

## The national security implications of anti-Asian racism

### Participant Biographies



**John R. Allen**, President, The Brookings Institution

John Rutherford Allen assumed the presidency of the Brookings Institution in November 2017 after having served as chair of security and strategy and a distinguished fellow at Brookings. Allen is a retired U.S. Marine Corps four-star general and former commander of the NATO International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and U.S. Forces in Afghanistan. After retiring from the Marine Corps, he served as senior advisor to the secretary of defense on Middle East Security, during which he led the security dialogue for the Israeli/Palestinian peace process, and then as special presidential envoy to the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL. He is the co-author of the book *Turning Point: Policymaking in the Era of Artificial Intelligence* (2020) and co-author of *Future War and the Defence of Europe* (2021).



**The Honorable Stephanie Murphy**, Representative (D-Florida), United States Congress

Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy represents Florida's Seventh Congressional District. She is the first Vietnamese-American woman elected to Congress in our nation's history. Murphy serves on the House Ways and Means Committee and the House Armed Services Committee, where she is vice chair of the Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations. Murphy was also appointed to serve on the bipartisan Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol. Murphy is co-chair of the Blue Dog Coalition, a group of Democrats focused on fiscal responsibility, a strong national defense, and a principled and pragmatic approach to legislating. Before her election to Congress, Congresswoman Murphy served as a national security specialist in the office of the U.S. Secretary of Defense, where she received numerous awards for her distinguished service, including the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service.



**Jeffrey A. Bader**, Senior Fellow, John L. Thornton China Center, The Brookings Institution

Jeffrey Bader is a senior fellow in the John L. Thornton China Center at the Brookings Institution. From 2009 until 2011, Bader was special assistant to the president for national security affairs at the National Security Council. In 2001, as assistant U.S. trade representative, he led the United States delegation in completing negotiations on the accession of China and Taiwan into the World Trade Organization. Bader served as a Foreign Service officer in the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Namibia, Zambia, Congo, and the United States Mission to the United Nations. During the 1990s, he was deputy assistant secretary of state responsible for China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Southeast Asia; director of Asian affairs at the National Security Council; and director of the State Department's Office of Chinese Affairs. He served as U.S. ambassador to Namibia from 1999 to 2001. Bader is the author of *Obama and China's Rise: An Insider's Account of America's Asia Strategy* (2012).



**Cynthia Choi**, Co-Executive Director, Chinese for Affirmative Action;  
Co-Founder, Stop AAPI Hate

Cynthia Choi is the co-executive director of Chinese for Affirmative Action, a community based civil rights organization committed to protecting the dignity and fair treatment of all immigrants and fulfilling the promise of a multi-racial democracy. Cynthia is also co-founder of Stop AAPI Hate, a national coalition addressing anti-Asian racism across the U.S. Cynthia has over 30 years of experience working in the nonprofit sector and over 20 years serving in leadership positions. She has led local, state and national community-based organizations and initiatives working on a range of issues from reproductive justice, gender violence, violence prevention, immigrant/refugee rights and environmental justice issues.

Politico recognized Cynthia as one of 2021's top 40 influencers on race and politics, the New York Times profiled her as one of "10 Women Leaving Their Mark on the World," and she was also named as one of the TIME100 List of Most Influential People in 2021.



**Adrian de Leon**, Assistant Professor of American Studies & Ethnicity, University of Southern California

Adrian De Leon is an Assistant Professor of American Studies & Ethnicity at the University of Southern California, where he serves on the steering committee of the Center for Transpacific Studies. Through a multi-sited archival and ethnographic analysis of the Philippines and the Filipino diaspora, De Leon studies the relationship between indigeneity, settler colonialism, and resource extraction. *Bundok: A Hinterland History of Filipino America*, his first academic book, follows the co-constitution of Philippine indigeneity and Filipino migrant labor through the racial archives of 19th-century plantation capitalism in Luzon's northern hinterlands. He is also writing *They Were All Filipinos: The Violent Making of a Diasporic Nation*. Adrian De Leon is the co-creator and co-host of the PBS miniseries, *A People's History of Asian America* (2021). His new show, *Historian's Take*, will be streaming on PBS Origins. De Leon is a co-founder and co-convenor of the transdisciplinary research cluster, Creativity, Theory, Politics.



**Ryan Hass**, Michael H. Armacost Chair and Senior Fellow, John L. Thornton China Center, The Brookings Institution

Ryan Hass is a senior fellow and the Michael H. Armacost Chair at Brookings, where he holds a joint appointment to the John L. Thornton China Center and the Center for East Asia Policy Studies. He is also the Chen-Fu and Cecilia Yen Koo Chair in Taiwan Studies. He is a nonresident affiliated fellow in the Paul Tsai China Center at Yale Law School. His current research focuses on enhancing policy development on the pressing political, economic, and security challenges facing the United States in East Asia. He is the author of *Stronger: Adapting America's China Strategy in an Age of Competitive Interdependence* (2020) and a coeditor of *Global China: Assessing China's Growing Role in the World* (2020). From 2013 to 2017, Hass served as the director for China, Taiwan and Mongolia at the National Security Council (NSC) staff. Prior to joining NSC, Hass served as a Foreign Service Officer in U.S. Embassy Beijing.



**Jane Hong**, Associate Professor of History, Occidental College

Jane Hong is a historian of U.S. immigration and engagement with the world, with a focus on Asia after World War II. Hong's first book, *Opening the Gates to Asia: A Transpacific History of How America Repealed Asian Exclusion* (2019), situates the transnational movement to repeal America's Asian exclusion laws in the context of black civil rights struggles at home and U.S. military intervention in a decolonizing Asia. Hong's current book project is *Model Christians, Model Minorities: Asian Americans, Race, and Politics in the Transformation of U.S. Evangelicalism*. She serves on the executive board of the Immigration and Ethnic History Society (IEHS), the Scholarly Advisory Board of the Gilder-Lehrman Institute of American History, and the editorial board of the *Journal of American History*. She holds a Visiting Scholar Fellowship at UCLA's Asian American Studies Center and is also a 2021-2022 Public Fellow in PRRI's Religion and Renewing Democracy Initiative.