

Webinar: Fighting COVID-19: Experiences and lessons from the frontlines in Asia

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Welcome

John Allen

John R. Allen is the president of the Brookings Institution.

Mr. Allen assumed the presidency of the Brookings Institution in November 2017, having most recently served as chair of security and strategy and a distinguished fellow in the Foreign Policy program at Brookings. Allen is a retired U.S. Marine Corps four-star general, former special presidential envoy to the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL, and former commander of the NATO International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and U.S. Forces in Afghanistan. He holds degrees from the U.S. Naval Academy, Georgetown University, the Defense Intelligence College, and the National Defense University.

Panel 1

Ryan Hass

Ryan Hass is a fellow and the Michael H. Armacost Chair in the Foreign Policy program at Brookings, where he holds a joint appointment to the John L. Thornton China Center and the Center for East Asia Policy Studies.

From 2013 to 2017, Hass served as the director for China, Taiwan and Mongolia at the National Security Council (NSC) staff, advising President Obama and senior White House officials on all aspects of U.S. policy toward China, Taiwan, and Mongolia. He is completing a book manuscript offering a new strategic approach for the United States to address China's rise on the world stage. He graduated from the University of Washington and attended the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

Soonman Kwon

Dr. Kwon is professor and former dean of the School of Public Health, Seoul National University (SNU) in South Korea and holds visiting positions at the Harvard School of Public Health, London School of Economics, University of Toronto, Peking University, and the University of Bremen.

He is the founding director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Health System and Financing and was the chief of the Health Sector Group at the Asian Development Bank (ADB). He has been a member of advisory committees to the WHO Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research, GAVI, and the WHO Centre for Health and Development. He is currently the president of the Korean Health Economic Association and has served as president of the Korean Association of Schools of Public Health and the Korean Gerontological Society. He holds a Ph.D. in health economics from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

Vernon Lee

Dr. Lee is a preventive medicine physician, deputy director for Communicable Diseases in the Singapore Ministry of Health, head of the Singapore Armed Forces Biodefence Centre, and adjunct associate professor of public health at the National University of Singapore.

He was formerly advisor to the assistant director general for health, security and environment at the WHO headquarters and medical epidemiologist in the WHO office in Indonesia. He graduated from medical school at the National University of Singapore and holds a Ph.D. in epidemiology from Australian National University,

as well as MPH and MBA degrees from Johns Hopkins University.

Suzanne Maloney

Dr. Suzanne Maloney is the interim vice president and director of the Foreign Policy program at the Brookings Institution, where her research focuses on Iran and Persian Gulf energy and she has served as the deputy director for Foreign Policy for the past five years.

Maloney previously served as an external advisor to senior State Department officials on long-term issues related to Iran. Before joining Brookings, she served on the secretary of state's policy planning staff, as Middle East advisor for ExxonMobil Corporation, and director of the 2004 Council on Foreign Relations Task Force on U.S. policy toward Iran, chaired by former National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski and Defense Secretary Robert Gates. She holds a doctorate from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

Kenji Shibuya

Professor Kenji Shibuya is currently professor and director of the University Institute for Population Health at King's College London.

Dr. Shibuya has been an advisor to both central and local governments, and most recently he was appointed as special advisor to the director-general of the World Health Organization on health metrics and systems and a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations, a new vaccine fund. He spearheaded the future strategic directions of the Japanese global health policy agenda after the Hokkaido Toyako G8 Summit in 2008. He led the "Lancet" Series on Japan, published in 2011 in an effort to jump-start debates on Japanese domestic and global health policy reform. He chaired the landmark Advisory Panel on Health Care 2035 for the minister of health, labour and welfare in 2015 and co-chaired the Future Innovations Working Group jointly organized by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. He obtained his M.D. at the University of Tokyo in 1991 and earned a doctorate of public health in international health economics at Harvard University in 1999.

Xue Lan

Dr. Xue is Cheung Kong chair, distinguished professor and dean of Schwarzman College.

