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**U.S. NO LONGER HAS MILITARY SUPERIORITY IN THE ASIA
PACIFIC, ACCORDING TO NEW FOREIGN POLICY
ASSOCIATION REPORT**

In the event of a conflict in the South China Sea, The U.S. Navy—including its massive aircraft carriers—could not operate within 1000 km of the Chinese coast

NEW YORK – A new Foreign Policy Association report being released next week has found the United States cannot currently plan its China strategy with the assumption of military superiority in the Asia Pacific, because it no longer possesses such an advantage. Authored by FPA Fellow Sarwar Kashmeri, the report outlines how America’s China strategy does not reflect today’s reality—that of an increasingly rich, technically advanced, and confident China that is also the preeminent military power in the Indo-Pacific.

“Increasingly, the U.S. strategy towards China seems obsolete, lacking in imagination, and unable to draw on America’s considerable strengths,” observed Kashmeri. “Now more than ever, navigating the U.S.-China relationship is the most consequential foreign policy issue of our time.”

The new FPA report was informed by conversations between Kashmeri and leading U.S.-China experts from the U.S., Asia, and the European Union about their thoughts regarding what should be key agenda items that they would propose to President Biden’s team to improve the relationship between the two superpowers.

The former Dutch Ambassador to China, Ed Kronenburg, believes China now stands eyeball to eyeball with the United States in the Indo-Pacific region where the two still have vital interests. “The United States should realize and accept that China is an equal partner that doesn’t take lessons from anybody and is irritated but not impressed by any threats,” Kronenburg observed. “Furthermore, China will never change unless it feels the need to do so.

Kashmeri’s narrative draws upon these expert views from across the political spectrum and from around the world.

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Following are details of two virtual events next week highlighting the release of Kashmeri's new FPA report:

Monday, July 19th 1700 ET

Foreign Policy Association Release

with Ryan Hass of the Brookings Institution, Washington D.C.

Zoom webinar registration link:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rXkDrJ4NRpi_8jAxSVjmEQ

Wednesday, July 21st 2030 ET

Asia Release,

with Professor Kishore Mahbubani, National University of Singapore

Launch Link (no registration required):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oP7apnj_9R8

The report may be downloaded after its launch
from: www.fpa.org or www.kashmeri.com

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