

Lloyd Richardson

A diplomat during the Reagan years, and a lawyer with global clients for over 30 years, Lloyd Richardson brings four decades of experience in foreign policy and international business to his writing. He is fluent in Chinese and has held diplomatic posts abroad and at the State Department, where his last assignment was as staff assistant to the Director of the Secretary of State's Policy Planning Staff. He also served on the Taiwan Desk at State, where he worked on Taiwan arms sales issues.

Mr. Richardson has served as an advisor to the US Government with respect to infrastructure development in emerging markets countries. He traveled through much of Asia, Eastern Europe, and Africa in that capacity, and spent a year in Nairobi as an embedded advisor to the Kenyan Government. Mr. Richardson practiced law in the DC area for many years, advising clients on infrastructure projects and corporate matters. From 2012 to 2023, he served as counsel to CASA-1000, a \$1.2 billion energy transmission project linking Central and South Asia. He was named to "Best Lawyers in America" for nearly a decade; is accomplished in Alternative Dispute Resolution; and holds degrees from Brown, Princeton, and Columbia.

In the Foreign Service, Mr. Richardson frequently observed that friends believed he was working for the CIA, and denial only increased their suspicions. He decided then to write about the often-unappreciated role of intelligence professionals in shaping the foreign policy of the United States. While Americans have gained some appreciation of these individuals and their sacrifices since 9/11, there are still too many in America—especially those cozy with the Left—who believe that America's security can be maintained through a formidable brand of wishful thinking. We see this most recently in the vague notions that pass for US foreign policy toward the Chinese Communist Party as the CCP seeks to reshape the current world order to its advantage.

Mr. Richardson has previously written on America's foreign policy towards Asia for *Policy Review*, a publication of the Hoover Institution—<https://www.hoover.org/publications/policy-review?query=lloyd-richardson>—and is the author of a spy novel series, the Adam Chin Trilogy, available on his website, along with his recent white paper on US-China policy, <https://www.lloydrichardson.com>.

Mr. Richardson lives with his loving wife and a possible devoted cat in North Carolina, where he moved for de-tox after 20 years sucking the hot air in Washington, DC.