

The New Geopolitics: China, New Zealand, and the Indo-Pacific



Guest Speaker: Ford Hart

All welcome to attend -

Thursday, 16 June 2022

Rosewood, 417 Queen Street, Masterton at 8.00 pm

Tea and coffee from 7.30 pm

Non-members: \$5.00 door charge

**A former senior American diplomat
(now lives in Wellington).**

He will speak on his recent study of the evolving Indo-Pacific geopolitical environment, China's role in it, and challenges facing the United States, New Zealand and other countries. During his career, he acquired extensive experience in Chinese, Asian, and national security affairs.

As he says, "Regional powers of all sizes – large, medium and small – are engaging in new forms of co-operation to balance Beijing's growing capabilities and different vision of the international order."

The future of peace, stability, and prosperity, he notes, hinges on the ability of all these countries, including China, to manage their competing visions and maintain a rules-based order.

During a 33-year diplomatic career, he was posted to the People's Republic of China four times and he studied Chinese in Taiwan. There were other postings to the USSR and Iraq.

Ford Hart was the National Security Council's Director for China and Taiwan under President George W. Bush; Special Envoy for the Six-Party Talks on North Korean nuclear weapons, with President Obama accoring him the personal rank of ambassador; and, at the Pentagon, foreign policy advisor to the Chief of Naval Operations. His final posting was as Consul General to Hong Kong and Macau.

Ford Hart is now retired from U.S. Government service and his views are entirely his own.

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