



Record Number of Submissions Received for the 2023 China Focus Essay Contest

Winners Announced from Johns Hopkins University, University of Kansas, UC San Diego, Paris School of International Affairs, and Peking University

The 2023 China Focus Essay Contest, a prestigious competition that invites talented individuals to showcase their insights on U.S.-China dynamics, received a record number of submissions this year from brilliant minds around the world. Awards made as part of the essay content include the 1990 Institute Prize, the Jimmy Carter Prize, and three runner-ups.

The exceptional quality of the essays selected out of a record number of submissions exceeded all expectations, making the selection process a challenging endeavor for the esteemed panel of judges. Submissions were diligently evaluated by a group of experts representing renowned organizations, including the 1990 Institute, the Carter Center, the 21st Century China Center at the University of California San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy, the Fudan-UC Center, and China Focus.

“We are honored partner with the 1990 Institute, the Carter Center, the Fudan-UC Center, and China Focus for this year's China Focus Essay Contest. The winning essays, in both English and Mandarin, exemplify the kind of well-balanced and rigorous analysis we hope to foster in emerging scholars,” commented by Professor **Victor Shih, Director of the 21st Century China Center.**

The recipients of the 1990 Institute Prize are Katerina Yang and Ann-Alice Tichá from Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies. The co-authored an outstanding essay, titled "Politics Out the Way! Towards a Deeper U.S.-China Green Cooperation."

The Jimmy Carter Prize is awarded to Graham Wilmot Revare from the University of Kansas for his essay titled "Green Protectionism: A Dangerous Consensus."

Additionally, three runners-up essays have been recognized for their remarkable contributions. Jessie Yin from the Paris School of International Affairs and Peking University has been acknowledged for her essay titled "Untangling China's Reconstruction of Angola." Michelle Lai from UC San Diego's School of Global Policy and Strategy has been recognized for her essay titled "China's Best Friend in the EU: The Potential for Sino-Hungarian BRI Projects and Economic Cooperation." Jiangman Yu and Linhong Ye from Beijing Foreign Studies University in China have been chosen for her essay in Chinese titled “中美绿色前景:竞合并存下的政策调整” (The Green Prospects of Sino-U.S. Relations: Policy Adjustments Under Competition and Co-existence).

Winner of the 1990 Institute and Jimmy Carter Prizes will receive a cash award of \$2,000 while the three runners-up will be honored with a cash award of \$1,000 each. These awards serve as recognition for their remarkable efforts, deep insights, and valuable contributions made in advancing the discourse on U.S.-China dynamics.

The winning essays are published in the latest issue of [China Focus](#). We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to share these outstanding works with our readers and the wider academic community.

The organizers of the 2023 China Focus Essay Contest would like to express their gratitude to all the participants for their submissions. The record-breaking number of essays received demonstrates the significant interest and engagement surrounding U.S.-China dynamics among talented individuals worldwide.

For more information and updates on the 2023 China Focus Essay Contest, please visit <https://chinafocus.ucsd.edu/china-focus-annual-essay-contest/> or contact chinafocus@ucsd.edu.

About China Focus

China Focus is a student publication of the 21st Century China Center at UC San Diego's School of Global Policy and Strategy and provides a critical and insightful analysis of contemporary issues related to China. It publishes academic articles, opinion pieces, and expert commentary to foster a better understanding of China's role in the world.

About the 21st Century China Center

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