



Conference: The American Military versus the Chinese Military: Comparing intentions and capabilities

The rapid evolution of the US and Chinese militaries has reshaped global security dynamics. Through cross-national scholarly lenses this conference will examine their respective strengths, strategies, and challenges, offering a unique opportunity to transcend geopolitical narratives and foster evidence-based dialogue. This CMS conference will compare American and Chinese militaries by discussing what the two militaries have in common, where they have a unique and specific structure and where they are imitating each other.

Estimated international scholars - Professor You Ji, Xi'an Jiatong-Liverpool University, and Professor Andrew Scobell, The United States Institute for Peace - will assess respectively the US military and the Chinese military. Furthermore, the international scholar Jingdong Yuan, director at SIPRI, will present and analyze different assessments of the two militaries` defense budgets.

Time: October 23, 2025, 09:00-16.30.

Place: 9A.1.01 Nanna Berg Auditoriet, ground floor, South Campus, entrance from Njalsgade 76, DK-2300 Copenhagen S.

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