

Back to the Future: US Arms Sales to Taiwan Since the 1982 US-PRC Arms Sales Communique

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In 1986, Asian Survey published Dr. Dennis Hickey's first journal article, ("US Arms Sales to Taiwan: Institutionalized Ambiguity," ASIAN SURVEY, Vol.XXVI, No.12, December, 1986). Twenty-seven years later, he revisited the arms sales dispute when Parameters: The US Army War College Quarterly, published his article, "Imbalance in the Taiwan Strait," PARAMETERS: THE US ARMY WAR COLLEGE QUARTERLY, Volume 43, Number 3, Autumn 2013, pp.43-53. In this paper, Dr. Hickey will compare and contrast US policy in the early 1980s with present US policy. How has US policy changed? What, if any, considerations, have led America to revise its policy toward Taiwan's security? And how has the author's own positions shifted in the past quarter century? This paper will address these and other questions.