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Open-Source Resources for FAOs

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Why Open Source?



Learn:

Each of the regions you are assigned to are complex and have different political, economic and cultural fabrics you need to understand as efficiently as possible

Analyze:

Mastery of this body of information—what is reliable, where gaps exist and how it impacts the US is a critical skill and ultimately the reason FAOs exist

Share:

A major part of a FAOs job is not only sharing information within the USG, but also sharing appropriate information with partners to build relationships and further US interests



Training & Doctrine Command G-2



Describing the Operational Environment



China
Landing Zone



Russia
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Iran
Products



North Korea
Products

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Landing Zone pages bring together TRADOC products on everything from the strategic to the tactical on the biggest threats



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your knowledge
about Russia

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“Understanding the adversary on their own terms”

- Part of US Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) G-2
- Based at Ft. Leavenworth, KS
- Originally Founded as Soviet Army Studies Office (SASO) in 1986
- Historical leader in providing the Army with open source perspectives on adversaries

What We Do

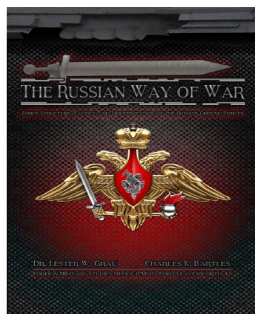


- Identify and describe understudied or emerging topics of interest in the Operational Environment grounded on less-accessible open foreign language sources
- Provide SME support to ADLTE/PME, TRADOC products and wargames
- Provide user-requested Open Source, Foreign Perspective research
- Develop research into products that are enduring and useable for ADLTE/PME

SME support



Studies



PME articles



Short-form analysis





Operational Environment Watch



- Monthly roundup of relevant news based on foreign-language media across the OE
- Includes short analyses of important developments along with translations of key documents and news media
- 13-year archive on our website
- Contributors include FMSO staff and established scholars and regional SMEs

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Resources for Instructors & Self Study



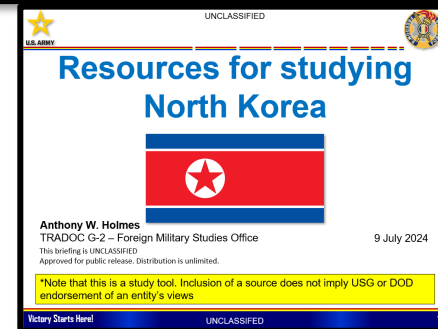
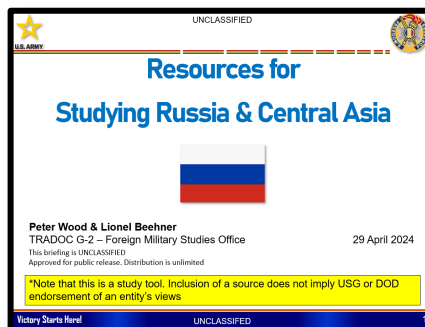
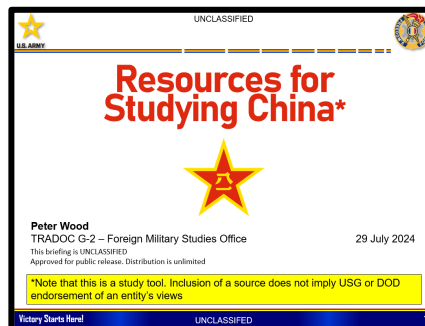
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➤ One-off LDPs are not enough—we want to empower instructors and students to teach themselves

TRADOC G2 has created 'Resource Decks' compiling vetted sources of information on the 2+3 NDS threats

- These are intended to give students and instructors alike analytically-sound sources of information on key threats
- **Go Beyond Googling:** These decks include links to relevant think tank analysis but also to primary sources in translation so we can understand adversaries in their own terms and avoid mirror imaging
- **Topic Breakouts:** Topics of frequent RFIs are broken out with specific recommended readings
- **Beyond Print:** Other recommended forms of media (podcasts and videos) are also included to help meet people at the most convenient form of learning

Currently Available on the Landing Zones!



➤ **New Iran Landing Zone is now Live!**

Decks on VEOs & TCOs are Forthcoming!