At Tsinghua University, he also serves as senior advisor to the Brookings-Tsinghua Center, deputy director of Strategic Research Institute for Engineering, Science and Technology, director of the China Institute for S&T Policy, and co-director of the Global Institute for SDGs. Dr. Xue has written extensively on risk management, governance, and public health. He serves as the convener of the State Council Public Administration Disciplinary Review Committee, a member of the National Committee for Strategic Consultation and Comprehensive Review, a member of the Advisory Group of STI Directory of the OECD, an adjunct professor at Carnegie Mellon University, and a co-chair of the Leadership Council of the U.N. Sustainable Development Solution Network (UNSDSN). Dr. Xue received his doctorate degree from Carnegie Mellon University.

Zheng Junhua

Dr. Zheng is the vice president of First People's Hospital, which is affiliated with Shanghai Jiaotong University.

Dr. Zheng is also a professor and a doctoral supervisor at Shanghai Jiaotong University. He is a member and

the secretary-general of the Chinese Urological Association, and an editorial advisory board member of medical academic journals including the Chinese Medical Journal and the Chinese Journal of Urology. With an M.D. degree, Zheng has been dedicated to the research of minimally invasive treatment and infiltration and metastasis of renal carcinoma for the last ten years, and he is the chief editor of the first book regarding organ reservation in China. Dr. Zheng led the Shanghai medical assistance team to Hubei province after the coronavirus outbreak in Wuhan beginning in January. He and his team have worked on the frontlines battling the pandemic over the past two months.

Panel 2

Chen Jian

Dr. Chen is the founder and president of CreditWise Technologies, Co. Ltd.

He also serves as the senior adviser of Caixin Insight Group. His specialization includes application of state transition matrix modeling in infectious disease. He is the coauthor of the recent article “Utilize State Transition Matrix Model to Predict the Novel Coronavirus Infection Peak and Patient Distribution.” Dr. Chen holds the academic position of adjunct professor at Shanghai Institute of Advanced Finance (SAIF). He previously served as an adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins Carey Business School. Dr. Chen holds a BS in Electrical Engineering from Xi’an Jiaotong University, an MS in electrical engineering from Shanghai Jiaotong University, and a Ph.D. in computational finance from the Robert H. Smith School of Business, University of Maryland at College Park.

David D. Ho

Dr. Ho is the founding scientific director and chief executive officer of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center, a world-renowned biomedical research institute

He is also the Irene Diamond professor at Rockefeller University. Dr. Ho has been actively engaged in AIDS research for 24 years and has published over 350 papers on the subject. He is currently leading a consortium of Chinese and American institutions to help address the crisis of HIV/AIDS in China. In 1996, Dr. Ho was named Time Magazine’s “Person of the Year” and was the recipient of a Presidential Medal in 2001. He holds degrees from California Institute of Technology and Harvard Medical School.

Cheng Li

Dr. Li is director and senior fellow at the Brookings Institution’s John L. Thornton China Center.

Dr. Li is also a director of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, a distinguished fellow of the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy at University of Toronto, and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He is the author and editor of numerous books, including “The Political Mapping of China’s Tobacco Industry and Anti-Smoking Campaign.” Dr. Li has advised a wide range of U.S. government, education, research, business, and not-for-profit organizations on work in China. Dr. Li received a master’s degree in Asian studies from the University of California at Berkeley and a doctorate in political science from Princeton University.

Zhang Wen-hong

Dr. Zhang is Professor at Huashan Hospital at Fudan University, where he also serves as head of the clinical center for infectious disease and liver diseases.

Dr. Zhang Wen-hong is professor and head of the Center for Infectious Disease at Huashan Hospital of Fudan

University in Shanghai. As the chair of the Department of Internal Medicine of Fudan University in Shanghai, Dr. Zhang is the leader of Shanghai's Anti-COVID-19 clinical expert team. He has extensive experience with the diagnosis and treatment of various emerging infectious diseases. Dr. Zhang is a graduate of Shanghai Medical University and has held visiting scholar and postdoctoral fellow positions at the Department of Microbiology at the University of Hong Kong, Harvard Medical School, and Illinois State University at Chicago.