

**Title:** Trade Policy - An Appropriate Tool in the United States' National Security Kit Bag?

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## **SYNOPSIS:**

Trade is generally seen as a tool of U.S. economic policy, but it has also been used as a tool of U.S. foreign policy. Under the Trump and now Biden Administrations, trade policy has played a larger role with the recognition of the importance of geo-economic security and its part in protecting American national security and prosperity. But this growing fusion of geo-economic and geo-strategic policies has not been without controversy, as both American consumers and business have complained of unintended consequences and market distortions resulting from the use of trade policy to achieve strategic goals. Our speakers, experts on China and Russia, will discuss both the policies and the processes behind the U.S. Government's trade policy as well as how trade policy has been conducted with respect to China and Russia.

## **BIOS:**

Timothy N. Wineland is Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative in the Office of China Affairs at the office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR). USTR is responsible for the development of U.S. trade policy with respect to the People's Republic of China. In the Office of China Affairs, Mr. Wineland focuses on information technology and telecom issues, standards and technical barriers to trade issues, and intellectual property issues. Prior to joining USTR in 2004, Mr. Wineland worked in the U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of the Chinese Economic Area between 2001 and 2004, where he focused on standards-

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Elizabeth (Betsy) Hafner is the Deputy Assistant USTR for Russia and Eurasia in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. She has primary responsibility for Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, and Belarus; in addition, she covers the countries in the Caucasus as well as the Eurasian Economic Union. Her work focuses primarily on formulating and implementing U.S. government negotiating positions and strategies in her countries of responsibility. She represents the U.S. government in bilateral, regional, and multilateral fora and works directly with foreign government officials to address issues of concern to U.S. businesses. Ms. Hafner joined USTR in February 2005 and spent two and half years in the Office of WTO and Multilateral Affairs. In August 2007, she moved to the Office of Europe and Middle East. Prior to joining USTR in 2005, Ms. Hafner was a partner in the law firm of Powell, Goldstein in Washington, DC. Prior to joining Powell Goldstein, Ms. Hafner was in the General Counsel's office of the U.S. International Trade Commission.