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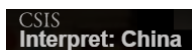


Reliable Sources of Analysis on China

Politics & Foreign Policy



ASIA MARITIME TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE



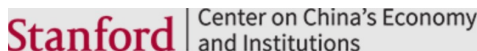
Center for the Study of Chinese Military Affairs



Economics & Development



Military



These are in my opinion the best sources of analysis on these topics. Many RFI's can be answered, or at least refined, by first checking existing literature from these sources – links on following page



UC San Diego/Study of Innovation and Technology in China



Technology & Innovation



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Other Publications



Military DIME (M-DIME) Research Project – assessments of Chinese & Russian influence in countries of interest - <https://fmso.tradoc.army.mil/military-dime-research-project/>



Foreign Perspective Briefs – Research grounded on authoritative foreign language materials

Latest – Chinese Concepts of Close Air Support
<https://fmso.tradoc.army.mil/2023/the-peoples-liberation-armys-evolving-close-air-support-capability-kevin-mccauley/>



How FMSO Can Help You



- Pre-Deployment Briefings with FMSO SMEs
- Speakers for Conferences
- Sources for Further Reading
- Freely Sharable Unclassified Resources on Topics of Interest

Feel free to reach out!

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Questions?

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Resources for Studying China*



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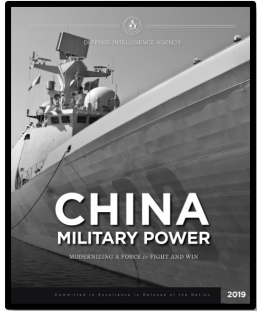


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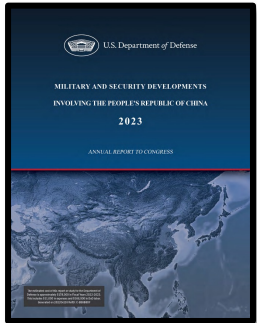
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Anyone interested in learning about China's military capabilities would do themselves a big favor by starting with three unclassified reports that provide a useful grounding and can help customers refine their RFI's

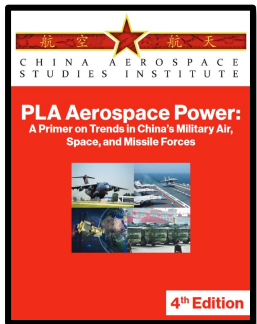


DIA's China Military Power Report from 2019 provides an excellent starting point for understanding the modern PLA

[LINK](#)



DoD Annual Report to Congress - Military and Security Developments Involving the PRC - 2024 - This 212-page report is comprehensive in laying out PRC strategy, PLA force structure and capabilities and expanding global presence and participation in exercises as well as notable trends in technology, lessons learned and other topics [LINK](#)



PLA Aerospace Power: A Primer on Trends in China's Military Air, Space, and Missile Forces – produced by the Air Force's China Aerospace Studies Institute this is a fantastic introduction to China's multi-domain capabilities from ISR, to fires and sustainment and the information domain [LINK](#)



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Go Deeper



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The Big Six



These USG-funded think tanks provide some of the best analysis of China and are highly recommended



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China Maritime Studies Institute

<https://digital-commons.usnwc.edu/cmsi/>



<https://ssi.armywarcollege.edu/CLSC/>



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S T U D I E S I N S T I T U T E

