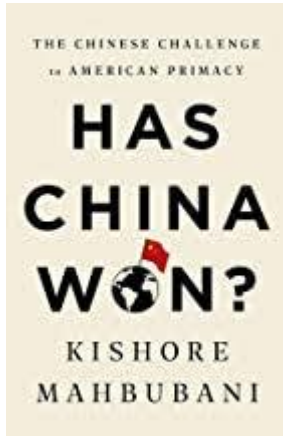




World Affairs Council of Hilton Head

FALL FORUM 2020



The World Affairs Council of Hilton Head's annual Fall Forum is built around the ideas from the book:

Has China Won?: The Chinese Challenge to American Primacy by Kishore Mahbubani.

The defining geopolitical contest of the twenty-first century is between China and the US. But is it avoidable? And if it happens, is the outcome already inevitable? China and America are world powers without serious rivals. They eye each other warily across the Pacific; they communicate poorly; there seems little natural empathy. A massive geopolitical contest has begun.

America prizes freedom; China values freedom from chaos. America values strategic decisiveness; China values patience. America is becoming society of lasting inequality, China a meritocracy. America has abandoned multilateralism; China welcomes it. Kishore Mahbubani, a diplomat and scholar with unrivalled access to policymakers in Beijing and Washington, has written the definitive guide to the deep fault lines in the relationship, a clear-eyed assessment of the risk of any confrontation, and a bracingly honest appraisal of the strengths and weaknesses, and superpower eccentricities, of the US and China.

About the Author: Kishore Mahbubani is a Singaporean academic and former diplomat. During his stint at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1971 to 2004, he served as Singapore's Permanent Representative to the United Nations and held the position of President of the United Nations Security Council between January 2001 and May 2002.

Session 1

- Introduction
- China's biggest strategic mistake
- America's biggest strategic mistake

Session 2

- Is China expansionist?
- Can America make U-turns?

Session 3

- Should China become democratic?
- The assumption of virtue.
- Appendix by Stephen Walt - The myth of American Exceptionalism

Session 4

- How will the other Countries Choose?
- A paradoxical conclusion

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we are hosting this year's Fall Forum virtually. All meetings will be Zoom meetings.

Group 1: TUESDAYS, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Dates: October 6, October 27, November 17, December 8

Group 2: WEDNESDAYS, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Dates: October 7, 28, November 18, December 9

Group 3: THURSDAYS, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Dates: October 8, 29, November 19, December 10

Group 4: TUESDAY EVENING, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

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The Fall Forum is free and open to all World Affairs Council Hilton Head members, but registration is required. Please visit the Fall Forum page under programs tab on the wachh.org website(<https://wachh.org/fall-forum>) or contact the WACHH office at wachhi@gmail.com to register. Be sure to specify what class you want to participate in. Registration deadline is Sunday, October 4th. Registration for each group is limited to 20 participants so register early.