **Cocktails** – Hotel Viking Ballroom

7:00 **Naval War College Foundation Dinner** – Hotel Viking Ballroom

Dinner Address:

- ♦ Joshua Cooper Ramo, Kissinger Associates

Thursday, May 10

7:00 a.m. **Trolley transportation available from Hotel Viking to U.S. Naval War College**

7:00 **Morning refreshments** – McCarty Little Hall

8:00 **Panel 3 - Maritime Rule Sets**

This panel will address perspectives on the rules and norms that should govern maritime operations in the far seas, including the concepts of freedom of navigation, freedom of overflight, and the range of other internationally lawful uses of the sea related to these freedoms. Additionally, this panel will discuss the scope of and balance between universal jurisdiction and flag state authority and the constabulary authorities of maritime power to suppress non-traditional threats in the far seas.

Panelists:

- ♦ CDR Jonathan Odom, JAGC, USN
- ♦ Li Mingjiang, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- ♦ J. Ashley Roach, U.S. Department of State
- ♦ CAPT Dale Stephens, CSM RAN, University of Adelaide

Moderator:

Jerome Cohen, New York University School of Law

10:00 **Coffee Break**

10:30 **Conference Addresses**

- ♦ Wu Zhengyu, Renmin University
Rimland Powers, Maritime Transformation, and the Policy Implications for Contemporary China
- ♦ Peter Dutton, U.S. Naval War College
Access and Anti-Access, Geostrategy in the 21st Century

Moderator:

CDR James Kraska, JAGC, USN, U.S. Naval War College

12:30 p.m. **Lunch Break**

1:30 **Panel 4 - Maritime Power and the Global Order**

This panel will consider the relationship between Chinese and American perspectives on the far seas, maritime power, and global order in the 21st century as China's ability to participate in global governance increases. How should the U.S. and China (and perhaps other emerging powers) pursue common interests? How can Chinese and American maritime forces develop "mutual trust" in the maritime domain?

Panelists:

- ♦ Yu Wanli, Peking University and Jiang Yimin, McGill University
- ♦ Phillip Saunders and CAPT Mark Redden, USN, National Defense University
- ♦ Michael Swaine, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Moderator:

Jonathan Pollack, The Brookings Institution

3:30 **Closing Remarks**

RADM John N. Christenson, USN, President, U.S. Naval War College

4:00 **Conference Adjourns**

Trolley service to Hotel Viking begins

4:15 **Historical Tour of the Naval War College and Museum** (optional)

John Kennedy, Director of Museum Education

6:00 **No-Host Lobster Dinner at the Newport Officers' Club**