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A peaceful resolution for Hong Kong?

Mass demonstrations have roiled Hong Kong for months, prompted by a bill introduced in April that would have allowed the government to extradite citizens to mainland China. As the situation has escalated, the protests have shifted to broader calls for police accountability and political reform. [Steven W. Lewis](#), the C.V. Starr Transnational China Fellow, joins our Policy Matters podcast to describe the current situation in Hong Kong and evaluate the possibility for a peaceful resolution. [LISTEN](#)

“Policymakers in the U.S. and around the world are grappling with how to understand the security implications of an energy system in transition — and if they aren't, they should be.”

[Mark Finley](#), fellow in energy and global oil, in [Energy Security and the Energy Transition](#)



In addressing uprisings in Middle East, first 'do no harm'

The Sept. 14 attack on Saudi oil facilities, combined with the war in Yemen and ongoing friction in Israeli-Palestinian relations, have created a precarious situation in the Middle East. In an interview with Al-Monitor in Washington, D.C., Baker Institute director [Edward P. Djerejian](#) reflected on these developments and how they have created new opportunities for diplomacy. Djerejian noted that the U.S. must first “do no harm” in the Middle East, and that we should adopt policies encouraging the region’s leaders to enact meaningful political and socioeconomic reforms. [READ MORE](#)

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A Presidential Election in an Uncertain Time. The Presidential Elections Program convenes academics, political experts and journalists from around the country to explore the state of the 2020 presidential campaign season and the challenges that lie ahead. **Dec. 9 | 8:00 am**

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