

“U.S. Regional Vision and Politics”

-Guest Lecture & Discussion with Wade Turvold



Wade Turvold is a retired U.S. Navy Captain and current faculty member of the Daniel K. Inouye Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies in Honolulu. He graduated with Merit from the U.S. Naval Academy (MD) in 1989 (B.Sc.), and with Distinction from the U.S. Naval War College (RI) in 2000 (M.A.).

Mr. Turvold’s expertise covers issues of maritime security, strategy, national security and military operations. He served two educational assignments at the U.S. Army War College and Defence Academy (UK), and has extensive experience in the fields of security, operation and command as Naval Flight Officer. He completed numerous deployments throughout his career to the Indo-Pacific region, the Middle East, and to Europe, and participated in combat operations in Somalia, Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan and the Philippines.

During the last decade, the U.S. has reinforced its diplomatic, economic, and military approach to the Asia-Pacific region. In accordance with the foreign policy rhetoric of partners like Japan and Australia, the Trump administration eventually published the U.S. “Free and Open Indo-Pacific Vision” (FOIP) in 2019. Since then, FOIP and its principles serve as guideline for U.S. regional policies in the Indo-Pacific, informed by its international agenda of promoting free navigation in maritime spaces and adherence to the existing international rules-based order.

Whereas some critics argue that the implementation of FOIP was a reactionary move to contain China’s ambitions in the region, the prevalent narrative in the discourse on regional security suggests that the rhetorical shift in U.S. diplomacy toward a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific” should be considered in the wider context of globalization and the complex mechanisms of economic and national security interests.

Based on his professional experiences as academic instructor and former Captain of the U.S. Navy, Wade Turvold explains the principles and interests implicated by the U.S. “Free and Open Indo-Pacific” vision, and puts it into perspective with contemporary dynamics of the region.

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