<https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/CASI/>

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REVIEW COMMISSION

<https://www.uscc.gov/research>

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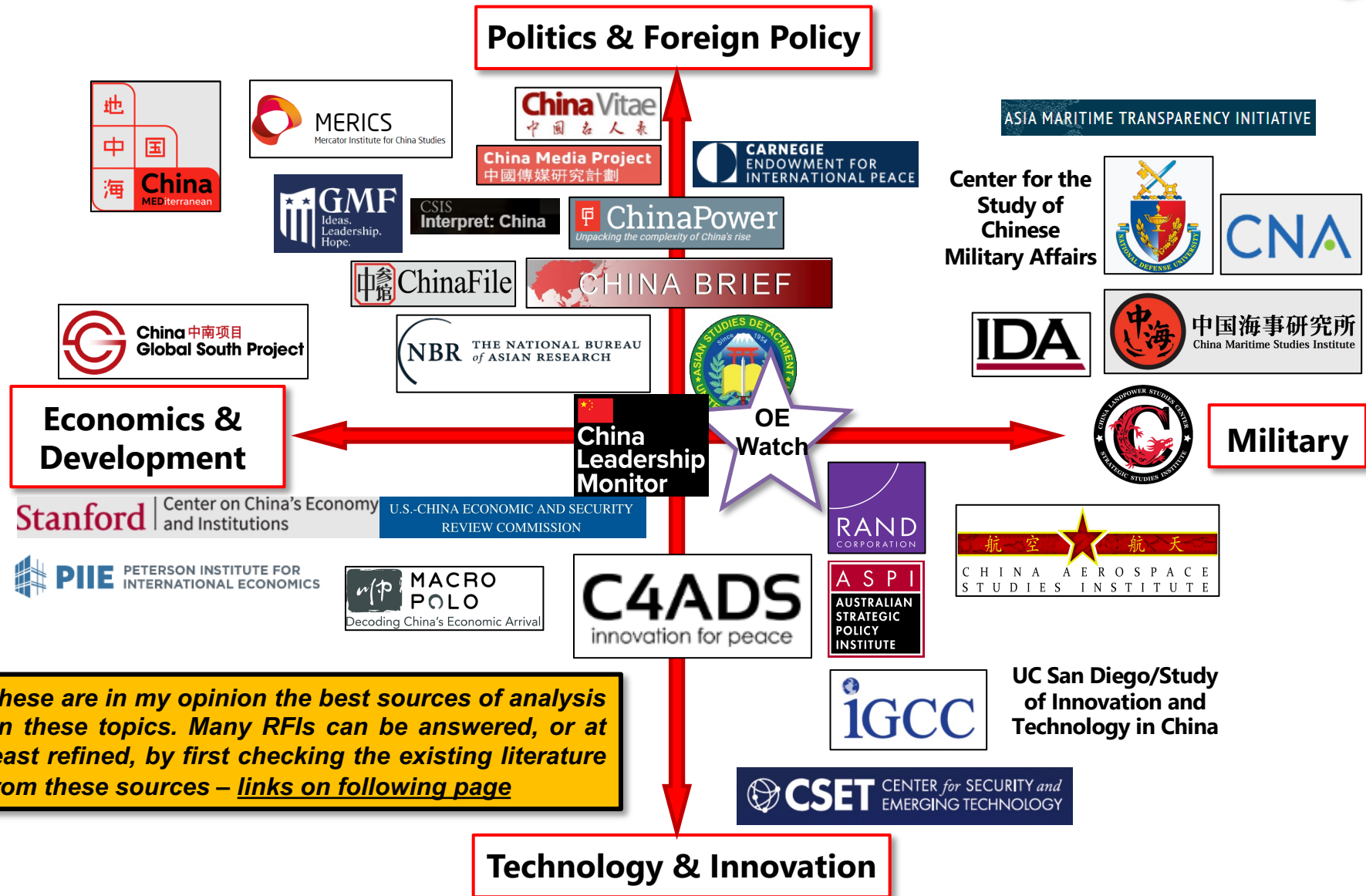




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Reliable Sources of Analysis



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Recommended Sources



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China Landing Zone (TRADOC G-2 Portal)

Asian Studies Detachment (US Army)

<https://fmso.tradoc.army.mil/>

<https://oe.tradoc.army.mil/how-china-fights/>

Available via CAC-enabled portals

China Landpower Studies Center

China Maritime Studies Institute (USN)

China Aerospace Studies Institute (USAF)

Center for the Study of Chinese Military Affairs (NDU)

RAND

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Asia Maritime Transparency Initiative (CSIS)

Military

<https://ssi.armywarcollege.edu/CLSC/>

<https://digital-commons.usnwc.edu/cmsi/>

<https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/CASI/>

<https://inss.ndu.edu/>

<https://www.rand.org/topics/china.html>

<https://carnegieendowment.org/regions/251>

<https://amti.csis.org/>

Politics & Foreign Policy

China Brief (Jamestown Foundation)

ChinaMed

China-Global South Project

China Leadership Monitor

German Marshall Fund (GMF)

China Media Project

ChinaPower (CSIS)/ CSIS: Interpret China

ChinaVitae

ChinaFile (Asia Society Blog)

National Bureau of Asian Research

<https://jamestown.org/programs/cb/>

<https://www.chinamed.it/>

<https://chinaglobalsouth.com/>

<https://www.prcleader.org/>

<https://www.gmfus.org/asia-program>

<https://chinamediaproject.org/>

<https://chinapower.csis.org/> ; <https://interpret.csis.org/translations>

<https://www.chinavitae.com/>

<https://www.chinafile.com/>

<https://www.nbr.org/>

Technology & Innovation

Australian Strategic Policy Institute

Center for Security & Emerging Technology (CSET)

