

Spring 2019 Crisis Simulation: East China Sea Participant Guide

Thank you for confirming your participation in the Center for Security Policy Studies' Spring 2019 Crisis Simulation. This short guide is intended to help you and your colleagues get the most benefit possible out of your participation and ensure you arrive at the simulation prepared.

Two other documents are provided to you before the simulation: the event schedule and the game rules. Make sure you are familiar with the event schedule, and skim the game rules; however, do not worry that the rules seem overly complex when reading them. Your facilitator will walk you through a hands-on orientation and you will see that the format is simple to execute but complex to describe. The simulation employs turn based format, in which you will react to incoming information and debate the best course of action with your team mates. This simulation will repeatedly require you to speak to a small group of people who are all paying attention to you.

Rest assured, you do not need to be an expert in anything – especially not in military matters!

The most important skills you can bring to the exercise are the abilities to think critically and argue orally. However, all players can benefit from being as knowledgeable as possible about the countries represented in the scenario. This will allow you to employ both incontrovertible facts and reasonable assumptions to bolster your and allies' decisions and counter those of opponents. All policies and actions are subject to a degree of random chance, but your facilitator will tilt the scales in your favor when you make arguments premised on facts or reasonable assumptions. Conversely, your facilitator will penalize your chances of success when you make inaccurate citations and baseless assumptions.

The following pages include resources to help you prepare for the simulation.

Finally, remember that there are no wrong answers and that simulations are designed to create stressful situations, mirroring the stressors present in real world crises. Stay engaged, enthusiastic and respectful, be forthcoming and honest in the after-action review, and have fun!

Resources

The game rules document provides a limited degree of background for the scenario. The links below provide additional information and perspectives to help you arrive informed and aware.

[Tensions in the East China Sea](#)

Sheila Smith, Elizabeth Economy, Scott Snyder, Robert Blackwill, Council on Foreign Relations

[East China Sea](#)

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[Territorial Conflicts in the East China Sea](#)

Reinhard Drifte, Asia-Pacific Journal

[East China Sea Air Defense Identification Zone](#)

Michael Green, Kathleen Hicks, Zack Cooper, John Schaus, Jake Douglas, CSIS

[Risk of U.S.-China confrontation in the East China Sea \(Opinion\)](#)

Ryan Hass, Brookings Institute

[China's Policy in the East China Sea](#) (Click on the pdf within the link)

Mathieu Duchâtel, China Perspectives

[Japan and the East China Sea Dispute](#)

Paul O'Shea, Global Affairs

[Scenarios abound for Japan getting dragged into a U.S.-China conflict: expert](#)

Jesse Johnson

[Hu's to blame for China's foreign assertiveness?](#)

Rush Doshi, Brookings Institute

[Japan, China Agree to Implement East China Sea Crisis Management Hotline](#)

Ankit Panda, The Diplomat

[Chinese Frigate, Unidentified Submarine Enter Japan-Claimed Waters Near Senkaku Islands](#)

Ankit Panda, The Diplomat

[Japan May Face a New Chinese Onslaught in Dispute Over East China Sea Islets](#)

Dan Southerland

[The U.S.-Japan Alliance in an Age of Elevated U.S.-China Relations](#)

Brian Harding

[Here's how the South China Sea ruling affects U.S. interests](#)

Eric Hyer

[China's 'New Thinking' of the East China Sea Dispute](#)

Jian Zhang

[The East China Sea Dispute: Short-Term Victory and Long-Term Loss for China?](#)

Sun-won Park, Brookings