

2023 Notable Developments

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Deepening Engagement with Chinese Partner Universities

Throughout 2023, the center intensified efforts to bridge American and Chinese scholars. Dean Caroline Freund and the center's new director, Victor Shih, led a delegation to visit our partner universities in Shanghai and Hong Kong in December, focusing on student exchange, alumni engagement, dual degree programs with Fudan University and a joint research lab on the Chinese economy with the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

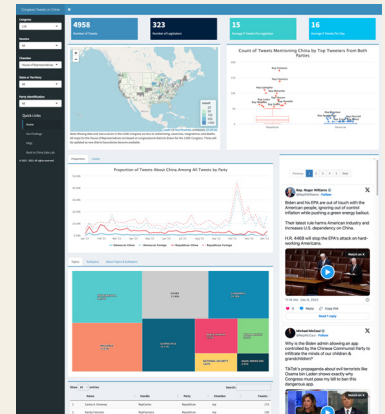


In May, we worked with Fudan University colleagues at its European center in Oslo, Norway, to convene Chinese and American experts to explore the cross-cutting issues of climate, the environment in China and U.S.-China competition. In June, we hosted a young diplomats dialogue to foster better understanding between the two countries. And our collaboration with the World Affairs Council led to an unprecedented scholarly engagement with Hong Kong's leading universities in September.

Finally, a sustained [dialogue among students](#) from Peking University, Fudan University, Georgetown and UC San Diego promises to enrich cross-continental exchanges in 2023-2024, underscoring the center's commitment to fostering lasting cross-cultural connections between the U.S. and China in a post-pandemic world.

Producing Cutting-Edge Research on China

Our scholars displayed remarkable productivity by generating high-caliber research accessible to diverse audiences. This included seven original blogs, with notable posts featuring real-time [visualization](#) of Congressional tweets on China and a compelling exploration of three decades of experiences and attitudes of Chinese international students in America. Alongside these, we published [six policy reports](#) dissecting critical aspects such as the local public debt and China's green energy transition. These insightful analyses were complemented by seven issues of [China 360](#) and two engaging podcast episodes led by our esteemed scholars Victor Shih and Susan Shirk.



Notably, Susan Shirk's acclaimed book, "Overreach: How China Derailed Its Peaceful Rise," garnered prestigious recognition, winning both the 2023 Lionel Gelber Prize and the Silver Medal in the 2023 Arthur Ross Book Award from the Council on Foreign Relations.

Moreover, major media outlets sought the perspectives of our scholars, who contributed to 106 China-related news stories. Our commitment to sharing cutting-edge China research was evident through our robust series of 21 [public lectures](#) and 22 [collaborative China research workshops](#), underscoring our dedication to reaching diverse audiences with valuable insights.

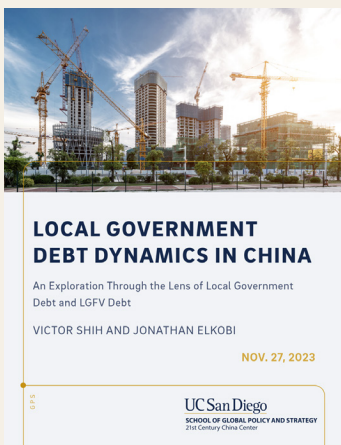
Convening Policy Discussions That Matter



We remain steadfast in our commitment to drive essential policy discussions through various impactful platforms. The UC San Diego Forum on U.S.-China Relations, known as the [China Forum](#), has emerged as a prominent space for deliberating enduring U.S. policies toward China. The summer 2023 forum was a resounding success as it gathered over 60 influential individuals from diverse backgrounds, including key policymakers and notable voices in academia and beyond. The China Forum has maintained its stature as the foremost high-level policy platform for in-depth discussions on U.S.-China relations.



The center co-convened the Task Force on U.S. China Policy, which comprises leading China experts in the U.S., many of whom have had significant government experience in China policy areas. The task force produced a significant study on [Southeast Asian countries' perspectives](#) toward China, offering crucial recommendations for U.S. engagement in the region.



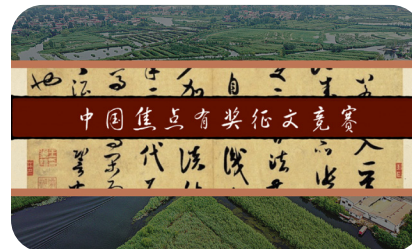
Center Director Victor Shih's latest report on [China's local government debt](#) further underscores the center's dedication to researching timely policy issues. Through these forums, reports and conferences, the center has consistently fostered meaningful dialogue and provided valuable insights for shaping effective policies in U.S.-China relations and beyond.

Nurturing the Next Generation of Experts

We are deeply committed to nurturing the next generation of experts in China-related areas at UC San Diego. This commitment is evident in various initiatives tailored to support and empower students. The center organized over a dozen summer research projects and funded dozens of dedicated research assistants annually. The involvement of students in ongoing research projects is a cornerstone of our approach, with approximately 10-12 student research assistants supported each quarter.



Additionally, the center's collaboration with the student group [China Focus](#) showcases analysts and writers, providing a platform for their insights and perspectives through the online blog. The annual China Focus [essay contest](#), now featuring



Chinese language submissions, attracts contributions from all over the U.S. and China.

Through the awarding of prestigious fellowships like the 21st Century China

Center Fellowship and the Dougan and Lin Fellowships, alongside with the Ichimore Research Award, the center actively invests in students' development while supporting recruitment efforts for top talents. We are committed to providing valuable training, resources and opportunities for the next generation of experts in China-related studies at the School of Global Policy and Strategy.

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