***CASO Panel Bios.***

***“Great Power Competition in the Indo-Pacific:***

***Is the Conflict Imminent?”***

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* ***Colonel Jim Walker*** graduated from Oxford University and was commissioned into the Queen’s Royal Lancers (QRL) in 1996. His early career as an Armored Officer saw him train in the UK, Europe and Canada and deploy to Bosnia and Kosovo, the latter as the Regimental G3/5. Following UK Staff College, he managed the funding and headline strength of Army Manpower in the Ministry of Defense before returning to QRL as a Company Commander, which included a ground-holding tour of Afghanistan. He worked at the Strategic level in Government to deliver security for the 2012 London Olympics, before instructing at the UK’s War College equivalent. He commanded the Armored Trials and Development Unit, the soldiers’ representative on modernization all UK Armored capability on tracks and wheels. Following a post at the UK’s equivalent of the CAC, he attended the Advanced Strategic Leadership Studies Program before assuming the post of British Liaison Officer to the CAC in 2019.
* ***Dr. John H. Modinger****,* Associate Professor, Lt Col, US Air Force (Ret)

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