



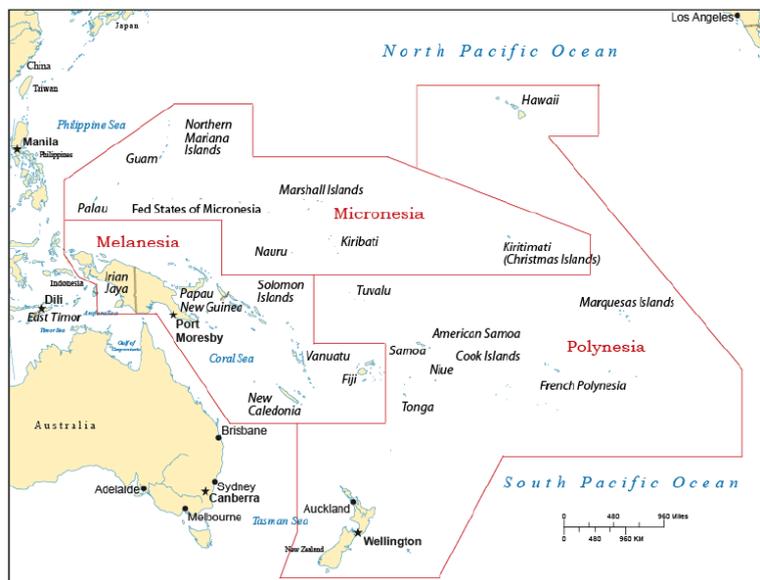
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Pacific Regional Information System (SPC) – Extensive comparative tables of economic, social, demographic, and weather data from the individual South Pacific islands / Links to their corresponding national data web sites

U.S. POLICY:

East Asia and the Pacific – *Office of International Information Programs, U.S. Dept of State.*

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SECURITY:

Pacific Island Security Management by New Zealand and Australia: Towards a New Paradigm. Working Paper by Steve Hoadley. Victoria University, 2005. 21p.

DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE:

U.S. Assistance in East Asia and the Pacific: An Overview Hearing before the *Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment*, U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs, 20 September, 2007.

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Top 100 Asia Pacific Universities

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Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

State and Local Government - Northern Marianas

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Current Economic, Social, and Security Conditions of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana

Islands Hearing before the *Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources*, April 19, 2007. **Full transcript including witnesses' responses to committee questions**

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The consensus around basic foreign policy values and the pressure of dealing with the paramount issue of the economy – as well as the difficulties of getting congressional support – suggest both Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama will hold a relatively steady course on the basics of U.S. foreign policy, Morrison said. "Policy is a consequence of old continuities and new circumstances," he said. The many issues of the "greater Middle East," he said, will continue to crowd out attention to other regions, including much of Asia and the Pacific.

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Challenges to Stability in the Asia-Pacific by Robert Gates. *The 7th IISS Asia Security Summit Shangri-La Dialogue*, 31 May, 2008. 4p.

U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates confirms that the United States is a "resident" power in Asia that has been and will remain fully engaged in the region, both supportive of and involved in the development of any regional security architecture. He discusses future policy toward Asia and outlines the United States' strong and enduring interests in the region.

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Asia: Restoring American Prestige and Shaping the Future by Douglas H. Paal. *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (CEIP)*. 26 June, 2008. 27p.

How can the next U.S. administration catch up with the pace of change and shape relations that inevitably will be altered by shifting correlations of power in the Asia-Pacific region? The author offers some practical suggestions on U.S. policy toward Asia, including a continuation of a bipartisan approach toward China, cooperation in combating piracy, the place of North Korea in regional security structures, U.S. assistance to Pakistan, and Taiwan's participation in regional organizations.

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This 2008 edition provides an accurate representation of the state of security in the region among security specialists. It presents the results of an online survey by 128 security analysts from 16 countries across the region and is the third annual survey conducted by the East-West Center. The 2008 report reflects an expansion in the number of participants from the previous year as well as changes in the survey's content.

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The report covers the near-term outlook for Australia, India, Indonesia, and Japan. In Australia, the economy has become a bit soft after 16 straight years of expansion. The economy of India has been having an inflation epidemic and GDP growth rates have fallen from record highs. The country of Indonesia is facing record consumer and wholesale price inflation numbers. Japan also faces record inflation rates as well as an economic slowdown.

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Victory at Sea by Christopher Pala in *Smithsonian*, September.

The tiny Pacific island nation of Kiribati created a marine reserve the size of California, and Pala writes that this action may point the way toward restoring marine ecosystems. [Full Text](#)

Comparative Connections - A quarterly journal featuring analyses on political and economic developments in 12 key bilateral relationships in East Asia. [Most Recent ed.](#)

U.S.-Japan Strategic Dialogue: Next Generation Views of the U.S.-Japan Alliance *Pacific Forum, Center for Strategic and International Studies*, 5 August. 49p.

Despite a historic strengthening of the U.S.-Japan security alliance throughout the last decade, new strains are emerging in the relationship. The U.S. readiness to move forward with relations with North Korea has stirred fears of abandonment. For U.S. strategists the U.S. commitment to Japan remains firmly rooted in common values, interests, and a long and enduring history.

