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# 2023 Annual Conference

Program

*Stopping “Gray Rhinos”,  
Handling “Black Swans” and  
Removing “Tigers Blocking the Way”*

# Assessing Challenges and Exploring Prospects for U.S.-China Relations in 2024

Tuesday, October 17, 2023  
9:00am - 2:00pm EDT

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*Welcome!*

Four months after a wayward surveillance blew his impending visit off course, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken visited Beijing to set about erecting the 'guardrails' that U.S. President Joe Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping had envisaged in Bali in November 2022. Secretary Blinken was followed in quick succession by Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, Special Climate Envoy John Kerry, and Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo. Reciprocally, Beijing's new Ambassador to the U.S. Xie Feng continues to adjust to his new role, appointed in March, and Foreign Minister Wang Yi is expected in Washington before year-end. With this revival and uptick of in-person visits, the United States and China appear to be inching closer to stabilizing their rocky relationship, a goal that both nations have emphasized this year.

As the two sides return to their Bali agenda, a critical next step will be to translate their mutual intentions into real actions. Is that possible at this late hour in the Biden administration's term in office? Can the two sides take specific steps to resolutely stop "gray rhinos", properly handle "black swans" and thoroughly remove "tigers blocking the way", and thus create conditions and remove disruptions for stabilizing U.S.-China relations? Or with election season looming, is the exchange of good intentions about the best that can be expected from the two sides? Will the window to stabilize ties shut tight by the end of the year as election polemics kick-in and China is used as a beating stick by the Biden administration's political opponents? What does 2024 portend for U.S.-China relations, both politically and on the economic decoupling front?

Inspired by this context, the ICAS 2023 Annual Conference is excited to bring together top scholars on U.S.-China relations to assess the current challenges and explore the potential prospects for U.S.-China relations in 2024.

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9:00am - 9:05am

Introduction

**HONG Nong**

*Executive Director, Institute for China-America Studies*

9:05am - 9:10am

Opening Remarks

**WU Shicun**

*Chairman of the Advisory Board, Institute for China-America Studies*

9:10am - 9:55am

Keynote Dialogue

*Speakers*

**XU Xueyuan**

*Deputy Chief of Mission & Minister,  
Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United States*

**David LAMPTON**

*Professor Emeritus of China Studies, Senior Research Fellow, Foreign Policy  
Institute, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University*

*Moderator*

**Gordon HOULDEN**

*Director Emeritus, China Institute, University of Alberta*

9:55am - 10:10am

Coffee Break

10:10am - 11:30am

Panel I: Cooperation, Competition and Rivalry in  
U.S.-China Relations

*Moderator*

**LIU Yawei**

*Senior Advisor, China Focus, The Carter Center*

*Panelists*

**Michael SWAINE**

*Director, East Asia Program, Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft*

**Victor GAO**

*Senior Fellow, Beijing Club for International Dialogue;  
Chair Professor, Soochow University*

**Dennis WILDER**

*Senior Fellow, Initiative for U.S.-China Dialogue on Global Issues,  
Georgetown University*

**XIN Qiang**

*Professor, Deputy Director, Center for American Studies, Fudan University*

11:30am - 11:45am

Coffee Break

11:45am - 1:05pm **Panel II: Taking Stock of Selective Decoupling in U.S.-China Economic Relations**

*Moderator*      **Sourabh GUPTA**  
*Senior Fellow & Head, Trade 'n Technology Program,  
Institute for China-America Studies*

*Panelists*      **Paul TRIOLO**  
*Senior Vice President for China and Technology Policy Lead,  
Albright Stonebridge Group*

**Yukon HUANG**  
*Senior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*

**William Alan REINSCH**  
*Senior Advisor and Scholl Chair in International Business,  
Center for Strategic & International Studies*

**ZHOU Mi**  
*Senior Researcher, Institute of American and Oceanian Study,  
Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation;  
Senior Fellow, Beijing Club for International Dialogue*

**Denis SIMON**  
*Clinical Professor of Global Business and Technology, Kenan Flagler  
Business School, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill*

1:05pm-1:55pm **Lunch**

**Luncheon Speech**

*Moderator*      **Abraham SOFAER**  
*George P. Schultz Distinguished Scholar and Senior Fellow Emeritus,  
Hoover Institution, Stanford University*

*Speaker*      **To Be Announced**  
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1:55pm-2:00pm **Concluding Remarks**

