

## 2021 NOTEWORTHY DEVELOPMENTS



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ON U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS  
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About eighty China scholars, business leaders, policy experts and members of administration and Congress attended the virtual China Forum on Dec. 13 and 14, 2021.



The Task Force convened a two-day meeting on the Transpacific dialogue and relations with China on Nov. 4-6, 2021.

CHINA'S NEW  
DIRECTION:  
Challenges and Opportunities  
for U.S. Policy

The center released an influential report on China's New Directions on Sept. 14, 2021.  
[Read the Report \(PDF\)](#)

## CONVENING HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS ON THE U.S.-CHINA RELATIONSHIP

This year saw the continuation of virtual gatherings of the [UC San Diego Forum on U.S.-China Relations](#), the first ongoing high-level forum focused entirely on the U.S.-China relationship. The Forum met virtually three times this year, first on March 24, then on Sept. 13 and finally on Dec. 13 and 14. While we were forced by circumstance to delay gathering in-person, we took advantage of the virtual format to bring together policymakers, business luminaries and academics from around the country for a meeting of the minds to discuss how to stabilize the U.S.'s relationship with China.

We've also resumed the [U.S.-China University Think Tank Dialogue](#) in conjunction with the Center for American Studies at Fudan University and the Fudan-UC Center on Contemporary China. Held on Dec. 6 and 7, this dialogue provided us with an invaluable opportunity to speak with our Chinese colleagues and hear their perspectives on the issues affecting our two countries' relationship.

## INFORMING POLICY

The Task Force on U.S.-China Policy continued their policy research and discussion through 2021, and together with the Asia Society's Center on U.S. China Relations, we launched yet another [critical report](#) to help provide evidence-based recommendations for American China policy. The launch event for this report engaged key public audiences about the report's findings and recommendations.

China and the U.S. may not be engaged in a Cold War, but they still can learn useful lessons from it. Starting from this premise, we organized a conference in May that brought together Cold War historians and China scholars for a productive discussion that resulted in a co-authored article by two of the conference participants in [Foreign Affairs](#). In September, we also hosted a two-day discussion with seventeen members of Congress on China and the role of Congress in the U.S.'s approach to China.



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### LEADING DATA-DRIVEN RESEARCH

Our world-class faculty have continued to produce influential scholarship throughout 2021, continuing advancements in their research agendas while innovating in new methods for crafting research in these difficult times. Ruixue Jia and Molly Roberts received a prestigious Alfred Sloan Foundation grant to study the effect of U.S.-China tensions and censorship on research collaboration between Chinese and American scientists. Concurrently, Tai Ming Cheung and Barry Naughton led a major [UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation](#) effort on the study of China's Science, Technology, Innovation and Industrial Ecosystems that has received support from the U.S. State Department.

Over the course of the year, we convened sixteen research workshops, published a dozen research papers in the [Social Science Research Network](#), conducted four public opinion surveys and posted or have under development a series of data-visualization blogs based on on-going research.

### RAISING STUDENT SUPPORT

Attracting and training the next generation of leaders on China is an important goal for the center and school. In 2021, we raised several fellowships to support graduate students who are interested in coming to UC San Diego to study China. They include the 21st Century China Center Fellowship, the Ambassador Diana Lady Dougan Fellowship and the Dr. Shao-Chi Lin and Lily Y. Lin Endowed Fellowship in China Studies. These are made possible by generous contributions from the Clara Wu and Joe Tsai Foundation, China Leadership Board member Denis Tse and founding center member Lily Lin.



Ambassador Dougan was recently honored by her mentee Denis Tse in a newly established student fellowship named after her.

### REACHING A BROADER AUDIENCE

Major outlets have continued to seek our scholars for insight into current events, with our faculty and affiliates quoted over 120 times in major publications. From the BBC to CNN and from the New York Times to the Wall Street Journal, they are a critical source of information on China and its relationship with the rest of the world.

Our public lecture series remains robust. In 2021, we organized twenty-six virtual public lectures on China. We've also continued to find new ways to spread our research far and wide. Our [China 360 bulletin](#), launched last year, remains an excellent way to keep up with our center's work. It has been a banner year for what we've produced, with students and faculty contributing to our blogs from the [China Data Lab](#), our [opinion page](#) and [China Focus](#).



China Data Lab continues to publish high quality data visualization blogs that illuminate contemporary issues in Chinese politics, economics and U.S.-China relations.  
[Read the post](#)



Partnering with the Bishops School, we hosted a local China Town Hall Event on Oct. 19, 2021, where our very own Michael Davidson followed up Fareed Zakaria's talk by emphasizing key developments in the climate sphere influenced by our relationship with China. [Watch the Video](#)



Oxford Historian Rana Mitter gave a talk on Nov. 10, 2021, where he explored how the history of China's involvement in WWII has shaped nationalism in China today.  
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