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

SIMON SAYS

2020 Foresight: What’s Ahead in Global Economics
As one eventful year ends and another looms, CSIS’s Matthew P. Goodman, Stephanie Segal, and Jonathan Hillman highlight five issues in international economic affairs that the Simon Chair will be tracking in 2020. Read more.

ALSO FROM THE SIMON CHAIR

Podcast: Goodbye 2019, Hello 2020: Same Challenges Ahead?
CSIS Smart Women Smart Power’s Beverly Kirk sat down with CSIS experts Kathleen Hicks, Sarah Ladislaw, and Stephanie Segal to discuss the year’s security and foreign policy hot topics and what we might expect in the coming year. Listen here.

Little new in US-China trade accord
CSIS Senior Adviser Mark Sobel assesses the US-China phase-one agreement. Many market participants portray the deal as lifting a cloud over global economic uncertainty. But this is only a partial deal, global chains are disrupted, US presidential elections loom, and US-China competition is here to stay. Read more.

LATEST FROM RECONNECTING ASIA

Belt, Road, and Beyond: A CSIS Executive Course
Drawing insights from leading experts and the Reconnecting Asia Project, CSIS has developed a three-day Master’s-level introduction to China’s BRI. The course explains what the BRI is, what it is not, and how it is impacting commercial and strategic realities on the ground. Learn more.

We are delighted to welcome Ambassador Kurt Tong as a Senior Adviser to the Simon Chair

Kurt Tong
Senior Adviser (Non-resident), Simon Chair in Political Economy

Ambassador Kurt Tong is currently a partner at the Asia Group, where he leads the firm’s work in Japan and the broader East Asia region. A leading expert in diplomacy and economic affairs in East Asia, Ambassador Tong has thirty years of experience in the State Department as a career foreign service officer and member of the Senior Foreign Service, including as consul general and chief of mission in Hong Kong and Macau. Read more.
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**JAN. 8 Strategic Japan: Shaping the Rules Based Order in the Reiwa Era:** This year, the CSIS Japan Chair has invited four scholars to examine Japan’s leadership role in international and regional institutions and avenues for U.S.-Japan cooperation in the future. [Register here.]

**JAN. 9 Schieffer Series: 2020 Challenges Ahead:** Please join us for the next installment of the Schieffer Series, “2020 Challenges Ahead.” As we step into the new year, CSIS experts Kathleen Hicks, Stephanie Segal and Sarah Ladislaw will join Beverly Kirk and Bob Schieffer to discuss a range of issues to look out for in 2020. [Register here.]

**SAVE THE DATE**

**JAN. 22 Asia Forecast 2020:** Join CSIS experts for their annual preview of political, security, and economic developments across Asia during this interactive event.

**JAN. 23 Cities of Tomorrow: Safety, Smarts, and Surveillance:** As the world becomes increasingly urban and digital, smart cities are emerging as ground-zero for new approaches to development and governance. CSIS will convene a diverse panel of experts to distinguish between leading smart city models and discuss how their technologies are impacting the power of citizens, governments, and corporations.

For more details on our program’s events, analysis, and experts, follow the CSIS Simon Chair [www.csis.org/programs/simon-chair-political-economy](http://www.csis.org/programs/simon-chair-political-economy)

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