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**Best-Selling Author on Geopolitics, Wall Street Journal Contributor and Frequent Fox News Commentator**

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## About Michael (Misha) Auslin

Dr. Michael "Misha" Auslin is the inaugural Payson J. Treat Distinguished Research Fellow in Contemporary Asia at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University, and a senior fellow in the Asia and National Security Programs at the Foreign Policy Research Institute. A historian by training, he specializes in U.S. policy in Asia and geopolitical issues in the Indo-Pacific region.

Misha is the author of six books, including his latest, *Asia's New Geopolitics*, as well as the best-selling [\*The End of the Asian Century: War, Stagnation, and the Risks to the World's Most Dynamic Region\*](#). He is a longtime contributor to the [\*Wall Street Journal\*](#) and *National Review*, and his writing appears in other leading publications, including *The Atlantic*, *Financial Times*, *Foreign Affairs*, and *Politico*. He comments regularly for U.S. and foreign print and broadcast media.

Previously, Misha was an associate professor of history at Yale University, a visiting professor at the University of Tokyo, and a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute. He is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and was a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum, a Fulbright Scholar, and a German Marshall Fund Marshall Memorial Fellow, among other honors. Misha serves as the Vice Chairman of the Wilton Park USA Foundation.

## About Misha's Presentations

Misha brings to your organization a world-class background from policy and academia. His inside access to current and former policymakers gives him a unique perspective, and as a former professor at Yale University, Misha is one of America's most respected geopolitical analysts. His 2017 best-seller, *The End of the Asian Century*, was the first book to warn about the dangers in China, and his writings for the *Wall Street Journal* and other leading publications are read by senior government officials and business leaders around the globe. As a distinguished fellow at Stanford's Hoover Institution, one of the world's most prestigious think tanks, Misha is in regular contact with national and global leaders, allowing him to bring the most up-to-date information to his presentations. Misha's advice is sought after by the White House, Congress, the Pentagon, and leading corporations.

With humor, energy, a deep knowledge of history, and the benefit of 15 years in Washington, D.C., Misha will give your organization a serious, yet entertaining look at the most critical issues of the day.

## Select Keynotes

- **"America and the World in the Age of Trump"**

Donald Trump came to office pledging to radically change America's role in the world. Will American foreign policy truly be transformed under Trump? Is the post-World War II world over? Geopolitical expert and best-selling author Michael Auslin will explore the global futures that will shape the next decade.

- **"How Do You Solve a Problem Like China?" "A New Cold War?", "Huawei or the Highway: The New Cyber Struggle," and "Why Kim Can't Control His Nukes"**

The keynotes Misha has been recently giving to business, investment, and professional groups include "How Do You Solve a Problem Like China?", "A New Cold War?", "Huawei or the Highway: The New Cyber Struggle," and "Why Kim Can't Control His Nukes," among others.



- **"Is the Asian Century Over? Preparing for Crisis in the World's Most Dynamic Region"**

Since Marco Polo, the West has waited for the "Asian Century." Today, the world believes that Century has arrived. Yet from China's slumping economy to war clouds over the South China Sea and from environmental devastation to demographic crisis, Asia's future is increasingly uncertain. Best-selling author and geopolitical expert Michael Auslin argues that far from being a cohesive powerhouse, Asia is a fractured region threatened by stagnation and instability.

- **Black Swans and Cold Wars: Adjusting to the New Normal in US-China Relations**

The 2020 coronavirus pandemic has sparked a new Cold War between China and the United States. The Chinese Communist Party's cover-up of the epidemic in China and its attempts to shift blame for the crisis to the United States reveal not only the depth of ill-will between the two countries, but also that Beijing cannot be considered a reliable global partner. Instead of asking for the world's help and focusing on crushing this epidemiological Black Swan, the CCP instead hid the truth and put the entire world at risk.

The openly antagonistic relationship between Washington and Beijing marks the new Cold War, while America and the world must prepare for more Black Swans coming out of China. How can America prepare for this new era? What should its policy towards China be? How much should the US decouple from China and can the global economy adjust? Geopolitical expert Michael Auslin of Stanford University will answer these and other questions in this provocative and urgent talk.

### Select Book Titles

- **2020:** Asia's New Geopolitics: Essays on Shaping the Indo-Pacific
- **2017:** The End of the Asian Century: War, Stagnation, and the Risks to the World's Most Dynamic Region
- **2011:** Pacific Cosmopolitans: A Cultural History of U.S.-Japan Relations
- **2007:** Japan Society: Celebrating a Century, 1907-2007
- **2004:** Negotiating with Imperialism: The Unequal Treaties and the Culture of Japanese Diplomacy

### Select Articles

- [Trump's New Realism in China](#)

Critics aside, the administration does have a strategy, and it is based on reciprocity.

