

SMU Sun & Star China Symposium 2018

The China Challenge and International Relations of the Asia-Pacific

March 15 and 16, 2018

Hotel: Magnolia Hotel Dallas Park Cities
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Dallas, TX 75206
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Thursday, March 15

Meadows Museum, SMU Campus

6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Registration

7:00 – 8:45 p.m.

Dinner & Discussion

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Thomas J. Christensen

William P. Boswell Professor of World Politics of Peace and War,
Princeton University

“The Rise of China and the Challenge to U.S. Security Alliances in Asia”

Friday, March 16

Hughes-Trigg Student Center Forum

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Hiroki Takeuchi, SMU

10:15 – 11:45 a.m.

Panel I

World Politics and International Relations of the Asia-Pacific

Rumi Aoyama, Waseda University, Japan

Scott W. Harold, RAND Corporation

Joshua Shiffrinson, Texas A&M University

Discussant: Hiroki Takeuchi, SMU

- 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. **Luncheon & Discussion**
Keynote Speaker:
Dr. R. Bin Wong
Distinguished Professor of History, UCLA
“Implications of China’s Belt Road Initiative for the Asia-Pacific”
- 1:45 – 3:15 p.m. **Panel II**

Why History Matters for International Relations of the Asia-Pacific
Naoko Eto, IDE-JETRO, Japan
Robert Hoppens, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Sayuri Guthrie Shimizu, Rice University
Discussant: Johan Elverskog, SMU
- 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **Panel III**

International Economic Relations of the Asia-Pacific in an Authoritarian Context
Martin K. Dimitrov, Tulane University
Hiroki Takeuchi, SMU
Ka Zeng, University of Arkansas
Discussant: Justin Reeves, SMU
- 5:00 – 5:15 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
James F. Hollifield, SMU
- 5:15 p.m. **Formal program adjourns**
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Informal Dinner (invited guests only)**
Venue: Lawyers’ Inn, First Floor of Carr Collins Hall, SMU Campus