

Charting America's Cold War Waters in East Asia

Shifting the focus from land to sea when considering the Cold War in East Asia, Kuan-Jen Chen sheds light on the importance of the 'oceanic' lens as a structural imperative in grand strategic thinking. Despite extensive scholarship on post-war US–East Asia relations, questions about the relationship between maritime space, national sovereignty, and geopolitics have not been fully explored. Drawing on archives in Chinese, English, and Japanese, Chen uses the western Pacific as a historical platform, illustrating the relationship between the geopolitical value of the sea and the strategic deliberations of American and East Asian decision-making. The recent deterioration of US–China relations has turned maritime East Asia into a powder keg, with no country in the region able to remain neutral. By anchoring today's maritime East Asia in the past, this book traces the evolution of historical factors that led to the current status quo in the western Pacific, and shows the origins of controversial issues in the region.

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Abbreviations

AACR	Army – AG Command Reports
AAF	Army Air Force
AEY	Archives of Executive Yuan
AH	Academia Historica, Taipei, Taiwan
AIMH	Archives of the Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan
ANZUS	Australia, New Zealand and United States Security Treaty
CCP	Chinese Communist Party
CDF	Central Decimal File
CFAL	Chairman’s File Admiral Leahy
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
CINCAFPAC	Commander-in-Chief, Army Forces in Pacific
CINCFE	Commander-in-Chief, Far East
CINCPAC	Commander-in-Chief, Pacific
CINCPOA	Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Ocean Areas
CINCSPA	Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area
CKSD	<i>Chiang Kai-shek Diaries</i>
CNO	Chief of Naval Operations
COMNAVFE	Commander of United States Naval Forces, Far East
COMNAVJAP	Commander of Naval Activities, Japan
COMNAVPHIL	Commander of Naval Forces, Philippines
COMNOB Okinawa	Commander of Naval Operating Base, Okinawa
COMPACFLT	Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet
ComSeventhFleet	Commander of the Seventh Fleet

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DA	Diplomatic Archives
DAKP	Dan A. Kimball Papers
DAMOFJA	Diplomatic Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Tokyo, Japan
DPRK	Democratic People's Republic of [North] Korea
DWR	Declassification of WWII Records
FDR	Franklin Delano Roosevelt
FEC	Far Eastern Commission
<i>FRUS</i>	<i>Foreign Relations of the United States</i>
GF	Geographic File
GHQ	General Headquarters
GMEP	George M. Elsey Papers
GRC	The Government of the Republic of China
HSTP	Harry S. Truman Papers
HTLM	Harry S. Truman Presidential Library & Museum, Missouri, United States
Japan's MOFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
JCS	Joint Chiefs of Staff
JPS	Joint Planning Staff
JSSC	Joint Strategic Survey Committee
JUSMAG	Joint United States Military Advisory Group
KMT	Kuomintang, Chinese Nationalist Party
LN	League of Nations
MAAG, Taiwan	Military Assistance Advisory Group, Taiwan
NAA	National Archives Administration, Taipei, Taiwan
NAGSB	Naval Advisory Group Survey Board
NARA	National Archives and Records Administration, Maryland, United States
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
NAVFE	U.S. Naval Forces, Far East
NavWestPac	Naval Forces in the Western Pacific
NDLJ	National Diet Library, Tokyo, Japan
NSC	National Security Council
NSCF	National Security Council File
OGS	OGS Registry Archive Group – Legal (LE)
PPS	Policy Planning Staff
PRC	People's Republic of China
RBFEA	Records of the Bureau of Far Eastern Affairs

RR	<i>Renmin ribao</i>
ROC	Republic of China
ROC MOD	Ministry of Defence of the Republic of China (Taiwan)
ROC MOFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China (Taiwan)
ROCN	Republic of China Navy
ROK	Republic of [South] Korea
RN	Royal Navy
RUNCLOS	Records Concerning the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea
RUSAC	Records of United States Army Commands
SCAP	Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers
SEATO	Southeast Asia Treaty Organization
SFOACA	Subject Files of the Office of Asian Communist Affairs
SP	<i>Shun Pao</i>
TNA	The National Archives, London, United Kingdom
TPPCKK	The Papers of President Chiang Ching-kuo
TPPCKS	The Papers of President Chiang Kai-shek
UN	United Nations
UNARMS	United Nations Archives and Records Management Section, New York, United States
UNC	United Nations Command
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNSG	United Nations Secretary-General
US	United States
USDSF	U.S. Delegation Subject File
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
WSCD	<i>Wang Shih-chieh Diaries</i>
ZYRB	<i>Zhongyang ribao</i>

Conventions

This book uses the Chinese Pinyin and Wade–Giles transliteration systems apart from a few exceptions. For some well-known Chinese and geographical names, such as Chiang Kai-shek, Kuomintang, and the Yellow Sea, I have used established English spellings. In the case of Japanese, long vowels are marked by a macron, as in Satō Eisaku, but not in words that have become part of the English language, such as Tokyo. As for Chinese and Japanese primary sources in the footnotes, I offer only translated titles without their original spellings and languages, but I provide both for non-English secondary scholarship, which allows the audience to access the existing scholarship. In addition, all East Asian names, including Chinese, Korean, and Japanese names, are written in the traditional order, with surname preceding given name.

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