## Dilemmas of the Indo-Pacific: The American Perspective

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## I. The 'Official' US Policy (US Department of State, November 2018)

A. Enhancing shared prosperity



## B. Championing good governance and civil society

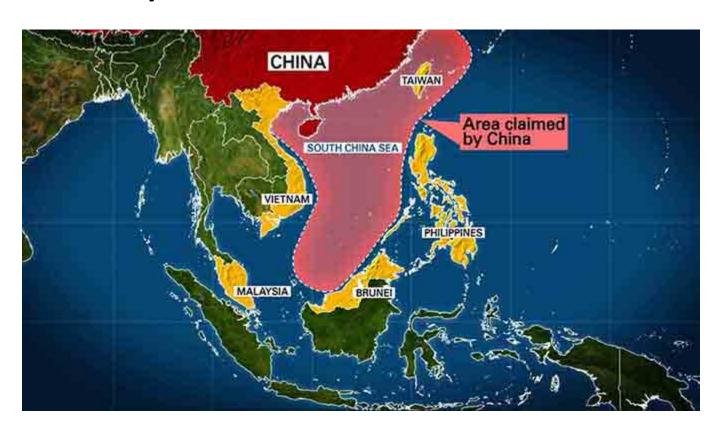


#### C. Geopolitics and order-building



#### II. The Catalysts

A. Beijing, the South China Sea, and a 21<sup>st</sup> century Chinese Monroe Doctrine?



## B. Trump's world view: Must be different from Obama's



C. Ideology complements geography (operationalising 'America First')

#### III. Benchmarks

A. Trump's address to APEC (November 2017) and Quad on the sidelines of the

ASEAN Summit in Manila

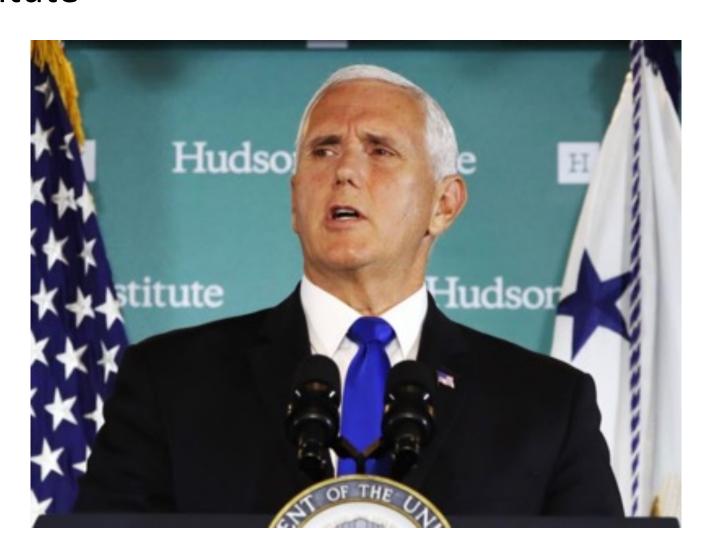


B. December 2017 US National Security Statement

# C. June 2018: Mattis change from PACOM to US-Indo-PACOM and Shangri-La Dialogue speech



### D. October 2018: Pence speech to the Hudson Institute



## E. March 2019: Admiral Davidson's hedging on the Quad/US resistance to multilateral security?



#### IV. Where To From Here – If Anywhere?

