



Regional Security in East Asia: Sustaining Stability, Coping with Conflict, Building Cooperation?

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Except for the problem of North Korea, East Asia has been a region of comparative stability. U.S.-PRC relations have continued a long period of stability despite the frictions that have accompanied China's rise. Cross-Strait relations have warmed rapidly. U.S.-Japan security ties have remained strong, underpinned by common regional interests and concerns.

Despite this overall stability, regional security faces challenges from old conflicts and newly emerging tensions, ranging from legacies of history that cast a shadow over Japan's relations with its neighbors and its international security roles, the now-perennial crisis of North Korea's weapons programs and the long-rising worries over an increasingly powerful and assertive China to the sinking of the South Korean naval ship Cheonan, the controversy over the U.S. base at Futenma, Japan, and the dispute over Japan's detention of a Chinese ship.

Relatively recent changes in leadership or ruling parties and the prospect of more such changes in the relatively near future in almost all of the major states in the region create further uncertainty. Regional states and extraregional states with security interests in the region have turned to multilateral cooperation and engagement to sustain stability and cope with potential conflict. What are the prospects for maintaining stability and containing or avoiding conflict now and in the near future? What roles can and should regional cooperation play?

8:30 a.m. Registration and Refreshments

9:00 a.m. **Opening Remarks**

[Maj. Gen. David R. Bockel](#), Executive Director, ROA (CONFIRM)
[Harvey Sicherman](#), President, FPRI

9:15 a.m. **Panel 1: China's Rise, Chinese Strategy and Regional Security**

Paper: [Gilbert Rozman](#), Princeton University, Wilson Center, and FPRI
Chinese Strategic Thinking on Multilateral Regional Security

Commentators:

[Jacques deLisle](#), Director, FPRI Asia Program, and Professor of Law, UPenn
[Bonnie Glaser](#), Senior Fellow, Center for Strategic and International Studies

Moderator: [Harvey Sicherman](#), President, FPRI

10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

10:45 a.m. **Panel 2: Japan's Regional Security Role: Continuity and Change?**

Paper: [T.J. Pempel](#), University of California at Berkeley

Commentators:

[Richard Samuels](#), MIT

Paul Goldstein, FPRI

Moderator: [Mackubin T. Owens](#), Editor, Orbis

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. **U.S. Security Interests: Aims and Challenges in an Evolving Asia**

Remarks by [Aaron Friedberg](#), Princeton University

With a response by [Harvey Sicherman](#), President, FPRI

2:30 p.m. **Panel 3: Taiwan and the Koreas: Different Trajectories for Perennial Sources of Regional Security Challenges?**

Papers:

[Richard Bush](#), Brookings Institution

[Victor Cha](#), Georgetown University

Commentators:

[Vincent Wang](#), University of Richmond

Kyung Hoon Leem, Seoul National University, and Visiting Scholar, Center for East Asian Studies,
University of Pennsylvania

Moderator: [Jacques de Lisle](#), Director, FPRI Asia Program, and Stephen Cozen Professor of Law, University
of Pennsylvania

4:30 p.m. **Concluding remarks: [Harvey Sicherman](#), President, FPRI**

4:45 Adjournment



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