**HONG Nong**  
*Executive Director, Institute for China-America Studies*

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# Panel I: Cooperation, Competition and Rivalry in U.S.-China Relations



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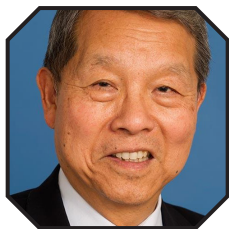
**LIU Yawei**  
*The Carter Center*

The Biden administration's strategy on China has been to invest in domestic competitiveness, align efforts with a network of allies and partners and, harnessing these assets, compete with China. The administration has also sought to shape the strategic environment around China to advance its vision of an open, inclusive international system. Having consolidated its ties with allies and partners, Washington now seeks to establish a 'floor' under its own working relations with Beijing – despite misgivings about the conduct of China's foreign and domestic policies. For its part, China believes the United States is trying to isolate it diplomatically, encircle it militarily, and suppress its development technologically. It has also bristled at U.S. attempts to compartmentalize cooperation on global issues within the broader bilateral political framework of strategic rivalry. Given this disjuncture in their rival approaches and perceptions, can the U.S. and China find common ground and stabilize ties? How effective have U.S.-China efforts been in reopening channels of communication to responsibly manage their relationship? What is the outlook for the proposed Biden-Xi meeting in San Francisco on the sidelines of the APEC Leaders Summit? Can the two leaders stabilize their interactions over Taiwan, given that Washington believes that China has an accelerated and non-peaceful timeline for reunification while Beijing believes that Washington's 'One China' policy is being hollowed out incrementally? With presidential elections due in Taiwan and the U.S. in 2024, what are the implications for cross-strait as well as broader U.S.-China ties next year?

# Panel II: Taking Stock of Selective Decoupling in U.S.-China Economic Relations



**Paul TRIOLO**  
*Albright Stonebridge Group*



**Yukon HUANG**  
*Carnegie Endowment for  
International Peace*



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*Chinese Academy of International Trade  
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Beijing Club for International Dialogue*



**Denis SIMON**  
*University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill*



**Sourabh GUPTA**  
*Institute for China-America Studies*

Technology competition and selective decoupling from China continues apace in U.S.-China economic ties. In 2022, the Biden administration instituted three landmark measures—the *CHIPS and Science Act*, the *Inflation Reduction Act*, and the *October 7 Export Controls on Advanced Computing and Semiconductor Manufacturing Items*—that will reverberate for a long time in the practice of U.S.-China economic relations. One year after their introduction, what is the state of play on implementing these measures, and what has been their fallout on bilateral economic ties? Is the rollout of the measures proceeding as anticipated and what has been the Chinese response? Looking five years out, how will these measures impact U.S.-China economic ties and the selective decoupling that is underway? With Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo, the chief enforcer of the tough export control measures, having completed a modestly successful visit to Beijing in late-August, could the two sides place a floor under the rash of technology embargoes and supply chain decoupling initiatives and devise a mutually satisfactory *modus vivendi*, going forward? How will the Biden administration's supply chain resilience-related initiatives, including within the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) negotiations, alter the future structure of advanced manufacturing industries in the U.S. and the Asia-Pacific region?

— HONG Nong —

Dr. HONG Nong holds a PhD of interdisciplinary study of international law and international relations from the University of Alberta, Canada and held a Postdoctoral Fellowship in the University's China Institute. She was ITLOS-Nippon Fellow for International Dispute Settlement and Visiting Fellow at Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security, the Center of Oceans Law and Policy, University of Virginia, and at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law. She is concurrently a research fellow with China Institute, University of Alberta, Canada, and the National Institute for South China Sea Studies. She is also a China Forum expert.

Her research takes an interdisciplinary approach to examining international relations and international law, with focus on International Relations and Comparative Politics in general; ocean governance in East Asia and the Arctic; law of the sea; international security, particularly non-traditional security; and international dispute settlement and conflict resolution. Her selected publications include *US-China Global Maritime Relations* (London and New York: Routledge, 2024), *China's Role in the Arctic: Observing and Being Observed* (London and New York: Routledge, 2020), and *UNCLOS and Ocean Dispute Settlement: Law and Politics in the South China Sea* (Routledge, 2012).

