**Speaker Bios**

**Dr. Tai Ming Cheung** is Director of the UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC). Cheung also manages IGCC's Northeast Asia Cooperation Dialogue (NEACD), a Track Two program that brings together senior foreign ministry and defense officials as well as academics from the United States, China, Japan, South Korea, North Korea, and Russia for informed discussions on regional security issues. He also oversees the Institute's Project on the Study of Innovation and Technology in China (SITC). Cheung serves as an associate professor in residence at the School of International Relations and Pacific Studies at UC San Diego and is a long-time analyst of Chinese and East Asian defense and national security affairs. Cheung was based in Asia from the mid-1980s to 2002 covering political, economic and strategic developments in greater China. He was also a journalist and political and business risk consultant in northeast Asia. Cheung received his Ph.D. from the War Studies Department at King's College, London University in 2006. His latest book, *Fortifying China: The Struggle to Build a Modern Defense Economy*, was published by Cornell University Press in 2009.

**Mr. Cortez Cooper III** joined RAND in April 2009, providing assessments of security challenges across political, military, economic, cultural, and informational arenas for a broad range of U.S. government clients. Prior to joining RAND, Mr. Cooper was the Director of the East Asia Studies Center for Hicks and Associates, Inc. He has also served in the U.S. Navy Executive Service as the Senior Analyst for the Joint Intelligence Center Pacific, U.S. Pacific Command. As the senior intelligence analyst and Asia regional specialist in the Pacific Theater, he advised Pacific Command leadership on trends and developments in the Command's area of responsibility. Before his Hawaii assignment, Mr. Cooper was a Senior Analyst with CENTRA Technology, Inc., specializing in Asia-Pacific political-military affairs. Mr. Cooper's 20 years of military service included assignments as both an Army Signal Corps Officer and a China Foreign Area Officer. In addition to numerous military decorations, the Secretary of Defense awarded Mr. Cooper with the Exceptional Civilian Service Award in 2001.

**Dr. Thomas P. Ehrhard** is the Senior Advisor to the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Michael Lumpkin. In that capacity, he provides discreet counsel on strategy and policy issues, manages a portfolio of research initiatives on behalf of the Under Secretary, and serves as a key interface with the larger defense policy community.

Prior to his appointment as the Senior Advisor, Dr. Ehrhard was the Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, where he ran the CSAF Strategic Studies Group. In this capacity he championed the Air-Sea Battle concept, drafted the Department of Defense’s Strategy for East Asia, drove successful efforts to establish the Long-Range Strike Bomber program, and built the USAF-UK-French Air Force Trilateral Initiative. Prior to returning to the Air Force, Dr. Ehrhard was a Senior Fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments a prominent defense policy research institute. While at CSBA he researched and wrote...
extensively on a wide variety of defense topics, including East and Central Asian security, aerospace force structure, nuclear and conventional deterrence, joint operational concepts, interagency integration, military innovation, and the development and integration of disruptive weapon systems.

Dr. Andrew S. Erickson is an Associate Professor in the Strategic Research Department at the U.S. Naval War College and a core founding member of the department's China Maritime Studies Institute (CMSI). He is an Associate in Research at Harvard University's John King Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies (2008-). Erickson also serves as an expert contributor to the Wall Street Journal's China Real Time Report (中国实时报). In 2012, the National Bureau of Asian Research awarded him the inaugural Ellis Joffe Prize for PLA Studies. During academic year 2010-11, Erickson was a Fellow in the Princeton-Harvard China and the World Program in residence at Harvard's Fairbank Center. From 2008-11, he was a Fellow in the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations' Public Intellectuals Program, and served as a scholar escort on a five-Member Congressional trip to Beijing, Qingdao, Chengdu, and Shanghai. He has taught courses at the Naval War College and Yonsei University, and has lectured extensively at government, academic, and private sector institutions throughout the United States and Asia.

Erickson previously worked for Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) as a Chinese translator and technical analyst. He has also worked at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, the U.S. Consulate in Hong Kong, the U.S. Senate, and the White House. Proficient in Mandarin Chinese and Japanese, he has traveled extensively in Asia and has lived in China, Japan, and Korea. Erickson received his Ph.D. and M.A. in international relations and comparative politics from Princeton University and graduated magna cum laude from Amherst College with a B.A. in history and political science. His research, which focuses on Asia-Pacific defense, international relations, technology, and resource issues, has been published widely in such journals as China Quarterly (forthcoming), Asian Security, Journal of Strategic Studies, The American Interest, Joint Force Quarterly, Foreign Policy, and China International Strategy Review (中国国际战略评论).

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The Honorable Jacques S. Gansler is a Professor and holds the Roger C. Lipitz Chair in Public Policy and Private Enterprise in the School of Public Policy, and is the Director of the Center for Public Policy and Private Enterprise. Additionally, he is the Glenn L. Martin Institute Fellow of Engineering at the A. James Clarke School of Engineering, and an Affiliate Faculty member at the Robert H. Smith School of Business (all at the University of Maryland). He also served as Interim Dean of the
Christopher K. Johnson is a senior adviser and holds the Freeman Chair in China Studies at CSIS. An accomplished Asian affairs specialist, Mr. Johnson spent nearly two decades serving in the U.S. government’s intelligence and foreign affairs communities and has extensive experience analyzing and working in Asia on a diverse set of country-specific and transnational issues. Throughout his career, he has chronicled China’s dynamic political and economic transformation, the development of its robust military modernization program, and its resurgence as a regional and global power. He has frequently advised senior White House, cabinet, congressional, military, and foreign officials on the Chinese leadership and on Beijing’s foreign and security policies.

Mr. Johnson worked as a senior China analyst at the Central Intelligence Agency, where he played a key role in the analytic support to policymakers during the 1996 Taiwan Strait missile crisis, the 1999 accidental bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade, the downing of a U.S. reconnaissance aircraft on Hainan Island in 2001, and the SARS epidemic in 2003. He also helped shape senior officials’ understanding of the politics of the Jiang Zemin era, the successful leadership transition to Hu Jintao in 2002, and the preparations for the fall 2012 leadership succession. Mr. Johnson served as an intelligence liaison to two secretaries of state and their deputies on worldwide security issues and in 2011 was awarded the U.S. Department of State’s Superior Honor Award for outstanding support to the secretary
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**Barry Naughton** is a professor at the University of California, San Diego. He is one of the world’s top experts on the Chinese economy, and a long-term analyst of Chinese economic policy. He spent the fall as a visiting scholar at Tsinghua University in Beijing, which has allowed him to closely follow events around the Third Plenum on November 9-12, 2013.


Naughton received his Ph.D. in Economics from Yale University in 1986. Naughton was named the So Kuanlok Professor at the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS) of the University of California at San Diego in 1998. He has consulted extensively for the World Bank, as well as for corporate clients. Naughton is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and is a non-resident fellow of the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C.

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**Jordan Wilson** joined IGCC in July 2013 as a research assistant with the Study of Innovation and Technology in China (SITC) project. His responsibilities include research work and writing for projects on the high performance computing industry in China, the development and influence of China’s defense industry, and science and technology policy in China. Prior to coming to IGCC, Wilson completed a master’s degree in international affairs from the School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS) at the University of California, San Diego, focusing on international politics and China in particular and also studying Mandarin Chinese.