C4ADS

UC San Diego – Institute for Study of Innovation and

Technology in China

<https://www.aspi.org.au/>

<https://cset.georgetown.edu/>

<https://c4ads.org/reports>

https://escholarship.org/uc/igcc_site (old); <https://ucigcc.org/category/publication/>

MacroPolo

Peterson Institute for International Economics

U.S-China Economic & Security Review Commission

(Congress)

Stanford Center on China's Economy and Institutions

Economics & Development

<https://macropolo.org/>

<https://www.piie.com/research/china>

<https://www.uscc.gov/research>

<https://scei.fsi.stanford.edu/>



Essential Reading on the PLA



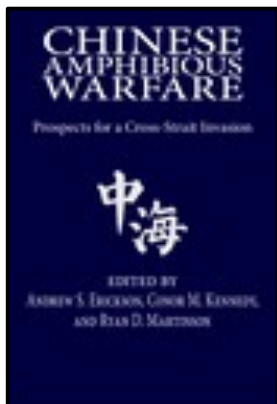
These are some of the most foundational public studies of China – most people would benefit from starting here:

- Edmund J. Burke, Kristen Gunness, Cortez A. Cooper III, Mark Cozad, *People's Liberation Army Operational Concepts*, RAND, 2020
https://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/research_reports/RRA300/RRA394-1/RAND_RRA394-1.pdf
- Joel Wuthnow et. al, *The PLA Beyond Borders: Chinese Military Operations in Regional and Global Context*, NDU, 2019 https://ndupress.ndu.edu/Portals/68/Documents/Books/beyond-borders/990-059-NDU-PLA_Beyond_Borders_sp_jm14.pdf
- Roger Cliff, Roy Kamphausen et.al., *Enabling a More Externally Focused and Operational PLA – 2020 PLA Conference Papers* (Carlisle Barracks, PA: US Army War College Press, 2022), <https://press.armywarcollege.edu/monographs/951>
- Roy Kamphausen, *The People of the PLA 2.0* (US Army War College Press, 2021), <https://press.armywarcollege.edu/monographs/944>



Recommended Studies by the China Maritime Studies Institute

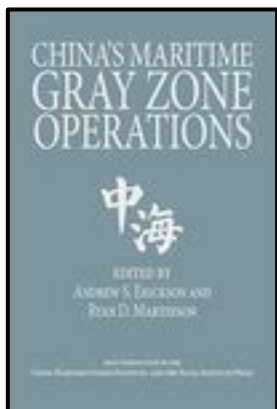
The US Naval War College's China Maritime Studies Institute is one of the premier institutions producing high-quality analysis of Chinese military capabilities. The following conference volumes collect extremely relevant perspectives on everything from an amphibious landing on Taiwan to the maritime militia.



Amphibious Capabilities:

Erickson, Andrew S.; Kennedy, Conor M.; and Martinson, Ryan D., "Study No. 8, Chinese Amphibious Warfare: Prospects for a Cross-Strait Invasion" (2024). CMSI Studies in China Maritime Development. 8.

<https://digital-commons.usnwc.edu/cmsi-studies/8>



Greyzone Operations:

Erickson, Andrew S. and Martinson, Ryan, "Study No. 7, China's Maritime Gray Zone Operations" (2024). CMSI Studies in Chinese Maritime Development. 7. <https://digital-commons.usnwc.edu/cmsi-studies/7>



English Translations of Primary Sources



Key Documents – Don't just let people *tell* you about how Chinese leaders think – see what they prioritize in some of the most important documents published by the PRC

White Papers & Speeches:

- [China's National Defense in the New Era](#), July 2019
 - **Why Read?** This official white paper laid out the priorities for the post-2016 reform PLA and remains a useful starting point for understanding China's security priorities
- [Xi Jinping's Work Report to the 20th Party Congress](#)
 - **Why Read?** The Chinese Communist Party Congress Work Reports are somewhat akin to a 'State of the Union' but given every five years and lay out Xi' Jinping's priorities for national development, foreign policy and military affairs through 2027. It is worth reading in its entirety, but you absolutely should read section XII pp 48-50 on the military.

