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A long-time student of Chinese and Asian security affairs, Finkelstein writes extensively on a wide range of issues. His edited volumes include *Chinese Warfighting: The PLA Experience Since 1949* (ME Sharpe), *China's Revolution in Doctrinal Affairs: Developments in the Operational Art of the People's Liberation Army* (CNA), *Civil-Military Relations in Today's China: Swimming in a New Sea* (ME Sharpe), and *China's Leadership in the 21st Century: The Rise of the Fourth Generation* (ME Sharpe).

In March 2014 the Naval Institute Press published a paperback edition of his historical monograph *From Abandonment to Salvation: Washington's Taiwan Dilemma, 1949-50*, which was hailed in *Presidential Studies Quarterly* as "blazing a new trail" and "will take an important place in the literature of U.S.-China relations..."