

CASO Panel.
“Key Issues in China-U.S. Relations.”
(Senior leader Introduction).
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Good afternoon and Thanks to all who have made this event possible; U.S. Army Cultural and Area Studies Office (CASO) Command and General Staff College (CGSC), the ArmyU and CGSC staffs and especially all the panel members. And for those who have taken the time to attend in person or online to learn and benefit from this great program, thanks for being here, this event is for you.

Today’s panel is **the 11th Cultural and Area Studies Office session of the 2022-2023 calendar year and the second of the 2023 academic year.**

The Cultural and Area Studies Office, known as CASO, jointly with multiple partner organizations continue its series of events and discussions in support of the U.S. National Security and National Defense Strategy objectives across the spectrum of conflict. An important goal of these discussions, related analysis, and recommendations is to broaden our understanding of the regional and global geopolitical dynamics in support of our missions across the country and globally.

The topic of our CASO panel today is: **“Key Issues in China-U.S. Relations.”**

Our panel is sponsored by U.S. Army Cultural and Area Studies Office (CASO) of the Command and General Staff College (CGSC) in conjunction with the **Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC, the University of Kansas, and the U.S. Department of State.**

Before we proceed with the panel, we would like to provide a short introduction of the panel members, as well as the moderator:

- **Michael Kugelman** is director of the South Asia Institute at the Wilson Center in Washington, DC. He is also a columnist for Foreign Policy magazine, a weekly newsletter of news and analysis from the region. He has managed the South Asia portfolio at the Wilson Center since 2007, and he leads the Center’s programming and research on the region. His current recent projects focus on shifting geopolitics in South Asia, US-India security relations, US-India tech cooperation, the future of US-Pakistan relations, and the role of strategy during the US-led war in Afghanistan.
- **Megan Greene** is a professor of modern Chinese history in the Department of History at the University of Kansas. Her field of study is the history of the Republic of China under the KMT both in China and Taiwan. She is the author of [*Building a Nation at War: Transnational Knowledge Networks and the Development of China during and after World War II*](#) (Harvard East Asian Monographs, 2022), and [*The Origins of the Developmental State in Taiwan: Science Policy and the Quest for Modernization*](#) (Harvard University Press, 2008).
- **Terry Mobley** is Diplomacy Chair at the U.S. Army’s CGSC, Fort Leavenworth. He is a career foreign service officer and has served with the Department of State for 22 years. Terry has served in China, Indonesia, Laos, Taiwan, and Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. His most recent Washington DC assignment was as Acting Director of the Office of Weapons of Mass Destruction in the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation. His most recent overseas assignment was as Consular Section Chief in Wuhan, China. He is a graduate of the Air War College.

The complete bios of the panel members and the moderator can be accessed at CASO website.

The opinions and discussion points during the session are those of the speakers and the moderator, and do not necessarily represent official positions of the United States government.

After the initial remarks for about 10 minutes, our panelists will jointly answer your questions, and reply to

your comments.

- Our Moderator today is **Dr. Mahir Ibrahimov** (Dr. I., as many call him) Director of US Army CASO. He served in the Soviet Army, provided vital assistance to US forces in Iraq, travelled to Ukraine as part of CSA 'Study,' and regularly invited to Europe to support our NATO partners. He is the author of six books, latest is autobiographical 'Poetry and Short Stories': "Soldier of Cultures and Empires," and many other publications. His expertise is featured in global media outlets such as BBC World News, Los Angeles Times, movie, and Army venues.

Without further ado, I would like to turn the floor over to Dr. I., who will continue moderating throughout the session.

Thank you!

