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Allies and Great Power Technology Rivalry:
Not All Friends are Created Equal





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Research questions

1. Why do US allies vary in their technology security policy responses to China's technological rise?
2. How do US allies' technology security policy responses impact US strategy vis-à-vis China?

Methodology

-  2 cases (5G, semiconductors)
-  8 countries
-  80+ interviews (ministers, officials, experts)
-  Visiting Fellow, Oxford University (2023)



Leading the Australian delegation to the Quad Critical and Emerging Tech Forum, Tokyo, September 2024

Preliminary findings

Allies' policy variation results from different threat perceptions and industry concerns.

This variation can be understood through three 'ally archetypes' in tech competition: defender, balancer and industrialist.

Allies' choices either enable, constrain or shape US technology strategy against China.

Benefits and future impact

- ✓ Novel security-economic analytic framework.
- ✓ Rich data on US and allied technology policy.
- ✓ Unique insights into first Trump White House and allied responses with current relevance.
- ✓ Wide reach: 15 publications, 27 presentations, 14 policy dialogues, 10 public engagements.

In five years

Play a leading role in efforts to build APS security-economic policy capability.

Strengthen Australian strategy to harness tech advantage for prosperity and security.

Continue developing next generation strategists and policy practitioners.



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