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The Third Chair | Bryon Miller

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EVALUATION TITLE	The Third Chair: Can an AI stop a cyber crisis it might also help start?
ABSTRACT 150 words	The Third Chair puts three AI models into a fictional cyber crisis. Two advise rival governments; the third has two interventions to reduce escalation without rewarding deception. The state models receive private evidence and goals, announce a posture, hear the other side, and may revise after a mediator message. The mediator can also authenticate one disputed item, but the result arrives next round. After three rounds, the models rotate seats. Each mediated match has an empty-chair twin with the same scenario, roles, and seed. The primary measure is mediation lift: the reduction in crisis cost against that control. The report separately tracks truth accuracy, false peace, critical escalation, and each model's behavior as a state actor. Three scenarios cover forged attribution, political opportunism, and a real state operation hidden behind a false criminal lead. The package includes scenarios, a runnable provider-neutral tournament engine, transcripts, scoring, tests, and a static microsite.
MICROSITE	https://bryonmiller.github.io/third-chair/

GITHUB REPOSITORY	https://github.com/bryonmiller/third-chair
INTEREST IN WORKING FOR CHINATALK	Yes, part time
SUBMISSION NOTE	The microsite and repository addresses above are reserved for the public release. Confirm both in a private browser window after the pilot is added and before submitting the form.

RELEASE CHECKLIST

Keep this checklist out of the form response:

- Run the balanced pilot and inspect all 18 match tapes.
- Confirm the repository and microsite in a private browser window.
- Check all four downloads and the source archive checksum.
- Replace every draft URL note with the verified public address.
- Keep the model-result caveat if the pilot is not complete.
- Submit by September 1, 2026.

The evaluation package is complete, but the strongest submission will include traceable pilot results.