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A Forward-Looking Partner in a Changing East Asia by Wu Xinbo in *The Washington Quarterly*, Autumn.

East Asia as a whole has come a long way since World War II when the United States established a hub-and-spoke structure in the Asia-Pacific region through a series of bilateral alliances with Australia, Japan, New Zealand, the Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand. Wu says that Washington has gained tremendous influence in regional affairs by providing political, economic, and military support to a host of countries in the area. Yet, recent developments in East Asia have made the region much less dependent on the United States for security protection, economic prosperity, and political initiatives. Under these new circumstances, the likelihood of the United States maintaining its hub-and-spoke structure is declining, as is the region's dependence on U.S. leadership in regional affairs. The turning point has come for the United States to be a partner rather than a patron.

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Drug Control: Cooperation With Many Major Drug Transit Countries Has Improved, But Better Performance Reporting and Stability Plans are Needed GAO, 14 August 2008. 65p.

Each year, criminal organizations transport hundreds of tons of illegal drugs from South America to the U.S. through a 6 million square mile "transit zone" including Central America, the Caribbean, the Gulf of Mexico, and the eastern Pacific Ocean. Since FY'03, the U.S. has provided over \$950 million to support counter narcotics efforts in transit zone countries, which historically lacked the capacity to interdict drugs.

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Looking Forward in Mindanao by Carl Baker. *CSIS*, 4 September 2008.

Recent developments in the Mindanao peace process serve as a reminder that the region remains volatile and fraught with unanticipated pitfalls.

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Dragons in Paradise: China's Rising Star in Oceania by John Henderson in *The National Interest*, Summer 2003.

Henderson warns that we are still preoccupied with the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, and that the U.S. government risks overlooking important developments in peripheral regions. One such development is the growing role of China in Oceania--a vast Pacific Ocean area that includes independent island states and related territories that, along with Australia and New Zealand, make the Pacific Islands Forum, the main regional body. Since the Cold War's end, as the United States has downgraded its involvement in Oceania, China has increased its own investment. In an evolving relationship between the mighty and the micro states of the world, this shift of great power valence may bear important long-term consequences for the changing balance of international security. It is incorporating the Pacific islands into its broader quest to become a major Asia-Pacific power. The result may be a new and unwelcome role for Oceania from the U.S. perspective.

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China in the South Pacific by Jian Yang on *AsiaNZ.org* September, 2008.

Yang believes that there is no clear evidence to suggest that China's deepening involvement in the South Pacific is a calculated strategic move for its military security. But there is concern among certain sectors of the population that China's growing influence in the South Pacific has strategic implications. [Full Text](#)

China and Taiwan in the South Pacific: Diplomatic Chess versus Pacific Political Rugby Graeme Dobell, Lowy Institute for International Policy, January 2007.

Graeme Dobell looks at how the competition for diplomatic recognition between China and Taiwan is destabilising Island states and undermining Australia's interests in the region.

The Struggle for Recognition: Diplomatic Competition Between China and Taiwan in Oceania by Anthony Von Fossen in *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, August 2007.

The Secretary of State Visits Auckland and Samoa *U.S. Dept. of State*, 26 July 2008.

Remarks to the U.S.-N.Z. Council by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Auckland War Memorial Museum, N.Z. 26 July 2008.

"New Zealand and the U.S... have a long history of partnership. It is one that is grounded in common interests, but it is elevated by common ideals... defined by the warmth and respect of two nations, but more importantly, of two peoples who are bound together by countless ties of friendship, family, and shared experience.

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U.S. Foreign Policy in Korea and the Asia-Pacific Region with Ambassador Christopher R. Hill, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs. *Watson Institute*, 25 April 2008. [LISTEN](#)

The U.S. & East Asia & the Pacific: Assisting in Disaster Preparedness Fact sheet, *U.S. Dept of State*, 21 July 2008.

The Southwest Pacific: U.S. Interests and China's Growing Influence *CRS*, 6 July, 2007.

Focuses on the 14 sovereign nations of the Southwest Pacific, or Pacific Islands region, and the major external powers (the United States, Australia, New Zealand, France, Japan, and China). The report looks at the region's main geographical, political, and economic characteristics and discusses United States interests in the Pacific and the increased influence of China, which has become a growing force in the region. It also describes policy options as considered at the Pacific Islands Conference of Leaders, held in Washington, DC, in March 2007.

A New Breed of Migrants Fans Out Part 1 by Bertil Lintner in *Asia Times*, 17 April 2007.

The Sinicizing of the South Pacific Part 2 by Bertil Lintner in *Asia Times*, 18 April 2007.

Throughout history, Chinese migrants have shown a willingness to endure harsh living conditions to prosper economically in new countries - and the Chinese in Port Moresby are no exception.

China Woos the South Pacific by Tamara Renee Shie *CSIS*, 2007.

Once considered the strategic domain of the United States, the South Pacific is falling under the Chinese spell, warns Shie.

Diplomatic Rivalry in the South Pacific: The PRC by Thomas V. Biddick in *Asian Survey* 20:8 (1989).

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