

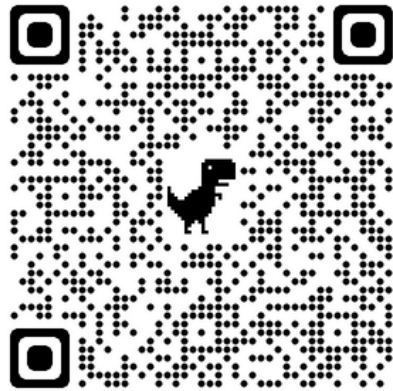
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October 3, 2023; 4:30 p.m. Benes Room B

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### Upcoming Events

- **Platform Hearing #2:** October 18, 12-1 p.m.; HWCC 312
- **Platform Hearing #3:** November 2, 4-6 p.m.; Benes Room B
- **Debate Watch Party:** November 8, time TBD; Smith Stairs

## Foreign Policy United States - China Relations



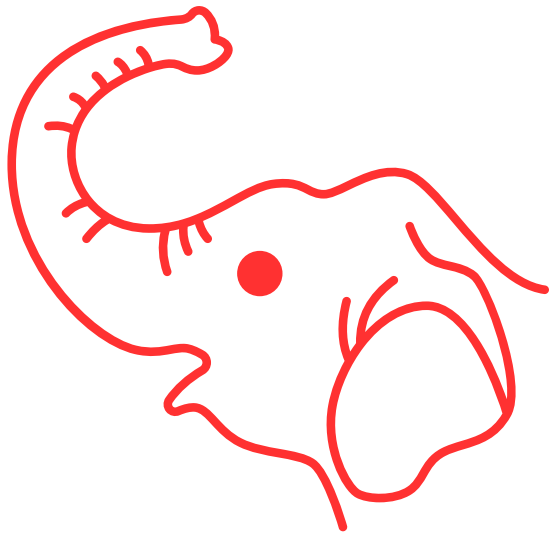
**Dr. Ji Young Choi**, Associate Professor of Politics and Government, Director of East Asia Studies, Affiliate Professor of International Studies

## OWU Mock Convention 2024 Platform Hearing #1

# OWU Mock Convention 2024

*"The elephant in the room"*

Every presidential election cycle, OWU Mock Convention represents whichever major party is not currently in control of the White House. This year, it is the Republican Party. As such, this hearing will focus on the platform of the Republican Party concerning U.S.-China relations, as well as the issue stances of each candidate in the primary election.



## Faculty Expert Spotlight: Dr. Ji Young Choi



Dr. Choi is associate professor of Politics and Government and affiliated professor of International Studies, as well as the Director of East Asian Studies. He specializes in international relations history and theories, international political economy, foreign policy, and East Asian security and political economy.

Dr. Choi is attracted to developing policy-relevant theories grounded in a systematic study of historical patterns and experiences. His research interests are in the rise and fall of nations or great powers, building bridges between rationalism and constructivism, the politics of economic and financial globalization, East Asian regionalism, the rise of China, and Korean politics and economy. He published numerous articles in peer-reviewed scholarly journals and has presented many articles at national and international conferences and workshops hosted by the U.S. Department of State. His media appearances include All Sides with Ann Fisher (a live radio talk show, NPR FM radio) and Voice of America (a Washington-based international radio network).



## Donald Trump

- Former President of the United States

### Stance on China:

“Former President Trump confronted unfair trade practices, imposed tariffs on China that brought billions of dollars into the federal treasury, expanded American agriculture, and opened thousands of new factories. President Trump will implement a 4-year national reshoring plan so that the United States no longer needs to rely on China for essential medical and national security goods and ban Chinese ownership of all critical infrastructure in the United States. We will bring back our supply chains, and build America into the manufacturing superpower of the world.”

**\*Information gathered from candidate’s campaign website.\***



## Ron DeSantis

- 46th Governor of Florida
- Former Representative for Florida’s 6th Congressional District

### Stance on China:

“DeSantis will end our abusive relationship with the CCP, reverse our ever-increasing trade deficits, ban imports of goods made from stolen intellectual property, strengthen protections to stop child and forced labor, and end China's preferential trade status. DeSantis will demand that American companies act in accordance with American interests – which means preventing companies from sharing critical technologies with China and banning the sale of strategic assets like farmland to CCP members and their affiliates. DeSantis will incentivize the repatriation of U.S. capital from China through strategic tax abatements and aligning market incentives with strategic goals to help secure our supply chains and invest in America.”