Books:

- [The Science of Military Strategy \(2020 Revision\)](#), PRC National Defense University
 - **Why read?** The *Science of Military Strategy* is a textbook used by China's National Defense University for senior PLA officer PME and lays out more comprehensive analysis of topics of interest.



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China Podcasts & Newsletters



We are all busy with work and our lives but podcasts and newsletters can help keep abreast of important developments

- *Drumtower* by The Economist - short, less formal and often funny takes by The Economist's China team. Always informative and goes beyond the news to cover cultural issues as well which keeps it interesting. <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/drum-tower/id1651657142>
- *The China History Podcast* - long running series by a businessman who has lived and worked in China for years that covers huge amount of interesting topics. I first started listening to this when I was a grad student in China over a decade ago so there is plenty of content. From the history of Tea to Taiwan (which they did a 15[!] -part series on) they've got you covered - <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-china-history-podcast/id489369498>

Newsletters /Blogs

- Tracking People's Daily which provides detailed analysis of People's Daily (the main CCP mouthpiece newspaper) <https://trackingpeoplesdaily.substack.com/>
- Discourse Power - a great effort by Israeli scholar Tuvia Gering which does detailed analysis of CCP global Information Operations <https://discoursepower.substack.com/>
- US thinktank Center for Naval Analyses now does a semi-regular roundup of important news on the PLA - <https://www.cna.org/our-media/newsletters/pla-update>



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China Space Issues



Our Strategy:

Department of Defense and Office of the Director of National Intelligence, National Security Space Strategy Unclassified Summary, Jan. 2011

https://www.dni.gov/files/documents/Newsroom/Reports%20and%20Pubs/2011_nationalsecurityspacestrategy.pdf

Overview of the Threat:

"Challenges to Security in Space: Space Reliance in an Era of Competition and Expansion," Defense Intelligence Agency, 2022.

https://www.dia.mil/Portals/110/Documents/News/Military_Power_Publications/Challenges_Security_Space_2022.pdf

Declassified National Intelligence Estimate: Chinese Space Activities Will Increasingly Challenge US Interests Through 2030 (April 2021), <https://www.dni.gov/files/ODNI/documents/assessments/NICM-Declassified-Chinese-Space-Activities-through-2030--2022.pdf>

Translated book from the Chinese Academy of Military Sciences by the China Aerospace Studies Institute, USAF

Lectures on the Science of Space Operations (2012), Beijing: Military Sciences Press, 2012.

<https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Portals/10/CASI/documents/Translations/2022-08-12%20Lectures%20on%20the%20Science%20of%20Space%20Operations.pdf>

Understanding the Big Picture – China’s Supporting Architecture for Space Operations:

China’s Ground Segment: Peter Wood with Alex Stone and Taylor Lee, “Building the Pillars of a Great Space Power – China’s Ground Segment,” China Aerospace Studies Institute, March 2021.

<https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Portals/10/CASI/documents/Research/Space/2021-03-01%20Chinas%20Ground%20Segment.pdf>



Recommended Reading on Taiwan



General Resources

- Excellent collection of resources available on Stanford Prof Kharis Templeman's website <https://www.kharistempleman.com/taiwan-studies-resources.html>

Taiwanese Politics and Society

- **Highly Recommended – recent and thorough:** Sullivan, Jonathan & Nachman, Lev. *Taiwan: A Contested Democracy Under Threat*, Agenda Publishing, October 2023
- Bush, Richard C. *Difficult Choices: Taiwan's Quest for Security and the Good Life*. Brookings Institution Press, 2021.
- For the deepest of dives: Fell, Dafydd. *Government and Politics in Taiwan*. Taylor and Francis, 2018.

Comment: Blogs, programs and publications wax in wane in quality, frequency of output and even editorial bias. The following are some of the most prominent or easy to access sources on Taiwan but analysis may come with an agenda. Do not take everything on face value

- The University of Nottingham's Taiwan Studies Program has a blog with regular coverage of topics of interest <https://taiwaninsight.org/>
- Global Taiwan Institute is a non-profit with strong links to the DPP. It has regular coverage of mainland and Taiwan security issues. <https://globaltaiwan.org/>
- If you want to learn more about Taiwanese elections I recommend Nathan Batto's blog *Frozen Garlic* (the title is a pun in Chinese) <https://frozengarlic.wordpress.com>