— WU Shicun —

Dr. WU Shicun serves as Chair of the Advisory Board at the Institute for China-America Studies. He is also founding president, director of academic committee and senior research fellow at China's National Institute for South China Sea Studies, chairman of board of directors of the China-Southeast Asia Research Center on the South China Sea, vice president of the China Institute for Free Trade Ports Studies, and adjunct professor of Nanjing University and Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

Dr. Wu has a PhD in history. His research interests cover the history and geography of the South China Sea, maritime delimitation, maritime economy, international relations and regional security strategy. His recent books include: *Hainan Free Trade Port: A Global Perspective* (Guangdong People's Publishing House, 2021), *The 21st Century Maritime Silk Road: Challenges and Opportunities for Asia and Europe* (Routledge, 2019), *South China Sea Lawfare: Post-Arbitration Policy Options and Future Prospects* (South China Sea Think Tank / Taiwan Center for Security Studies, 2017), *Arbitration Concerning the South China Sea: Philippines versus China* (Ashgate, 2016), *UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the South China Sea* (Ashgate, 2015), and *Non-Traditional Security Issues and the South China Sea-Shaping a New Framework for Cooperation* (Ashgate, 2014). Dr. Wu has also published widely in academic journals and been the subject of frequent media interviews as a senior commentator on South China Sea, regional security issues, the Belt & Road Initiative and the development of Hainan Free Trade Port.

— XU Xueyuan —

Ms. XU Xueyuan was appointed as Minister, then DCM & Minister of Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United States of America in March, 2018. Prior to taking the current post, Ms. Xu worked as Deputy Director-General of Department of North American and Oceanian Affairs from 2015 to 2018, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 2011 to 2015, she was Counselor and Chief of the Political Section of the Chinese Embassy in the US. From 2010 to 2011, she studied in UK with a Chevening Scholarship. She has also worked overseas in the Chinese Embassy in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. Ms. Xu Xueyuan was born in Zhejiang Province and received a Master's Degree in English Language from Fudan University in Shanghai. She is married with a son.

— David LAMPTON —

David M. Lampton is Professor Emeritus and former Hyman Professor and Director of SAIS-China and China Studies at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and Sr. Research Fellow at the Foreign Policy Institute. Formerly President of the National Committee on United States-China Relations, he is the author of many books, with prior publications appearing in many periodicals, popular and academic, in both the western world and in Chinese speaking societies. He consults with government, business, foundations, and is on the board of several non-governmental and educational organizations, including the Executive Committee of the National Committee on US-China Relations and Colorado College's Board of Trustees.

He received his BA, MA, and PhD degrees from Stanford University. Dr. Lampton headed the China Studies programs at the American Enterprise Institute and at The Nixon Center (now The Center for National Interest), having previously worked at the National Academy of Sciences and having started his teaching career at Ohio State University. He has an honorary doctorate from the Russian Academy of Sciences' Institute of Far Eastern Studies, is an Honorary Senior Fellow of the American Studies Institute of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, was the inaugural winner of the Scalapino Prize in July 2010 awarded by the National Bureau of Asian Research and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and is a Gilman Scholar at Johns Hopkins.



— **Gordon HOULDEN** —

Professor Gordon Houlden is Director Emeritus of the China Institute, Professor of Political Science and Adjunct Professor of the Alberta School of Business at the University of Alberta. Professor Gordon Houlden joined the Canadian Foreign Service in 1976, serving in Ottawa and abroad. Twenty-two of his thirty-two years in the Canadian Foreign Service were spent working on Chinese economic, trade and political affairs for the Government of Canada including five postings in China. He also served at the Canadian Embassy in Havana and Warsaw, and at Canada National Defence College. His last assignment before joining the University of Alberta in 2008 was as Director General of the East Asian Bureau of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, responsible for Greater China, Japan, the Koreas and Mongolia. Under Professor Houlden's leadership, the China Institute focused on contemporary China studies, with an emphasis on Canada's trade, investment and bilateral relations with the PRC, and Asian security issues. His third co-edited book on the South China Sea was published in the summer of 2021 by Bristol University Press.

