Gender and Great Power Competition
Policy Roundtable

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**Patricia Kim** is a senior policy analyst with the China Program at the U.S. Institute of Peace. Her areas of expertise include Chinese foreign policy, U.S.-China relations, and East Asian security issues. Dr. Kim's research portfolio includes projects on managing U.S.-China great power competition, China's role in the Korean Peninsula and implications for the North Korean nuclear crisis, and China-Africa relations. Previously, Dr. Kim was the Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. She has also held positions as International Security Program Research Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, and as a postdoctoral fellow at the Princeton-Harvard China and the World Program at Princeton University. Dr. Kim’s writing has been featured in publications such as *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *International Security*, *The South China Morning Post*, and *The Washington Post*. She has testified before the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade. Dr. Kim received her PhD from the Department of Politics at Princeton University and her BA with highest distinction in political science and Asian studies from the University of California, Berkeley. She is fluent in Mandarin Chinese and Korean.

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**Catherine Schuler**, a scholar of imperial, Soviet, and post-Soviet theatre and performance, is a professor in the Department of Women’s Studies at the University of Maryland, College Park. She has published widely in peer-reviewed journals, including TDR, Theatre Journal, Theatre History Studies, Theatre Survey, and Theatre History Studies. Dr. Schuler also served as Editor of Theatre Journal, the premier journal in the field of theatre studies, from 2007-2011. Her books include Women in Russian Theatre: The Actress in the Silver Age and Theatre and Identity in Imperial Russia. She has also co-edited two volumes, Theatre and Feminist Aesthetics and Showing Off, Showing Up: Studies of Hype, Heightened Performance, and Cultural Power. Currently, Dr. Schuler is a Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, where she is pursuing research on mass festival revival in post-Soviet Russia. This project considers the performative dimensions of Putin’s authoritarianism and the ways they are being mobilized in Russia through spectacular mass festivals.
MODERATORS

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