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Derek Scissors is a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), where he focuses on the Chinese and Indian economies and on US economic relations with Asia. He is concurrently serving on the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission and as the chief economist of the China Beige Book.

Dr. Scissors is the author of the [China Global Investment Tracker](#). Since 2008, in a series of papers, he has been chronicling the end of pro-market reforms in China and the resulting slide toward economic stagnation. He has also written multiple papers on the best course for Indian economic development.

Before joining AEI, Dr. Scissors was a senior research fellow in the Asian Studies Center at the Heritage Foundation and an adjunct professor of economics at George Washington University. He has worked for London-based Intelligence Research Ltd., taught economics at Lingnan University in Hong Kong, and served as an action officer in international economics and energy for the US Department of Defense.

Dr. Scissors has a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, a master's degree from the University of Chicago, and a doctorate from Stanford University.

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## Experience

- US-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Member, 2021–present
- China Beige Book: Chief Economist, 2013–present
- George Washington University: Adjunct Professor, Department of Economics, 2001–15
- Heritage Foundation: Senior Research Fellow, Asian Studies Center, 2008–13
- Intelligence Research Ltd., London: China Economist, 1998–2008
- Lingnan University, Hong Kong: Lecturer, Department of Economics, 1994–97
- US Department of Defense: Action Officer in International Economics and Energy, Office of the Secretary of Defense, 1989–90

## Education

PhD, international political economy, Stanford University

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