— **LIU Yawei** —

Yawei LIU, Ph.D. is the Senior Advisor on China at The Carter Center and an adjunct professor of political science at Emory University. An expert on U.S.-China relations and Chinese grassroots democracy, he is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the associate director of the China Research Center in Atlanta. He is regularly invited to speak about Chinese public opinion, and his previous engagements include the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the Brookings Institution, the Ukrainian National Academy of Sciences, and the Institute for China-America Studies. Yawei Liu has been a member of numerous Carter Center missions to monitor Chinese village, township and county people's congress deputy elections from 1997 to 2011. He has also observed elections in Nicaragua, Peru and Taiwan. He has written extensively on China's political developments, grassroots democracy and U.S.-China relations and edited three Chinese book series: *Rural Election and Governance in Contemporary China* (Northwestern University Press, Xian, 2002 and 2004), the *Political Readers* (China Central Translation Bureau Press, 2006) and *Elections & Governance* (Northwestern University Press, 2008). He has also published numerous commentaries in *Global Times*, *Study Times* and *China Youth Daily* and was involved in launching a new magazine called US-China Perception Monitor, part of the new initiative on US-China relations by The Carter Center ([www.uscnpm.org](http://www.uscnpm.org)). He has instructed and researched at several universities, including as a professor of political science at East China Normal University, a visiting professor at Fudan University, and an adjunct faculty member at the Department of Political Science at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. He earned his B.A. in English literature from Xian Foreign Languages Institute (1982), MA in recent Chinese history from the University of Hawaii (1989) and PhD in American History from Emory University (1996).

— **Michael SWAINE** —

Michael D. Swaine, director of QI's East Asia program, is one of the most prominent American scholars of Chinese security studies. He comes to Quincy Institute from Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, where he worked for nearly twenty years as a senior fellow specializing in Chinese defense and foreign policy, U.S.-China relations, and East Asian international relations. Swaine served as a senior policy analyst at the RAND Corporation. Swaine has authored and edited more than a dozen books and monographs, including *Remaining Aligned on the Challenges Facing Taiwan* (with Ryo Sahashi; 2019), *Conflict and Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific Region: A Strategic Net Assessment* (with Nicholas Eberstadt et al; 2015) and many journal articles and book chapters. Swaine is currently directing, along with Iain Johnston of Harvard University, a multi-year crisis prevention project with Chinese partners. He also advises the U.S. government on Asian security issues. Swaine received his doctorate in government from Harvard University and his bachelor's degree from George Washington University.

— **Victor GAO** —

Victor GAO is Senior Fellow, Beijing Club for International Dialogue, Chair Professor of Soochow University, Chairman of China Energy Security Institute; Member of the Global Counsel of Asia Society in New York City, Member of the International Advisory Board of the Energy Intelligence Group in London; Advisor to Saudi Aramco. Victor Gao has extensive experience in government, diplomacy, securities regulation, legal, investment banking, PE, corporate management and media. Victor was Deng Xiaoping's English interpreter in the 1980s. Victor served as the China Policy Advisor at the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission in 1999 and 2000. Victor's prior investment banking experience included senior positions with Morgan Stanley (Vice President of Morgan Stanley Asia, in the Merger, Acquisition and Restructuring Department), CICC (General Manager of the Investment Banking Department, Head of M&A Practice, and Head of CICC Hong Kong Investment Banking Department) and Daiwa Securities (Co-Chairman of China, Executive Vice President and Managing Director). Victor's corporate management experience included senior positions with CNOOC Limited as its Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Company Secretary, Member of the Investment Committee, and Director of CNOOC International and with major Hong Kong companies including PCCW and Henderson Land Group.

— Dennis WILDER —

Dennis Wilder is the managing director for the Initiative for U.S.-China Dialogue on Global Issues at Georgetown University, where he also serves as an assistant professor of practice in Asian studies in the School of Foreign Service. Wilder joined the Initiative in April 2016 after three decades as a leading China expert within the US intelligence and diplomatic communities. He served as the National Security Council's director for China from 2004-2005, then as NSC special assistant to the president and director for East Asian affairs from 2005-2009. In these roles, he organized a series of presidential trips to Asia, including to the 2008 Beijing Olympics. From 2009 to 2015, Wilder was senior editor of the President's Daily Brief, the worldwide intelligence update produced under auspices of the director of national intelligence. Before joining the Initiative he served in 2015-2016 as the CIA's deputy assistant director for East Asia and the Pacific. Wilder holds a B.A. from Kalamazoo College and an M.S. in foreign service from Georgetown University.

