



U.S.-China University Think Tank Dialogue

Virtual Session | December 6th-7th PT 7th-8th CT, 2021

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- We encourage everyone to be visible on-screen during session (unless you need to move about)
- Moderators and panelists will unmute and turn video on during panel
 - **To request to speak, participants will use “Raise Hand” function under “Reactions”**
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- “Speaker View” is optimal during panels. “Gallery View” - where everyone is on screen, is optimal during discussion.

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Managing U.S.-China Relations

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The relationship between the United States and China is the most important, difficult and vital bilateral relationship in the world today. Given the rapid changes taking place in the U.S.-China relationship, the question of how to preserve a stable relationship between the two nations while also competing with one another has never been more urgent. In service of answering this question, UC San Diego and Fudan University once again are bringing together scholars from America and China to engage in dialogue on the critical issues animating the Sino-American relationship.

This dialogue brings together Chinese and American scholars and policy experts to examine how, given escalating tensions over the last five years, the U.S-China relationship can be managed productively and safely. Speakers will draw on their research to examine the current administration's policy, contemporary challenges, ways of promoting cooperation, lessons from the recent and more distant past, as well as prospects for future relations going forward. The dialogue seeks to draw out policy implications from such discussions, leveraging the international pool of talent this dialogue draws upon.

American panelists will speak on a given issue alongside a Chinese scholar, and then proceed to engage in a discussion guided by the remarks of one American and one Chinese discussant.

Monday, December 6th

5:00 p.m. PST

Opening Remarks: WU Xinbo and Susan SHIRK

9:00 a.m. CST

Welcome by

Dean Caroline FREUND, UC San Diego School of Global Policy & Strategy

5:15 p.m. PST

Panel 1: Assessment of US-China relations during Biden's First Year

9:15 a.m. CST

In this panel, we will discuss how to understand U.S.-China Relations under the current administration. Have there been critical changes that must be noted? What has stayed consistent from the period of the Trump administration?

Speakers (10-12 minutes each):

1. Chinese: WU Xinbo
2. American: Susan SHIRK

Commentators (7-8 minutes each):

1. Chinese: WANG Dong
2. American: Naima GREEN-RILEY

Discussion by full conference

6:30 p.m. PST
10:30 a.m. CST

Panel 2: Challenges for U.S.-China Relations

This panel will address the tremendous challenges currently facing the U.S.-China relationship. We will discuss some of these seemingly intractable differences and how the two sides can manage conflict along these issues.

Speakers (10-12 minutes each):

1. Chinese: XIN Qiang
2. American: Karl EIKENBERRY

Commentators (7-8 minutes each):

1. Chinese: LIU Feng
2. American: Erin CARTER

Discussion by full conference

Tuesday, December 7th

5:00 p.m. PST
9:00 a.m. CST

Panel 3: Lessons for U.S.-China Diplomacy from the Past

Here, we will discuss how to apply lessons from both the Cold War and the Trump Administration to managing U.S.-China relations. What do recent tensions, especially when contextualized with cold war rivalry, teach us?

Speakers (10-12 minutes each):

1. Chinese: ZHU Feng
2. American: Arne WESTAD

Commentators (7-8 minutes each):

1. Chinese: LI Chen
2. American: Richard MADSEN

Discussion by full conference

6:30 p.m. PST
10:30 a.m. CST

Panel 4: Opportunities in U.S.-China-Relations: How to Promote Cooperation amid Strategic Rivalry

We will close by discussing some of the promising opportunities for continued cooperation even amidst the difficult climate we have discussed throughout this dialogue.

Speakers (10-12 minutes each):

3. Chinese: SONG Guoyou
4. American: Michael DAVIDSON

Commentators (7-8 minutes each):

5. Chinese: ZHAO Minghao
6. American: David LAKE

Discussion by full conference

7:45 p.m. PST

Concluding Remarks: Susan SHIRK and WU Xinbo

11:45 a.m. CST

Confirmed Participants

From U.S.

- Erin CARTER, Assistant Professor, School of International Relations, University of Southern California, Hoover Fellow at the Hoover Institution.
- Tai Ming CHEUNG, Professor UC San Diego's School of Global Policy and Strategy and director of the UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation.
- Michael DAVIDSON, Assistant Professor in the School of Global Policy and Strategy and the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department at UC San Diego.
- Karl EIKENBERRY, former U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan and Lieutenant General, U.S. Army (retired). He is a senior advisor to the Saudi Arabia Ministry of Defense on its defense and military transformation plan and a faculty member of Schwarzman College, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China.
- Naima GREEN-RILEY, Assistant Professor at Princeton University (2022).
- David LAKE, Distinguished Professor of Political Science at UC San Diego.
- Richard MADSEN, Professor of Sociology UC San Diego.
- Barry NAUGHTON, So Kwan Lok Chair of Chinese International Affairs at the School of Global Policy and Strategy at UC San Diego
- Victor SHIH, Associate Professor Ho Miu Lam Chair in China and Pacific Relations in the School of Global Policy and Strategy at UC San Diego
- Susan SHIRK, Research Professor and Chair, 21st Century China Center, School of Global Policy & Strategy, UC San Diego.
- Robert THOMAS, Vice Admiral Thomas, U.S. Navy (retired), is a Professor of Practice at the School of Global Policy and Strategy at UC San Diego.
- Arne WESTAD, Elihu Professor of History at Yale University.

From China

- CHENG Yuan, Professor, School of Social Development and Public Policy, Fudan University.
- LI Chen, Associate Professor and International Security and Strategy Program Director at the School of International Studies at Renmin University.
- WANG Dong, Professor at the School of International Studies, Peking University.
- LIU Feng, Professor in the Department of International Relations at Tsinghua University.
- SONG Guoyu, Professor and Deputy Director at the Center for American Studies at Fudan University.
- WU Xinbo, Professor and Dean, Institute of International Studies, and Director at the Center for American Studies, Fudan University.

- XIN Qiang, Professor and Deputy Director of the Center for American Studies at Fudan University.
- ZHAO Minghao, Senior Fellow at the Institute of International Studies/Center for American Studies, Fudan University.
- ZHU Feng, Executive Director, China Center for Collaborative Studies of the South China Sea and Professor of International Relations at Nanjing University.