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KEY ISSUES IN SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIA AND CHINA

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DATE:

Tues, 19 March, 2024

TIME:

1300 - 1500 (CST)

LOCATION:

Arnold Conf. Room,
Lewis and Clark Center,
Fort Leavenworth, KS

All welcome for the audience.

For outstations, the event will be available live on

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South and Central Asia: U.S. - China Competition



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Mr. Brent Christensen
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(strategic overview of the region).

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LTC Nathan Moore
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(China's and India's competing influences in South Asia).

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South Asia





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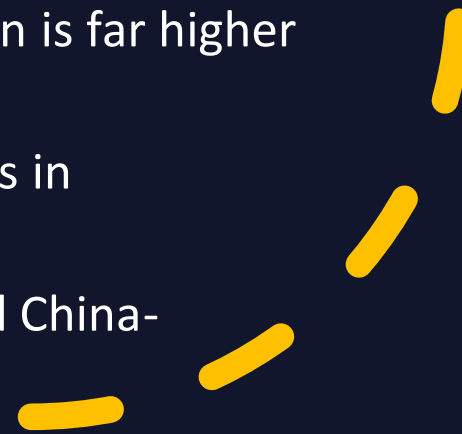
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Competition for Influence in Central Asia

Chinese Economic Impact in Central Asia

- January 2024 China and Uzbekistan announced, “all-weather partnership.”
- Uzbekistan is a strategic priority for China due to its population and expanding economy in Central Asia.
- China has recently surpassed Russia to become Uzbekistan’s largest trade partner, accounting for about 1/5 of Uzbek trade. (21% versus 15%) Now true across Central Asia as a whole.
- Uzbekistan still runs serious trade deficit with China.
- Kazakh-Russian tensions have made China wary.
- Uzbek trade deals with the European Union and United Kingdom offer a way for China to dodge restrictions and move goods .
- Approval of Chinese investments in Uzbekistan is far higher than elsewhere.
- China vastly expanding its electric car business in Uzbekistan.
- Uzbekistan a booster of Trans Afghan Rail and China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan rail.



Chinese Soft Power

- In 20th Century Tashkent was the center of USSR China studies.
- Confucius Institute established in Uzbekistan soon after independence to promote Mandarin Chinese.
- Today competition among Chinese, Russian and English languages is a barometer of Uzbek aspirations.
- Higher education contacts expanding. China setting up trade schools in Uzbekistan.
- Uzbek pupils recently fared poorly on PISA academic skills exam.
- Uzbek media very supportive of Belt & Road Initiative.





Questions / Answers / Comments

Organization and Capabilities



Source documents provide guidance for training in three broad areas.

- 1) **Core Cultural Competencies:** Core cultural competencies include areas such as understanding culture, applying organizational awareness, cultural perspective taking, and cultural adaptability.
- 2) **Regional/Technical Competencies:** Regional/technical competencies deal with applying regional information and operating in a regional environment.
- 3) **Leader/Influence Functions:** Leader/influence functions include strategic (cultural) agility, (cultural) systems thinking, cross-cultural influences, organizational cultural competence, and utilizing interpreters/advisors.

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