— XIN Qiang —

Professor XIN Qiang is the inaugural director of the Center for Taiwan Studies (from 2014 to present) and deputy director of the Center for American Studies (from 2007 to present) at Fudan University. He teaches and studies Taiwan issue, China-US relations and maritime security studies and has frequently provided consultation to the Taiwan Affairs Office of State Council and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, State Oceanic Administration of China, etc. Dr. Xin is the author of *Mainland China's Taiwan Policy: From Peaceful Development to Selective Engagement* (London: Routledge, 2022) and several other award-winning works on cross-strait relations and political relations. Dr. Xin is also translator of several classic works and has written extensively and published numerous articles in the U.S., UK, Japan, Korea, and China (Mainland, Hong Kong and Taiwan). He serves on the editorial board of some esteemed journals including the *Journal of Contemporary China* (University of Denver), *Taiwan Research Journal* (Xiamen University), *Fudan American Review* (Fudan University) and *Cross-Taiwan Strait Studies*, among others.

In 2002, Prof. Xin received his Ph. D in international relations from Fudan University and has ever since been affiliated with the Center for American Studies. He is adjunct professor of some esteemed institutes and universities including mainland China's Xiamen University, Wuhan University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, and Taiwan's Cheng Kung University and has served as a visiting fellow or scholar at several well-known American universities and has been awarded multiple honors for his academic excellence and leadership, as "New Century Talent" by China's Ministry of Education, as well "Shuguang Scholar", "Pujiang Scholar" and "Social Scientific Horizon Prize" by Shanghai Metropolitan Government.

— Sourabh GUPTA —

Sourabh Gupta is a senior Asia-Pacific international relations policy specialist with two decades of Washington, D.C.-based experience in a think tank and political risk research and advisory capacity. His key area of expertise pertains to the intersection of international law, both international trade and investment law and international maritime law (Law of the Sea), with the international relations of the Asia-Pacific region. His areas of specialization include: U.S.-China trade and technology competition; analysis of developments in World Trade Organization and Asia-Pacific economic regionalism; analysis of major power relationships (China-U.S., China-Japan, China-India, U.S.-Japan, U.S.-India, Japan-India; Russia-Japan relations) and key flashpoint issues in the Asia-Pacific region; and analysis of outstanding territorial disputes and maritime law-related developments. He is a member of the United States Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific (USCSCAP). Prior to joining ICAS, he was a Senior Research Associate at Samuels International Associates, Inc., an international consulting firm specializing in government relations and global trade and investment matters. He holds master's degrees in security studies and international relations from the Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University and the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, respectively. His bachelor's degree was awarded by the University of Mumbai.

— Paul TRIOLO —

Paul Triolo is a senior associate with the Trustee Chair in Chinese Business and Economics at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He is currently senior vice president for China and technology policy lead at Albright Stonebridge Group, where he advises clients in technology, financial services, and other sectors as they navigate complex political and regulatory matters in China and around the world. He has served in senior positions within the U.S. government for more than 25 years, focusing primarily on China's rise as a science, technology, and cyber power. Mr. Triolo was most recently founder, practice head, and managing director of the geo-technology practice at Eurasia Group, focusing on global technology policy issues, cybersecurity, internet governance, information and communications technology (ICT) regulatory issues, and emerging areas such as 5G deployment, automation, artificial intelligence, green tech, and fintech/blockchain. He also serves as a senior advisor at the Paulson Institute. He received an MA in international relations from the Catholic University of America and a BA in electrical engineering from Penn State University.

### — Yukon HUANG —

Yukon HUANG is a senior fellow with the Asia Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He was formerly the World Bank's country director for China and earlier director for Russia and the Former Soviet Union Republics. He is an adviser to the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, and various governments and corporations. His research focuses on China's economy and its regional and global impact. Huang has published widely on development issues in both professional journals and the public media. He is a featured commentator for the *Financial Times* on China, and his articles are seen frequently in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Bloomberg*, *Foreign Affairs*, the *National Interest*, and *Caixin*. His books include *East Asia Visions, Reshaping Economic Geography in East Asia*, and *International Migration and Development in East Asia and the Pacific*. His latest book, *Cracking the China Conundrum: Why Conventional Economic Wisdom Is Wrong*, was published by Oxford University Press (2017). He has a PhD in economics from Princeton University and a BA from Yale University.

### — ZHOU Mi —

ZHOU Mi is a Senior Research Fellow and Deputy Director of the Institute of American and Oceania Study. With more than 10 years at the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation (CAITEC), his research mainly focuses on government decision-making and negotiation, which makes for more comprehensive understanding, efficient management, and better allocation of resources. He has published and compiled several books, published more than 600 articles, and has been responsible for or taken part in more than 200 research projects linked to a wide range of ministries, local governments, international organizations and enterprises. He is also a visiting scholar at Stanford University and the Korean International Economy Policy Institute in South Korea, and completed his post-doctorate studies at Fudan University in China.

