

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 21st 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?

