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Phillip Orchard is an analyst at Geopolitical Futures. His focus is on the geopolitics of Southeast Asia and Latin America. Mr. Orchard spent more than six years working and writing from abroad where he's had formative, immersive experiences with the problems arising from mass political upheaval, civil conflict and human migration. He joined Geopolitical Futures in 2017.

Prior to joining the company, Mr. Orchard spent nearly six years at Stratfor, working as an editor and writing about East Asian geopolitics.

Mr. Orchard holds a master's degree in Security, Law and Diplomacy from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, where he focused on energy and national security, Chinese foreign policy, intelligence analysis, and institutional pathologies. He also earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Texas. He speaks Spanish and some Thai and Lao.

A sample of topics in Phillip's area of expertise:

- U.S.-China trade war
- Chinese politics and economic reform
- China's expansion into the South and East China Seas
- The U.S.-North Korea nuclear standoff
- Southeast Asia's balancing act between China and the U.S.
- Japanese, Indian and Australian roles in Indo-Pacific competition