

Daniel Kliman Senior Fellow, Asia-Pacific Security Program Center for a New American Security

Dr. Daniel Kliman is the Senior Fellow in the Asia-Pacific Security Program at the Center for a New American Security (CNAS). He is an expert in Asia-Pacific strategy, with a particular focus on U.S. competition with China. Dr. Kliman is also an officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Before joining CNAS, Dr. Kliman worked in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, where he served as Senior Advisor for Asia Integration. He was the principal Asia expert for development and implementation of the Third Offset strategy, and executed multiple international engagements focused on defense innovation. He also advised DoD leadership on maritime security issues.

Prior to his time at the DoD, Dr. Kliman worked at the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF), first as a Transatlantic Fellow, and then as a Senior Advisor with the Asia Program. At GMF, Dr. Kliman launched a new line of research on emerging powers. He also created the Young Strategists Forum, a program to educate emerging leaders from the United States, Japan, and other major democracies about geopolitical competition in the Asia-Pacific region.

Dr. Kliman has authored two books, Fateful Transitions: How Democracies Manage Rising Powers, from the Eve of World War I to China's Ascendance, and Japan's Security Strategy in the Post-9/11 World: Embracing a New Realpolitik. He has also published in prominent outlets such as The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, Politico, Foreignpolicy.com, and CNN.com. Dr. Kliman received a PhD in Politics from Princeton University and holds a BA in Political Science from Stanford University. He lives in Washington, DC, with his wife and daughter.

Dr. Kliman has not testified before the Commission.

Questions for Panelist

- 1. To what extent do military or national security considerations drive BRI? Describe the ways in which the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) has been and likely will be involved in BRI projects, explicitly or tangentially?
- 2. In terms of national security, what does China stand to gain from BRI, and what risks does BRI present to China's national security?
- 3. How will BRI shape China's military modernization, and vice versa?
- 4. What are the practical implications of BRI for U.S. defense stakeholders? For example, how could BRI impact the requirements and missions of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Pacific Command? What opportunities and costs does BRI present for U.S. military interests?
- 5. Does BRI raise any nontraditional security concerns for host countries, China, or others? How might projects be economically, socially, or otherwise destabilizing? What kinds of threats to stability does corruption present? Could projects become vehicles for money laundering or illicit transfers?
- 6. The Commission is mandated to make policy recommendations to Congress based on its hearings and other research. What are your recommendations for Congressional action related to the topic of your testimony?