

## 6th Annual Conference – September 22-October 2, 2020

### Speaker Biographies

#### PANEL 8 – Regional Actors, Multipolarity, & Comparative Perspectives

Friday, October 2, 2020, 9am to 10:30am EDT



**Yoon Jung PARK** is the Associate Director of the SAIS China Africa Research Initiative. An international scholar and a leader in the growing field of China/Africa studies, Dr Park is the author of *A Matter of Honour. Being Chinese in South Africa* (Jacana/Lexington Books). Her research focuses on ethnic Chinese in southern Africa and perceptions of Chinese people by local communities, centering on migration, race/ethnicity/identity, race/class/power, gender, affirmative action, and xenophobia. Dr Park has affiliations at the Sociology Department at Rhodes University (South Africa) and African Studies at Georgetown University (Washington, DC). In addition to her research, writing, and teaching, she is a co-founder and Executive Director of the Chinese in Africa/Africans in China (CA/AC) Research Network, an international China-Africa network.

**Paul NANTULYA** is Research Associate at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. His expertise includes Afro-East Asian partnerships and China-Africa relations. He has researched and written widely on China's soft and hard power engagements in Africa, the influence of traditional Chinese strategic culture on China's foreign policy and military strategy, and China's investments in professional military education in Africa. Mr. Nantulya has testified before the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission and has guest lectured on China at Johns Hopkins School of International Studies, and at Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. He holds a Graduate Certificate in Japanese Language and Culture from the Japan Africa Interchange Institute in Nairobi, Kenya, a BA in International Relations from United States International University Africa in Nairobi Kenya, and an MS in Defense and Strategic Studies from Missouri State University.





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**Jonah A. VICTOR**, based in Washington DC, is a senior analyst at the U.S. Department of Defense and adjunct associate professor of security studies at Georgetown University. He is the co-author of *African Security: An Introduction* (London: Bloomsbury, 2020) and a contributing author to the forthcoming *The PLA Beyond Borders: Chinese Military Operations in Regional and Global Context* (National Defense University Press). Victor has served as an analyst and adviser on African and East Asian affairs including at the Department of Defense, National Intelligence Council, and National Security Council. He holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from Pennsylvania State University. He is speaking today in his personal capacity.



**Joshua EISENMAN** is associate professor at the University of Notre Dame’s Keough School of Global Affairs and senior fellow for China studies at the American Foreign Policy Council. He has published four books on China’s foreign relations with the developing world—Africa in particular. His second book, *China and Africa: A Century of Engagement* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2012), co-authored with Ambassador David Shinn, was named one of the top three books about Africa by Foreign Affairs. The book’s updated Chinese edition will be published this year by Chinese University Press of Hong Kong. Eisenman’s next book with Shinn examines China-Africa political and security relations. Before joining Notre Dame, Professor Eisenman was assistant professor at the University of Texas at Austin, and a visiting faculty member at Fudan University, Peking University, and NYU–Shanghai. He holds a PhD in political science from UCLA and an MA from Johns Hopkins University (SAIS).