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**GREAT POWER COMPETITION**  
Series  
**THE U.S.-CHINA RIVALRY**

Featuring  
**RICHARD FONTAINE**  
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## Great Power Competition Series: The U.S.-China Rivalry

*Featuring Richard Fontaine, CEO of Center for a New American Society*

Phoenix Committee on Foreign Relations and the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University are proud to present another great gathering of the Great Power Competition Series. This talk will focus on the US – China Rivalry, with a program featuring Richard Fontaine, the CEO for the Center for a New American Security.

The Great Power Competition is a series of speakers presented by the Phoenix Committee on Foreign Relations and the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law focusing on issues facing today's leaders. Speakers have ranged from Russian opposition leaders to a former United States Secretary of Defense and registration is open to the public.

One of the most apparent issues facing the United States security is the ongoing battle between democratic and authoritarian states. Freedom House for the 17th year in a row has rated the world as less free. 1 With the fight for freedom and democracy ongoing throughout the world, looking at the rivalry between the democratic system in the U.S. and the authoritarian one in China is a persisting issue.

Between weather balloons attempting surveillance 2 and the fear of strengthening alliances between China and Russia 3 the threat coming from China is at the front of mind for the United States. With this, how the United States will react in the future may determine not only the outcome of this Great Power Competition, but possibly the outcome of the ideological battle of authoritarianism and democracy throughout the world.

*[1] Freedom House, [Freedom in the World 2023](#), (Mar. 2023)*

*[2] Washington Post, [U.S. tracked China spy balloon from launch on Hainan Island along unusual path](#), (Feb. 14, 2023)*

*[3] CNN, [China's Xi to meet Putin next week in first visit to Russia since invasion of Ukraine](#), (Mar. 17, 2023)*

## Speaker

Richard Fontaine is the CEO of the Center for a New American Security, an independent, bipartisan, nonprofit organization that develops strong, pragmatic, and principled national security and defense policies. Mr. Fontaine was a foreign policy advisor to Senator John McCain and has worked as a deputy secretary at the State Department. He began his career as a staff member on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Mr. Fontaine has also served as an adjunct professor in the security studies program at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. He attained his BA in international relations from Tulane University, summa cum laude, and has a master's degree in international affairs from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. He currently resides in Virginia.



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