Exercise caution when accessing foreign websites. When possible, use a VPN and cached versions

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Primary Sources in English:

These provide essential snapshots of how Taiwanese military and civilian leadership approach critical issues

"Taiwan Quadrennial Defense Review: The Republic of China (2021)," ROC MND, March 2021. <https://www.ustaiwandefense.com/tdnswp/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/2021-Taiwan-Quadrennial-Defense-Review-QDR.pdf>

ROC National Defense Report 2021, ROC MND, 2021. <https://www.ustaiwandefense.com/tdnswp/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Taiwan-National-Defense-Report-2021.pdf>

Book:

Easton, Ian. *The Chinese Invasion Threat: Taiwan's Defense and American Strategy in Asia*. Eastbridge Books, 2017. A now-dated perspective heavily skewed towards Taiwanese narratives but includes a solid overview of PRC writings on a possible invasion.

NDU Conference series on Taiwan invasion scenarios:

Joel Wuthnow et. al, Eds. *Crossing the Strait China's Military Prepares for War with Taiwan*, National Defense University 2022. <https://ndupress.ndu.edu/Portals/68/Documents/Books/crossing-the-strait/crossing-the-strait.pdf>

Excellent conference papers by the China Maritime Studies Institute on the PLA's ability to invade Taiwan

- Lonnie D. Henley, *Beyond the First Battle: Overcoming a Protracted Blockade of Taiwan*, US Naval War College - China Maritime Studies Institute, 8 March 2023, <https://digital-commons.usnwc.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1025&context=cmsi-maritime-reports>
- Tom Fox, "The PLA Army's New Helicopters: An "Easy Button" for Crossing the Taiwan Strait?," US Naval War College - China Maritime Studies Institute, 20 December 2021, <https://digital-commons.usnwc.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1016&context=cmsi-maritime-reports>
- Kevin McCauley, *Logistics Support for a Cross-Strait Invasion: The View from Beijing*, US Naval War College - China Maritime Studies Institute, <https://digital-commons.usnwc.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1021&context=cmsi-maritime-reports>
- Dennis J. Blasko, *The PLA Army Amphibious Force*, US Naval War College - China Maritime Studies Institute, 27 April 2022. <https://digital-commons.usnwc.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1019&context=cmsi-maritime-reports>
- Cristina Garafola, "The PLA Airborne Corps in a Joint Island Landing Campaign," US Naval War College - China Maritime Studies Institute, 10 March 2022, <https://digital-commons.usnwc.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1018&context=cmsi-maritime-reports>
- John Chen, Joel Wuthnow, "Chinese Special Operations in a Large-Scale Island Landing," US Naval War College - China Maritime Studies Institute, 21 January 2022, <https://digital-commons.usnwc.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1017&context=cmsi-maritime-reports>
- Conor Kennedy, *The New Chinese Marine Corps: A "Strategic Dagger" in a Cross-Strait Invasion*, US Naval War College - China Maritime Studies Institute, 13 October 2021, <https://digital-commons.usnwc.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1014&context=cmsi-maritime-reports>



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Recommended Reading: CCP Intelligence & Influence Operations



Studies

Start Here:

- "How the People's Republic of China Seeks to Reshape the Global Information Environment" Global Engagement Center (US State Department) 28 September 2023. <https://www.state.gov/gec-special-report-how-the-peoples-republic-of-china-seeks-to-reshape-the-global-information-environment/>
- Dr. Paul CHARON, Dr. Jean-Baptiste JEANGÈNE VILMER, "CHINESE INFLUENCE OPERATIONS: A Machiavellian Moment," Institute for Strategic Research (France), October 2021 <https://www.irsem.fr/report.htm> This exhaustive (600+ page) study of PRC influence breaks down key organizations, roles and connections in a well-sourced but easy to read format.
- Alex Joske, "The party speaks for you," ASPI, 9 June 2020. <https://www.aspi.org.au/report/party-speaks-you>
- Written Testimony of Peter Mattis - U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission "China's Global Influence and Interference Activities", USCC, 23 March 2023. https://www.uscc.gov/sites/default/files/2023-03/Peter_Mattis_Testimony.pdf
- Anne-Marie Brady, 'Magic weapons: China's political influence activities under Xi Jinping', Wilson Center, September 2017, www.wilsoncenter.org/article/magic-weapons-chinas-political-influence-activities-under-xi-jinping
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