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## Turning Point?

From 5G and the semiconductor supply chain to Sino-Australian relations and the potential for climate cooperation.

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**Good evening.** Can Ericsson survive after being shut out of China? Business gospel would say 'no,' but [our cover story this week](#) looks at the 5G fracture and the surprising position the Swedish telecom giant finds itself in. Elsewhere, we have [infographics on the semiconductor supply chain](#), which has been the target of a flurry of regulatory activity in the past month; [an interview with Hal Brands](#) on how to navigate America's 'danger zone' with China; [a reported piece on Cheng Lei](#), the news anchor caught in the Sino-Australian crossfire; and [an op-ed about the big payoff](#) that could come from U.S.-China climate coordination. If you're not already a paid subscriber to *The Wire*, [please sign up here](#).

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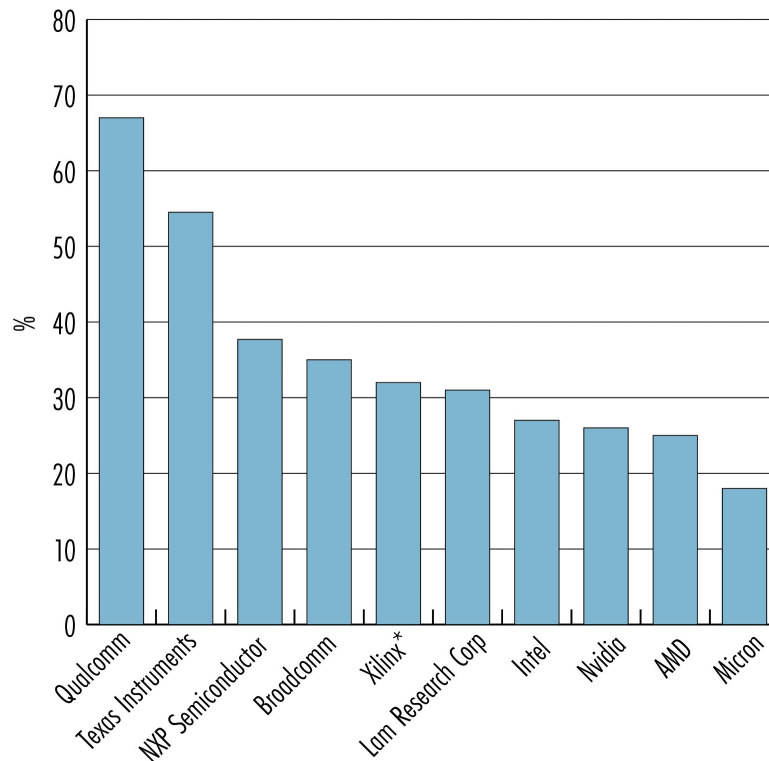


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### The 5G Fracture

It is business gospel in the West that for a corporation to be globally competitive, it must be competitive in China. But what happens when an international company loses the chance to compete in the world's second largest economy? [As Luke Patey reports](#), the Swedish telecommunications giant Ericsson shows a possible post-China future may not be as bleak as imagined.

### Chip Companies' Share of Annual Revenue from China 2021



\*Xilinx figure based on CSET projection

Data: Company 10-K filings, CSET

## The Big Picture: Semiconductor Shakeup

It's been a frenetic month of news in the semiconductor industry, following a flurry of regulatory activity in Washington aimed at boosting American chipmaking capacity and stemming the flow of chips to China. This week, [infographics by Eliot Chen](#) look at key nodes in the semiconductor supply chain and what recent events mean in the competition over its control.

## A Q&A with Hal Brands



Hal Brands is a professor of Global Affairs at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, and a former special assistant to the secretary of defense for strategic planning. His latest book, co-authored with Michael Beckley, is *Danger Zone: The Coming Conflict With China*. In this week's [Q&A with Brent Crane](#), he talks about his new book; why China's best days are behind it, both strategically and economically; how that could lead to China lashing out; and why he fears U.S. strategy isn't coming together quickly enough.

Hal Brands

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Cheng Lei at Web Summit in Lisbon, Portugal. November 6, 2019. Credit: Web Summit via [Flickr](#)

### [The News Anchor Caught in the Sino-Australian Crossfire](#)

Cheng Lei, a prominent Australian journalist, has been detained in China for two years. Can the new Australian administration reset relations and finally help set her free? [Katrina Northrop reports.](#)



The Alta Wind Energy Center, California, May 24, 2019. Credit: Daxis via [Flickr](#)

### [A Big Payoff from U.S.-China Climate Coordination](#)

Although the United States and China have both begun to make significant strides toward carbon-free electricity generation, they could move even faster if they worked together, argue Jiang Lin and Michael O'Boyle in [this week's op-ed](#). New research shows that both could decarbonize their grids by 80 percent between now and 2035.

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## Semiconductor Shakeup

BY ELIOT CHEN

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● Q & A



## Hal Brands On Navigating America's "Danger Zone" With China

BY BRENT CRANE

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