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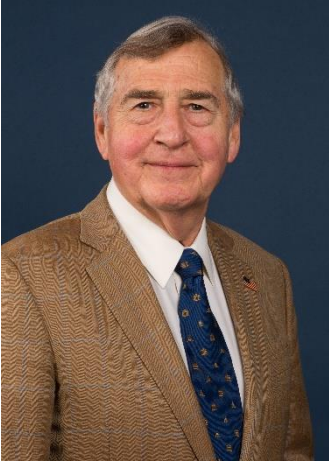
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Dr. Graham Allison, Professor of Government at Harvard University

Thursday, May 21st, 2020

Virtual Zoom Webinar

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. EST



Dr. Graham Allison, Professor of Government at Harvard University **Covid-19 and the China Challenge: Could the US and China be 'Rivalry Partners'?**

Dr. Graham Allison is the Douglas Dillon Professor of Government at Harvard University where he has taught for five decades. Allison is a leading analyst of national security with special interests in nuclear weapons, Russia, China, and decision-making. Allison was the "Founding Dean" of Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and until 2017, served as Director of its Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs. As Assistant Secretary of Defense in the first Clinton Administration, Dr. Allison received the Defense Department's highest civilian award, the Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service, for "reshaping relations with Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and Kazakhstan to reduce the former Soviet nuclear arsenal."

Dr. Allison's latest book, *Destined for War: Can America and China Escape Thucydides's Trap?* (2017), is a national and international bestseller. His 2013 book, *Lee Kuan Yew: The Grand Master's Insights on China, the United States and the World*, has been a bestseller in

the U.S. and abroad. *Nuclear Terrorism: The Ultimate Preventable Catastrophe*, now in its third printing, was selected by the *New York Times* as one of the "100 most notable books of 2004." Dr. Allison's first book, *Essence of Decision: Explaining the Cuban Missile Crisis* (1971), ranks among the all-time bestsellers with more than 500,000 copies in print.

As Assistant Secretary of Defense under President Clinton and Special Advisor to the Secretary of Defense under President Reagan, he has been a member of the Secretary of Defense's Advisory Board for every Secretary from Weinberger to Mattis. He has the sole distinction of having twice been awarded the Distinguished Public Service Medal, first by Secretary Cap Weinberger and second by Secretary Bill Perry. He has served on the Advisory Boards of the Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, and the Director of the CIA.

Dr. Allison was born and raised in Charlotte, North Carolina and was educated at Davidson College, Harvard University, and Oxford University.

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