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Joseph J. Kruzel Memorial Lecture

AARON FRIEDBERG

"A Contest for Supremacy: China, America and the Struggle for Mastery in Asia"

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Aaron Friedberg is professor of politics and international affairs at Princeton University, where he has taught since 1987, and co-director of the Woodrow Wilson School’s Center for International Security Studies. He is also a non-resident senior fellow of the German Marshall Fund of the United States and founding board member and president of the Alexander Hamilton Society, a nationwide organization dedicated to promoting debate on issues of foreign and defense policy at colleges and universities.

Friedberg is the author of The Weary Titan: Britain and the Experience of Relative Decline, 1895-1905 (winner of the Edgar S. Furniss Award for the best first book in the field of national security studies) and In the Shadow of the Garrison State: America’s Anti-Communism and its Cold War Grand Strategy, both published by Princeton University Press, and co-editor (with Richard Ellings) of three volumes in the National Bureau of Asian Research’s annual "Strategic Asia" series. His latest book, A Contest for Supremacy: China, America and the Struggle for Mastery in Asia, was published in August 2011 by W.W. Norton. It has been translated into Korean, Chinese (modern and traditional characters) and Japanese.

In 2001-02 Friedberg was selected as the first occupant of the Henry A. Kissinger Chair at the Library of Congress. He has been a research fellow at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, the Norwegian Nobel Institute, the Smithsonian Institution’s Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and Harvard University’s Center for International Affairs. Friedberg served from June 2003 to June 2005 as deputy assistant for national security affairs and director of policy planning in the Office of the Vice President.

After leaving government he was appointed to the Defense Policy Board and the Secretary of State’s Advisory Committee on Democracy Promotion. He has been a consultant to various agencies of the U.S. government, including the Central Intelligence Agency, National Security Council, and Office of Net Assessment in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Friedberg received his A.B. in 1978 and Ph.D. in 1986, both from Harvard University. He is a member of the editorial boards of Joint Forces Quarterly and Journal of Strategic Studies and a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies and the Council on Foreign Relations.

Abstract

Friedberg will examine the factors that appear to be impelling the United States and China towards a deepening geopolitical rivalry and the strategies that the two nations have pursued for dealing with one another. He will close with a discussion of the most recent developments in Sino-American relations and assessment of what may lie ahead.

Kruzel Lecture

Each year the Mershon Center for International Security Studies selects one lecture in honor of Joseph J. Kruzel, an Ohio State faculty member in Political Science who served in the U.S. Air Force as well as other posts in the federal government. Kruzel was killed in Sarajevo, Bosnia, in 1995 while serving as deputy assistant secretary of defense for European and NATO affairs.
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Past Kruzel Lectures include Christopher Hill, former ambassador to Iraq; Joseph Nye, former dean of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University; and Strobe Talbott, president of the Brookings Institution.