- [Geopolitical Jockeying in a Time of Pandemic/Spectator USA](#)

China and the United States continue to joust in the South China Sea, reminding us that once COVID is over, nothing will have changed in the geopolitical competition between Washington and Beijing.

- [Why China Must Be Held Accountable for the Coronavirus Pandemic](#)

For the sake of morality, global governance, and avoiding a repeat, the world must hold Beijing and the CCP responsible for their coverup, lies, and mishandling of the Wuhan coronavirus pandemic.

- [Has the US-China Cold War Now Begun/Real Clear Politics](#)

US-China relations will be changed forever by COVID-19, the Wuhan coronavirus. Washington must fundamentally change its policy toward Beijing, as the CCP has shown the danger it poses to the world.

- [Beijing Fears COVID-19 Is Turning Point for China, Globalization](#)

China's failure to control the coronavirus epidemic and its subsequent cover-up put the world at risk. Now, China is waging a propaganda war to deflect blame. Globalization will suffer as the world attempts to protect itself from future black swans--Real Clear Politics

- [WSJ: From Washington to Wuhan, All Eyes Are On Xi](#)

Coronavirus threatens Chinese leader Xi Jinping. His rule since 2012 has focused on the creation of a cult of competence. His aggressive economic and foreign policies have challenged America's global leadership, while Beijing's relentless influence campaigns have sought to eliminate negative images of the country around the world.

- [Coronavirus and US-China Relations/Hoover Institution](#)

An interview with Michael Auslin on how the Wuhan coronavirus pandemic will damage US-China relations, and its effect on China's economy

and political system.

- [Demystifying US-China Decoupling](#)

Trade negotiations between American and Chinese officials are a drawn-out affair because Trump has zeroed in on a problem a generation in the making. At one level, Trump's trade war is upending four decades of unequal U.S.-China economic relations that have helped fuel China's modernization in the post-Mao Zedong era.--Hoover Digest

- [China's Thin Skin Bruised Yet Again](#)

As hundreds of millions Chinese hide from the coronavirus, as over a million Muslim Uyghurs are kept in concentration camps, as Beijing directs cyber and human espionage operations to strip the world of its industrial secrets and personal information, China's Communist leaders going into conniption fits over a newspaper headline says it all, revealing just how little legitimacy they have, and how less capable they are in dealing with the world--National Review

- [WSJ: China Sends a Superhero to the Batcave](#)

China has humiliated Batman and DC Comics, which have become the latest Western companies to self-censor and abashedly apologize for supposedly offending Chinese feelings. The world must stand up to Beijing's bullying.

- [WSJ Review: Chinese Communist Espionage](#)

As political relations between Washington and Beijing have soured, Chinese spies are becoming more brazen. If a new Cold War is shaping up between the U.S. and China, countering Beijing's espionage had better become as much a priority as stopping Russian spooks was in the days of Checkpoint Charlie.

- [The West Can Only Blame Itself For Failing to Prepare for Huawei](#)

Britain's decision to allow Huawei into the UK's 5G systems marks a gamble that open societies can rigorously monitor and effectively protect themselves against Huawei's shoddy security protocols, potential illicit activities, and market-dominating tactics. But maintaining close relations with the Americans, not only in intelligence sharing but on overall cybersecurity issues, will add a further layer of complexity.

- [The 'Asian Century'--Over So Soon?](#)

Asia is beset by increasing geopolitical tension, economic trouble, and distrust between neighbors. Managing risk in the Indo-Pacific is vital to maintaining a strong global economy and avoiding the possibility of armed conflict.

- [WSJ: Beijing Can't Bring Home the Bacon](#)

The devastating African Swine Fever is decimating China's hog population. The shortage of pork supplies could lead to social unrest.

- [Modern Japan is a Model of Stability, Thanks to Its Ancient Imperial Family](#)

As Brexit chaos continues to paralyse Britain, impeachment roils American politics, and months of anti-China protests rock Hong Kong and flummox Beijing, Japan again offers an example of political and social stability regularly overlooked or dismissed. Even as the country recovers from a devastating super typhoon, it celebrates a new sovereign whose era name, Reiwa (beautiful harmony) is undoubtedly the envy of other great powers being tested at home and abroad. Some of Japan's stability may well come from the symbolic role the imperial family plays, and its conscious appeal to the past.

- [Trump's success or failure lies partly with Asia](#)

Michael Auslin for Nikkei Asian Review - November 24, 2016

- [Without the Emperor, What is Left of Old Japan?](#)

Michael Auslin for Standpoint Magazine - September 2016

- [How China could respond to Trump call](#)

Michael Auslin for CNN - December 5, 2016

- [China drone seizure throws down gauntlet to Obama and Trump](#)

Michael Auslin for CNN - December 17, 2016