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Rising Star:

China's New Security Diplomacy

by

Dr. Bates Gill

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Discussants:

Mike Green

Senior Advisor and Japan Chair

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Neil King

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Wall Street Journal

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5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Reception and book signing to follow

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Seating is limited;

China's diplomatic strategy has changed dramatically since the mid-1990s, creating both challenges and opportunities for other world powers. Through a combination of pragmatic security policies, growing economic clout, and increasingly deft diplomacy, China has established productive and increasingly solid relationships throughout Asia and around the globe. Yet U.S. policymakers have only just begun to comprehend these critical changes. In his new book, *Rising Star: China's New Security Diplomacy*, noted China analyst Bates Gill offers a comprehensive and far-reaching analysis of the transformation in China's security diplomacy, persuasively making the case for a more nuanced and focused policy toward Beijing.

Over the past decade, China's approach to regional and global security affairs has become more proactive, practical, and constructive, a trend favoring U.S. interests in many ways. At the same time, China's new strategy has also bolstered its international influence and may enhance its ability to resolve thorny issues—such as Taiwan's future—on its own terms. In exploring these dynamics, Gill focuses on Chinese policy in three areas: regional security mechanisms, nonproliferation and arms control, and questions of sovereignty and intervention. Looking to the future, he offers specific recommendations for a balanced and realistic approach that emphasizes what the two countries have in common, rather than what divides them.

As a rising star in the constellation of great powers, China and its new security diplomacy present the international community with a tremendous challenge. Successfully managing this transition will require informed realism, astute management, and nimble diplomacy. Timely and vital, *Rising Star* offers thoughtful guidance on how to approach these tasks and provides valuable insights for understanding Chinese foreign policy.

Dr. Bates Gill is the Freeman Chair in China Studies at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He is a coauthor of *China the Balance Sheet: What the World Needs to Know Now about the Emerging Superpower* (PublicAffairs, 2006). Prior to joining CSIS, Gill served as a Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy and inaugural director of the Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution.

Dr. Michael Green is the Japan Chair and a senior adviser at CSIS, as well as an associate professor of international relations at Georgetown University. He served as special assistant to the president for national security affairs and senior director for Asian affairs at the National Security Council (NSC) from January 2004 to December 2005.

Mr. Neil King covers international diplomacy and foreign policy for the Wall Street Journal. He has worked in the Journal's Washington bureau since June 1999, and has covered intelligence, terrorism and international trade. Before that he spent nearly seven years as a Journal correspondent in Europe, first in Prague and later in Brussels. During those years he covered a wide swath of subjects ranging from the post-Communist transition in Eastern Europe, the birth of the European single currency, and the war in Kosovo. He traveled and wrote extensively throughout the Continent, reporting from Ukraine, Russia, Romania, Poland, Hungary, and frequently from the Balkans. Neil earned a master's degree in journalism from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University in Chicago, and a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Columbia University in New York. He was part of the Journal team that won a Pulitzer Prize for its coverage of Sept. 11. While a student in N.Y. he supported himself as a Manhattan cab driver, one of many pre-journalism jobs that also included work as a private investigator and a picker of grapes in the south of France. He was born and grew up in Boulder, Colorado, and is married to a Journal reporter who covers Congress and politics. They have two young daughters.

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