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In October, the Trustee Chair team contributed to debates on U.S.-China relations, technological competition, EU-China relations, and China's domestic economy.

Scott Kennedy joined CSIS scholars Matt Pearl and Lauryn Williams on the ***Cache Me If You Can*** podcast to discuss the state of U.S.-China relations following last month's Trump-Xi summit. Their discussion touched on tariffs and trade, rare earths and critical mineral supply chains, competition over advanced technologies, and the prospects for cooperation on artificial intelligence.

Ilaria Mazzocco joined CSIS scholar Matt Bergmann on ***Eurofile*** to discuss whether Europe can protect its industrial base without triggering a broader trade confrontation with China, and what a tougher European stance on China means for transatlantic economic cooperation.

Senior Associate (non-resident) Logan Wright was featured in the ***Wire China***, and on the CSIS podcast ***Pekingology*** to discuss his new book *Broken China: How the Economic Miracle Shattered and What It Means for the World,* China's stagnating economy, and what Beijing can do to address it.

In mid-October, Scott Kennedy joined experts from across the Economic Security and Technology (EST) department to teach an executive education course: ***Economic Security in an Era of Global Technology Competition***. The two-day course provided a comprehensive look at the geo-strategic and geo-economic factors shaping the emerging economic order. Topics covered included the implications of accelerating U.S.-China technology competition, the weaponization of trade and investment, energy security amid the AI

revolution and wars, and technology revolutions such as artificial intelligence and quantum technologies.

Lastly, the Trustee Chair team is hiring for its **Spring 2027 internship**! Please apply **here via Greenhouse** by Friday, Nov 6.

Featured Analysis

Takeaways from the Trump-Xi White House Summit

Commentary, September 28, 2026

Read Here



Ilaria Mazzocco and other CSIS experts assess the outcomes of the Trump-Xi White House summit in September 2026 and what it means for the future of U.S.-China relations.

The U.S.-China Summit: Too Big and Too Small to Fail

Commentary, September 18, 2026

Read Here



Scott Kennedy argues that although the Trump-Xi summit will likely extend the current period of stability, the gap between the convening's limited ambitions

and the growing challenges facing the world points to a growing vacuum of global leadership.

Events

Are Europe and China on an Economic Collision Course?

***Eurofile Live*, October 22, 2026**

Watch here

European capitals are increasingly worried that Chinese exports poses a direct threat to the continent's industrial future. CSIS scholar Max Bergmann sat down with **Ilaria Mazzocco** and Tobias Gehrke to discuss whether Europe can protect its industrial base without triggering a broader trade confrontation, and what a tougher European stance on China means for transatlantic economic cooperation.

Economic Security in an Era of Global Technology Competition

CSIS Event, October 14-15, 2026

Info here

On October 14-15, CSIS's Economic Security and Technology (EST) department held a two-day Executive Education course, featuring premier experts in the economics and technology sectors, including Trustee Chair **Scott Kennedy**. The course provided a comprehensive look at the geo-strategic and geo-economic factors shaping the emerging economic order. The course analyzed the implications of accelerating U.S.-China technology competition, the weaponization of trade and investment, energy security amid the AI revolution and wars, and technology revolutions such as artificial intelligence and quantum technologies.

Trump, Xi, and the New U.S.-China Bargain

***Cache Me If You Can*, October 2, 2026**

Watch here

Scott Kennedy joined CSIS scholars Matt Pearl and Lauryn Williams to examine the state of U.S.-China relations following President Trump and President Xi Jinping's latest summit in Washington. Against a backdrop of intensifying technological competition, economic tensions, and geopolitical uncertainty, the two leaders sought to stabilize the relationship while pursuing a more reciprocal framework for engagement.

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China Field Notes Podcast



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Catch up on the current episodes of our podcast *China Field Notes with Scott Kennedy*. Understanding China has become more difficult than ever, yet also more important than ever. Hardening geopolitics has made travel to China more

difficult, but not impossible. In this podcast, Scott Kennedy offers an on-the-ground look at China, featuring insights from those shaping the country and scholars studying it firsthand.

In The News

America's medical arsenal is at risk

WP Intelligence, October 29, 2026

"We do have significant dependencies," said **Scott Kennedy**, Chinese Business and Economics Chair at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). "The challenge isn't to eliminate those; it's to reduce them to a level where they couldn't potentially be used as a chokepoint." **Read here**.

Is Washington misreading Beijing? Decline in US visits to China sparks concern

South China Morning Post, October 24, 2026

"Isabella McCallum, co-author of the CSIS report, noted that the small 32 per cent share – the 172 current lawmakers who have visited mainland China, Hong Kong or Taiwan – suggested on-the-ground engagement was becoming less common among the people responsible for shaping US policy towards China." **Read here**.

How China's Economic Miracle Shattered

Pekingology, October 15, 2026

Logan Wright joined CSIS Senior Fellow Henrietta Levin to discuss his book Broken China. They discuss what happens when the tools on which Beijing relies to control the economy stop working, why China's stalling economy is causing problems for its trading partners, and how Chinese financial policy may be fueling organized crime around the world. **Listen here**.

Logan Wright on China's Financial Decay

Wire China, October 4, 2026

Logan Wright was featured in a Q&A on why China's export-led growth strategy is at a dead end and what it would take to turn its economy around. **Read here**.

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