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## Bio

### BIO

Thomas Fingar is a Shorenstein APARC Fellow in the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University. He was the inaugural Oksenberg-Rohlen Distinguished Fellow from 2010 through 2015 and the Payne Distinguished Lecturer at Stanford in 2009.

From 2005 through 2008, he served as the first deputy director of national intelligence for analysis and, concurrently, as chairman of the National Intelligence Council. Fingar served previously as assistant secretary of the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research (2000-01 and 2004-05), principal deputy assistant secretary (2001-03), deputy assistant secretary for analysis (1994-2000), director of the Office of Analysis for East Asia and the Pacific (1989-94), and chief of the China Division (1986-89). Between 1975 and 1986 he held a number of positions at Stanford University, including senior research associate in the Center for International Security and Arms Control.

Fingar is a graduate of Cornell University (A.B. in Government and History, 1968), and Stanford University (M.A., 1969 and Ph.D., 1977 both in political science). His most recent books are Reducing Uncertainty: Intelligence Analysis and National Security (Stanford University Press, 2011), The New Great Game: China and South and Central Asia in the Era of Reform, editor (Stanford, 2016), and Uneasy Partnerships: China and Japan, the Koreas, and Russia in the Era of Reform (Stanford, 2017).

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Lecturer, FSI - S-APARC

### PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Center for East Asian Studies

## Research & Scholarship

### CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

I am interested in all dimensions of Chinese policy and policy making, including how different actors perceive and prioritize challenges and opportunities, how decisions in one policy arena shape and constrain those in other arenas, and how domestic conditions and priorities affect China's relationships with other countries. I am also interested in US foreign, economic, and security policies and interactions with all countries and regions and many transnational issues. Although I began my career as a China specialist and still work extensively on that country, my official job descriptions during the almost 20 years that I held senior positions in the State Department and Intelligence Community noted that I was responsible for analytic work on all countries and issues. I know a little about many places and problems; more substantively, I have conducted and supervised work on literally hundreds of international relationships and transactions and contributed to the formation of US policies intended to shape and respond to second and third country

developments. Specific areas of previous work include mega-trends affecting all countries (e.g., climate change, demographic change, migration, identify politics, nuclear weapons, and globalization), and US intelligence policy and intelligence analysis.

## Teaching

### COURSES

**2023-24**

- PRACTICAL TRAINING: INTNLREL 189 (Sum)

## Publications

### PUBLICATIONS

- **US-China Engagement Up Close and Personal (Book Review)** *ASIAN PERSPECTIVE*
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- **Optimizing intelligence support: guidelines for policymakers and intelligence analysts** *INTELLIGENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY*
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- **People's Republic of China in the Baltic states (Book Review)** *JOURNAL OF BALTIC STUDIES*
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- **Uneasy Partnerships: China and Japan, the Koreas, and Russia in the Era of Reform**
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- **Security Challenges in a Turbulent World** *China International Stratgegy Review*
  Fingar, T.
  2015: 12-17
- **Building a Community of Analysts** *Analyzing Intelligence: National Security Practitioners' Perspectives*
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- **It's Complicated** *The American Interest*
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- **All-Source Intelligence** *The Intelligencer*
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- **How China Views US Nuclear Policy** *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*
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