

Partners or Competitors? : Economics, Trade, and Finance in U.S.-China Relations

On January 13, the Freeman Chair hosted a one-day conference entitled, "**Partners or Competitors? : Economics, Trade, and Finance in U.S.-China Relations**" at CSIS. The conference featured an array of prominent experts who assessed the difficult economic and trade issues confronting U.S. China relations by focusing on the politics of U.S. China economic and trade relations, China's investment environment, key issues in U.S. China bilateral trade relations, and U.S. China interaction on the global economic stage. This included an off-the-record luncheon keynote address by **Mr. Charles Freeman**, Deputy Assistant to U.S. Trade Representative, USTR.

Speaker Biographies

Welcome

Bates Gill, Freeman Chair in China Studies [\[audio\]](#)

Panel 1: Politics of U.S.-China Economic, Trade and Business Relations [\[audio\]](#)

Moderator:

Dr. Laurence H. Meyer, Distinguished Scholar, Center for Strategic and International Studies [\[audio\]](#)

Mr. Kevin Nealer, The Scowcroft Group

Politics of U.S. economic and trade engagement with China, past and present

Dr. Robert Kapp, U.S.-China Business Council

Overview of current economic and business issues in U.S.-China relations

Ms. Susan Lawrence, Far East Economic Review

Watching Beijing from Washington and current domestic politics influencing China policy



[l-r] Susan Lawrence, Kevin Nealer, Robert Kapp

Panel 2: China's Investment Environment [\[audio\]](#)

Moderator:

Mr. Jeremy Mark, International Monetary Fund [\[audio\]](#)

Mr. Daniel Rosen, Institute for International Economics

Problems and prospects of China's evolving marketplace

Dr. David Dollar, The World Bank Group
Chinese efforts at macroeconomic reform and their prospects

Mr. Hugh Peyman, Research Works, Shanghai
Economic reform and impact on growth and investment environment

Keynote speaker:

Mr. Charles Freeman, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, USTR (off the record)



Charles Freeman

Panel 3: Key Issues in U.S.-China Bilateral Trade Relations [\[audio\]](#)

Moderator:

Mr. Sherman Katz, William M. Scholl Chair in International Business, Center for Strategic and International Studies [\[audio\]](#)

Dr. Nicholas Lardy, Institute for International Economics
Reviewing the U.S.-China trade deficit and assessing China's openness

Dr. Harvey Chen (Chen Zhaohui), First Light Academy, Shanghai *Assessment of the RMB valuation issue and U.S.-China trade deficit*



[l-r] Sherman Katz, Nicholas Lardy, Harvey Chen

Panel 4: The United States and China's Interaction in the Global Economy [\[audio\]](#)

Moderator:

Dr. Bates Gill, Freeman Chair in China Studies, Center for Strategic and International Studies [\[audio\]](#)

Mr. Pieter Bottelier, SAIS and former advisor for East Asia, World Bank
Addressing China's growing economic dominance, its impact on the regional and global economy

Dr. Margaret Pearson, University of Maryland
Implications of China's growing economic reach

Dr. Ellen Frost, Institute for International Economics
U.S. response to China's emergence as a global economic player



[l-r] Pieter Bottelier, Bates Gill, Ellen Frost, Margaret Pearson