

The Geopolitical Landscape in 2024

Richard Fontaine – CEO, Center for a New American Security
in conversation with Richard Iron CMG OBE

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Every generation comes to believe they are living through extraordinarily complex and unprecedented times.

But in 2024, the international environment looks complex indeed.

The two-year mark of Russia's invasion of Ukraine has passed; conflict in the Middle East threatens to ignite into something larger; there is increasing competition with China, and a high-stakes election is due in the US in November.



What are the biggest challenges facing the United States, and the Indo-Pacific? What can policymakers do to address these challenges? What direction will US foreign policy take after the election?

AIIA Victoria in collaboration with the ANU National Security College invites you to join US foreign policy expert Richard Fontaine to discuss these significant questions.



Richard Fontaine is the Chief Executive Officer of Center for a New American Security (CNAS). He served as President of CNAS from 2012–19 and as Senior Fellow from 2009–12. Prior to CNAS, he was foreign policy advisor to Senator John McCain and worked at the State Department, the National Security Council (NSC), and on the staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Fontaine served as foreign policy advisor to the McCain 2008 presidential campaign and subsequently as the minority deputy staff director on the Senate Armed Services Committee. Prior to that, he served as Associate Director for Near Eastern Affairs at the NSC from 2003–04. He also worked on Southeast Asian issues in the NSC's Asian Affairs directorate.

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