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Dr Lynn Kuok is the Lee Kuan Yew Chair in Southeast Asia Studies at the Brookings Institution. Her research focuses on the geopolitics and security of the Asia-Pacific, with a particular emphasis on Southeast Asia and the South China Sea.

Previously, she was the Shangri-La Dialogue Senior Fellow for Asia-Pacific Security at the International Institute for Strategic Studies and an adjunct professor at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, where she taught a course on the International Law of the Sea and East Asian politics, with a focus on the South China Sea. She has held fellowships at Yale Law School, Harvard Law School, Harvard Kennedy School, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and the Centre for International Law. Dr Kuok served as Editor-in-Chief of three major journals: the *Asia-Pacific Regional Security Assessment* (with Dr Tim Huxley), the *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, and the *Singapore Law Review*. Her analysis has appeared in prominent publications such as *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *Survival*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *Nikkei Asia*. She has also been interviewed by and quoted in various broadcast and print media, among them the BBC, CNBC, Al Jazeera, Bloomberg, Reuters, and *The New York Times*.

Dr Kuok has lectured at leading defense and diplomatic institutions, such as the UK's Royal College of Defence Studies, the US Department of State's Foreign Service Institute, and the Australian War College. She has provided expert testimony before the UK House of Lords International Relations and Defence Committee and the UK House of Commons Defence Committee. She is regularly invited to speak on or chair ministerial-level panels at major international forums, notably the Munich Security Conference and World Economic Forum. She delivered the opening keynote at the 2024 Indo-Pacific Chiefs of Defense Conference in Hawaii.

Dr Kuok is a council member of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on the Future of Geopolitics and previously served on its Global Future Council on the Future of International Security, reflecting her ongoing role in shaping global policy discussions. Dr Kuok earned her doctorate from the University of Cambridge.

*Dr. Kuok has not previously testified before the Commission.*