



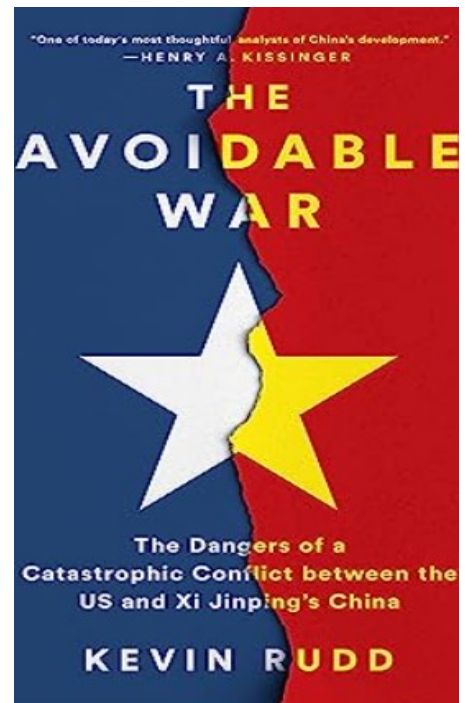
World Affairs Council HILTON HEAD

FALL BOOK FORUM - 2023

The Fall Forum is a discussion group that meets 4 times over the course of two months to discuss a specific book. This year's book is *The Avoidable War*. Author Kevin Rudd details that a war between China and the US would be catastrophic. Unfortunately, it is no longer unthinkable.

The relationship between the US and China, the world's two superpowers, is peculiarly volatile. It rests on a seismic fault—of cultural misunderstanding, historical grievance, and ideological incompatibility. No other nations are so quick to offend and be offended. Their militaries play a dangerous game of chicken, corporations steal intellectual property, intelligence satellites peer, and AI technicians plot. The capacity for either country to cross a fatal line grows daily.

Kevin Rudd, a former Australian prime minister who has studied, lived in, and worked with China for more than forty years, is one of the very few people who can offer real insight into the mindsets of the leadership whose judgment will determine if a war will be fought. *The Avoidable War* demystifies the actions of both sides, explaining and translating them for the benefit of the other. Geopolitical disaster is still avoidable, but only if these two giants can find a way to coexist without betraying their core interests through what Rudd calls “managed strategic competition.” Should they fail, down that path lies the possibility of a war that could rewrite the future of both countries, and the world.



Registration is Required by September 30

Please sign up for one of the Groups below at <https://WACHH.org/fall-forum>

Fall Forum is open to WACHH members only

Discussion Outline	Group 1 Tuesday 10:00 am -11:30 am	Group 2 Wednesday 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Group 3 Thursday 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
	Island Rec Center Community Room 20 Wilborn Road, HHI		Buckwalter Rec Center Classroom 2 905 Buckwalter Parkway, Bluffton
Session I <i>Introduction & Chapters 1-5</i>	October 3	October 4	October 5
Session II <i>Chapters 6-9</i>	October 17	October 18	October 19
Session III <i>Chapters 10-14</i>	October 31	November 1	November 2
Session IV <i>Chapters 15-17 & Epilogue</i>	November 14	November 15	November 16