

Deterrence through Asymmetry: Preparing for Conflict in the Taiwan Strait

Description

Episode 75 of the *Irregular Warfare Podcast* considers the prospect of a cross-strait conflict between China and Taiwan and the asymmetric defensive capabilities that Taipei needs to stave off an invasion by the People's Liberation Army.

Our guests begin by examining America's longstanding policy of strategic ambiguity toward China and Taiwan. They then discuss the military balance of power in the Taiwan Strait, as well as the different coercive methods that Beijing has at its disposal to subjugate Taipei. Finally, the show concludes with a discussion about the policies that the United States and Taiwan can adopt to deter Chinese aggression.

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