

The US and Asia: Is the 'Pivot' in peril?

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The landscape of the Asia-Pacific region is changing. On the ground, this is literal and littoral, as China constructs artificial islands to entrench its territorial claims on the South China Sea.

At the institutional level, questions are rising about whether US-led frameworks can withstand a challenge from Beijing. US opposition to the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank failed to stop allied states from joining in March. Unhappiness in Washington over the Trans-Pacific Partnership -- and the president's surprising defeat in the House of Representatives on June 12 -- has thrown into question the ability of the White House to meet its international promises.

Whether the United States completes its 'rebalance' to Asia-Pacific will structure the policy choices of the states in the region. As Washington and Beijing compete and collaborate, Tokyo, Manila, Canberra, Seoul, Taipei and others must navigate an evolving web of alliances and partnerships.

Join our Client Conference Call on June 30 at 15:00 BST to understand the implications of these developments for the balance of power, both economic and security-related, for the region.

We will assess the implications for:

- US freedom of action in Asian waters.
- Chinese domestic responses to perceived US containment.
- Threats to regional economies from greater US-Chinese rivalry.

Chair

Paul Maidment, Director of Analysis and Managing Editor, Oxford Analytica

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Paul Maidment joined Oxford Analytica in December 2014 as the Director of Analysis and Managing Editor of the Oxford Analytica Daily Brief.

He is an award-winning journalist who founded the New York-based digital editorial consultancy Bystander Media in 2010. A pioneer in combining digital and print journalism, he was previously Editor of Forbes.com and Executive Editor of Forbes, transforming a magazine website into the leading online destination for business, finance and up-scale lifestyle. Before joining Forbes in 2001, Paul was the founding Editor of the Financial Times' award-winning web site FT.com and Assistant Editor of the newspaper. His early career as an editor and foreign correspondent encompassed The Economist, the Asian Wall Street Journal and the BBC in the U.K. the U.S. and Asia — a depth of journalistic experience and breadth of media that gives him a unique perspective on the changes transforming publishing and the world economy. Paul was inducted into the Digital Hall of Fame in New York in 2010.

Panellists will include:

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Rana Mitter is Professor of the History and Politics of Modern China, University of Oxford; Fellow of St Cross College, Oxford

Specialist in contemporary Chinese politics and the political and cultural history of twentieth-century China. Publications include *A Bitter Revolution: China's Struggle with the Modern World* (Oxford, 2004), for which he was awarded the title Times Higher Young Academic Author of the Year 2005, and *Modern China: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford, 2008). Professor Mitter regularly broadcasts on BBC radio and History Channel documentaries; his essays and reviews have appeared in the *Financial Times*, *History Today*, and the *London Review*

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She is a former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State; and a former fellow at the Brookings Institution, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the Atlantic Council. She has taught Southeast Asian Studies at Georgetown University, Johns Hopkins-SAIS and George Washington University. She has been a Sharkey Fellow at Seton Hall University and for two years held the Warburg Chair in Diplomacy at Simmons College.

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From 2003 to 2010, he was the Institute's inaugural East Asia Program Director. He completed a PhD in International Relations from the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies at the Australian National University. He also holds a Masters degree in International Relations from the International University of Japan and an honours degree from McGill University in Canada, his country of birth.

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