**\*Information gathered from candidate’s campaign website.\***



## Nikki Haley

- Former Governor of South Carolina
- Former United States ambassador to the United Nations

### Stance on China:

“Nikki Haley's stance on U.S.-China relations is marked by a resolute commitment to a robust and assertive approach. She consistently advocates for a comprehensive strategy that addresses a range of challenges posed by China, such as economic practices, human rights, and national security. Haley emphasizes the importance of strong alliances with like-minded nations to present a united front against China's assertiveness, particularly in the Indo-Pacific region. While she acknowledges the value of diplomacy and trade, her stance underscores the need for vigilance and firm responses to safeguard American interests and values amidst the backdrop of China's growing influence.”

**\*Information gathered from candidate's campaign website.\***



## Tim Scott

- Senator from South Carolina
- Former Representative for South Carolina's 1st District
- Former South Carolina State Representative

### Stance on China:

“Tim Scott has repeatedly criticized China for its human rights abuses, its trade practices, and its military buildup. He has also called for the United States to take a tougher stance against China, including by increasing tariffs on Chinese goods, investing in new military capabilities, and decoupling the US economy from China. Scott's perspective on China is shaped by his belief that China is a threat to American democracy and freedom. He has also criticized China's trade practices, arguing that they are unfair to American businesses and workers. And he has expressed concern about China's military buildup, which he sees as a threat to American interests in the Asia-Pacific region.”

**\*Information gathered from candidate's campaign website.\***





## Mike Pence

- Former Vice President of the United States
- Former Governor of Indiana
- Former Representative for Indiana's 2nd and 6th Districts

### Stance on China:

"Pence has consistently taken a firm stance on U.S.-China relations. Throughout his tenure, he articulated a policy approach that emphasized a tougher and more confrontational posture towards China. Pence expressed concerns over China's economic practices, intellectual property theft, and human rights abuses, particularly in Tibet and Xinjiang. He played a significant role in the Trump administration's strategy to counter China's influence, including the implementation of tariffs and restrictions on Chinese technology companies. Pence advocated for a more competitive and vigilant approach, emphasizing the need to protect American interests and national security against the challenges posed by China's rapid rise on the global stage."

**\*Information gathered from candidate's campaign website.\***



## Chris Christie

- Former Governor of New Jersey
- Former United States Attorney for New Jersey

### Stance on China:

"Chris Christie has advocated for a pragmatic approach to U.S.-China relations. He believes in the importance of maintaining a strong, cooperative relationship with China while also addressing key areas of concern. Christie has emphasized the need for robust trade negotiations and intellectual property protections to secure American economic interests. He also recognizes the importance of dealing with issues like human rights abuses and cybersecurity, but he tends to prioritize pragmatic diplomacy and engagement over aggressive confrontation. Christie's stance on U.S.-China relations leans towards a balanced approach that seeks to safeguard American interests while recognizing the complexity of the relationship and the potential for cooperation on global issues like climate change and public health."

**\*Information gathered from candidate's campaign website.\***



## Vivek Ramaswamy

- Entrepreneur

### Stance on China:

"Ramaswamy has accused China of being a "threat to American freedom and prosperity" and has called for the United States to "decouple" its economy from China. Ramaswamy's perspective on China is shaped by his belief that the Chinese Communist Party is a totalitarian regime that is intent on challenging American hegemony. He has criticized China for its human rights abuses, its trade practices, and its military buildup. He has also argued that China is using its economic power to undermine American influence around the world."

\*Information gathered from candidate's campaign website.\*



## Doug Burgum

- 33rd Governor of North Dakota

### Stance on China:

"Doug Burgum, the Governor of North Dakota, has largely focused on state-level issues, and his stances on U.S.-China relations have not been prominently featured in his political platform. However, it is important to note that his primary responsibilities revolve around state governance, and his policy positions might not delve deeply into international affairs. In the absence of a specific stance on U.S.-China relations, his primary concerns likely center around issues pertinent to North Dakota, such as agriculture, energy, and rural development, which can indirectly intersect with broader national and international matters."

\*Information gathered from candidate's campaign website.\*

