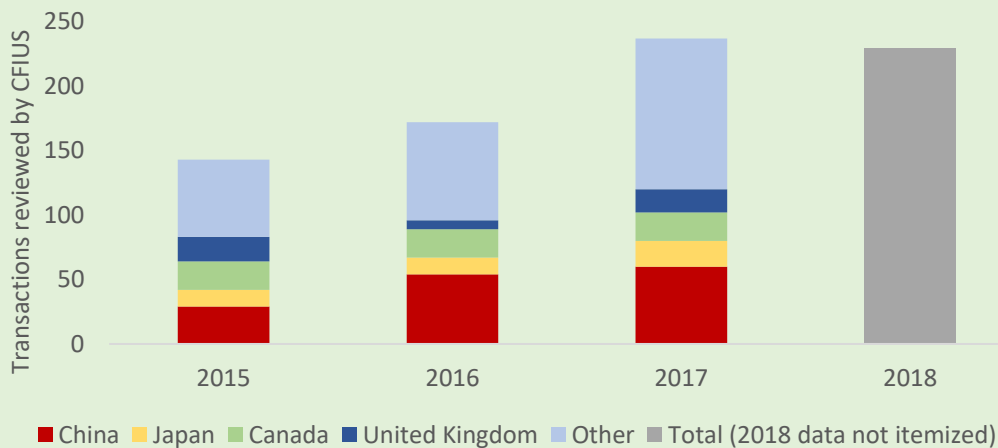


# Global Economics Monthly

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Monthly newsletter focused on what we are doing, saying, and watching.

Data GEM: From 2015 to 2017, the number of transactions reviewed by CFIUS rose by 66 percent



The U.S. Treasury recently released its [annual report](#) on the activities of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), an inter-agency committee that reviews foreign investment in the United States. The report showed a jump in the number of transactions notified to CFIUS in 2016 and 2017, as well as a continued increase in reviews of transactions involving a Chinese acquirer through 2017.

## SIMON SAYS



### Economics Belongs in the NSC

President Trump's new national security adviser, Robert O'Brien, has laid out plans to downsize and transform the NSC, but his decision to separate international economics from national security decision-making is ill advised and unlikely to be sustainable. [Read more.](#)

## ALSO FROM THE SIMON CHAIR



### Congressional Testimony: U.S. – Japan Trade Agreements

CSIS' Matthew P. Goodman testified before the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade on "U.S. – Japan Trade Agreements." [Read/watch the testimony.](#)



### U.S. Foreign Exchange Policy—The Trump Administration and the Dollar

CSIS Senior Adviser Mark Sobel writes that the Trump administration has pursued a unilateralist and bilateralist vision for foreign exchange policy, vastly different from the multilateralist approach of its predecessors over the prior 25 years. [Read more.](#)



**Foreign Research Collaboration in an Era of Strategic Competition: Remarks to the National Science Board** CSIS's Stephanie Segal describes how the topic of foreign research collaboration presents in the current context of heightened strategic competition between the United States and China. [Read more.](#)



### The East Asia Summit and APEC Leaders' Meeting CQ

Leaders in the Indo-Pacific will meet at key summits in Bangkok, Thailand, and Santiago, Chile, in the coming weeks. CSIS experts analyze what to expect and what's at stake for the United States. [Read more.](#)

## LATEST FROM RECONNECTING ASIA



### Watching Huawei's "Safe Cities"

Huawei's "Safe City" surveillance products have fueled concerns that China is exporting authoritarianism. A new dataset provides a global snapshot of Huawei's "Safe Cities," questions their benefits, and flags issues for further investigation. [Read more.](#)

#### IN THE NEWS

"Both China and the United States have a clear interest in getting a phase one deal completed relatively soon to soothe markets and assuage domestic policy concerns."

**Matthew Goodman**, [New York Times](#)

"How do you achieve this balance where you preserve that openness and all of the benefits that come with it, but you are aware of a threat that is actually posed from that very openness?"

**Stephanie Segal**, [National Public Radio](#)

Huawei's claims "are difficult to verify and appear grossly exaggerated in some cases," the CSIS report says. "When governments and citizens give up privacy and money for these systems, they should insist on public monitoring to track whether they are receiving the safety and security they're being promised."

**Jonathan Hillman**, [Bloomberg](#)

#### EVENTS

##### UPCOMING

**DEC. 3 Announcement of Bracken Bower Prize 2019:** Congratulations to Reconnecting Asia's Jonathan Hillman on being selected as a finalist for the Financial Times and McKinsey's 2019 Bracken Bower Prize. [More Here.](#)

##### PAST

**OCT. 7 Schieffer Series: Confronting the Challenges of Trade in a New Century:** This season's next installment of the Schieffer Series, "Confronting the Challenges of Trade in a New Century" featured the co-chairs of the new CSIS Trade Commission on Affirming American Leadership, Ambassador Charlene Barshefsky, Senator William E. Brock, and Mr. Frederick W. Smith. [Watch Here.](#)

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