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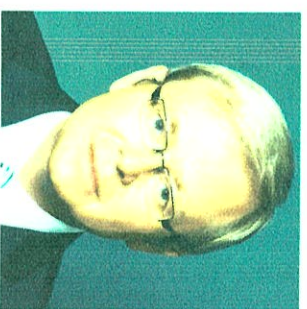


# **The Avoidable War**

The Future of the US-China Relationship

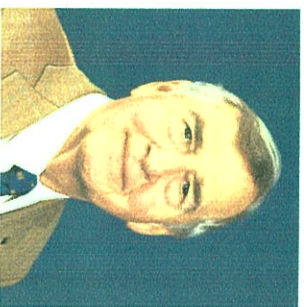
**Thursday, December 5, 2019  
6:00 PM**





**Kevin Rudd**  
26th Prime Minister of Australia  
President of the Asia Society  
Policy Institute

The Honourable **Kevin Rudd** served as Australia's 26th Prime Minister (2007-2010, 2013) and as Foreign Minister (2010-2012). He led Australia's response during the Global Financial Crisis—the only major developed economy not to go into recession—and helped found the G20. Mr. Rudd joined the Asia Society Policy Institute in New York as its inaugural President in January 2015. In February 2014, Mr. Rudd was named a Senior Fellow with Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Mr. Rudd is Chair of the Board of the International Peace Institute, a Distinguished Fellow at Chatham House in London, a Distinguished Statesman with the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington DC, and a Distinguished Fellow at the Paulson Institute in Chicago. He is an Honorary Professor at Peking University. Mr. Rudd is proficient in Mandarin Chinese. He also remains actively engaged in indigenous reconciliation.



**Graham Allison**  
Douglas Dillon Professor of  
Government, Harvard Kennedy  
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**Graham Allison** is the Douglas Dillon Professor of Government at Harvard University and a leading analyst of national security with special interests in nuclear weapons, Russia, China, and decision-making. He was the "Founding Dean" of Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and until 2017, served as Director of its Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs which is ranked the "#1 University Affiliated Think Tank" in the world. As Assistant Secretary of Defense under President Clinton and Special Advisor to the Secretary of Defense under President Reagan, he has been a member of the Secretary of Defense's Advisory Board for every Secretary from Weinberger to Mattis. His first book, *Essence of Decision: Explaining the Cuban Missile Crisis* (1971), ranks among the all-time bestsellers with more than 500,000 copies in print. Dr.



**Jane Perlez**  
Joan Shorenstein Fellow  
New York Times Beijing Bureau  
Chief

**Jane Perlez**, bureau chief for *The New York Times* in Beijing. She has been a long time for correspondent for *The Times*, serving in East Africa, Central Europe, Southeast Asia, and Pakistan. She was a member of the team that won the Pulitzer Prize in 2008 for coverage of Pakistan and Afghanistan. She is married to Raymond Bonner, former foreign correspondent for *The New York Times*, and author. While at the Shorenstein Center, Perlez will write about how the Chinese and American governments treat each other's reporters as each side strives to describe very different ways, the world's most important strategic relationship.



**Mark D. Gearan**  
Director, Institute of Politics  
Interim Faculty Dean, Winthrop  
House

**Mark Gearan** is the 19th director of the Institute of Politics at the Harvard Kennedy School and interim faculty dean Winthrop House. A leading voice at the intersection of education and public service, Mark has held numerous leadership roles in American politics, government, and education. From 1999-2017, Mark served as the President Hobart and William Smith Colleges (HWS), the longest-serving president in HWS history. In September 1995, President Bill Clinton appointed Mark as the 14th Director of the Peace Corps, where he oversaw the expansion of the Peace Corps program into South Africa, India, and Haiti and the establishment of the Crisis Corps. Mark served in a variety of roles in American politics and government including White House Communications Director, White House Deputy Chief of Staff, and Vice Presidential Campaign Manager for Clinton/Gore '92. He is the Vice Chair for National and Public Service of the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service. Mark attended Harvard College and Georgetown Law School.