### — Denis SIMON —

Denis Simon is an expert on international business and technology. He has more than four decades of experience studying business, competition, innovation and technology strategy innovation in China. He is director of corporate partnerships at the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise. His goal is to develop cooperative alliances with top companies to support education and research at University of North Carolina (UNC) Kenan-Flagler Business School. Dr. Simon's extensive publications include books and articles on business, innovation and technology issues in China and the Pacific Rim. He is the author of several books and served as professor of practice at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business and executive vice chancellor of Duke Kunshan University in China (2015-2020).

He was a founding member the Experts Group of the US-China Innovation Dialogue organized by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and China's Ministry of Science & Technology. He served as a special adviser on several cross-border innovation projects, including the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on intellectual property rights issues in U.S.-China relations, and as senior adviser on China and global affairs at several U.S. universities. He served as general manager of Andersen Consulting in Beijing (now Accenture) and was founding president of Monitor Group China. He earned his PhD and MA from the University of California, Berkeley and his BA from the State University of New York.

### — Abraham SOFAER —

Abraham D. Sofaer was appointed the first George P. Shultz Distinguished Scholar and Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution in 1994. Named in honor of former US secretary of state George P. Shultz, the appointment is awarded to a senior scholar whose broad vision, knowledge, and skill is brought to bear on the problems presented by a radically transformed global environment. Sofaer's work focuses on the power over war within the US government and on issues related to international law, terrorism, diplomacy, and national security.

From 1985 to 1990, he served as a legal adviser to the US Department of State, where he resolved several interstate matters, receiving the Distinguished Service Award in 1989. From 1979 to 1985, Sofaer served as a US district judge in the Southern District of New York. From 1969 to 1979, he was a professor of law at Columbia University School of Law and wrote *War, Foreign Affairs, and Constitutional Power: The Origins*. From 1967 to 1969, he was an assistant US attorney in the Southern District of New York, after clerking for Judge J. Skelly Wright on the US Court of Appeals in Washington, DC, and the Honorable William J. Brennan Jr. on the US Supreme Court. He practiced law at Hughes, Hubbard and Reed from 1990 to 1994.

A veteran of the US Air Force, Sofaer received an LLB degree from New York University School of Law in 1965, where he was editor in chief of the law review. He holds a BA in history from Yeshiva College (1962). Sofaer is a founding trustee of the National Museum of Jazz in Harlem and a member of the board of the Koret Foundation.

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We aim to provide a window into the worldviews of both the United States and China, and thereby serve as a vehicle to promote greater understanding between these two countries and societies.

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- \* hosting interactive discussion events, delegation visits and in-depth expert video interviews
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Established in 2005, the China Institute at the University of Alberta (CIUA) is Canada's only established, multi-disciplinary think tank and research centre focusing solely on China studies. The Institute strives to generate and disseminate knowledge that supports in-depth understanding of today's China and encourages policy development in response to China's evolving role in the world.

Working with the international research community and government agencies, the China Institute builds and supports China-related research, learning and interdisciplinary partnerships. Through a wide range of public forums, research seminars, publications, training and media commentaries, CIUA has emerged as a voice of authority in Canada on political and economic developments inside China and on its foreign policy and its international economic ties, especially in relation to Canada. Current research involves the evolving role of China in trade, energy, investment and foreign affairs.

Explore China Institute,  
University of Alberta





Beijing Club for International Dialogue (“Beijing Club”) is a think tank dedicated to promoting international communication between Chinese and international politicians, academics and other key figures, in order to build the trust and understanding that is key to resolving any dispute.

We believe that there remains a “deficit of understanding” for China internationally, and seek to reduce this deficit. We plan to continue this work through attending international conferences, hosting annual forums, and establishing communication platforms. Based in Beijing at the Beijing International Club building, our community includes former government officials and diplomats, economists, academics, and media experts.

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President Carter’s decision to normalize diplomatic relations between the United States and the People’s Republic of China in 1979 changed both countries and the world. However, the U.S.-China relationship is now under immense strain. As President Carter wrote in February 2021, “government officials in both countries have adopted rhetoric and policies that reflect the hostility that Vice Premier Deng and I sought to calm in 1978.”

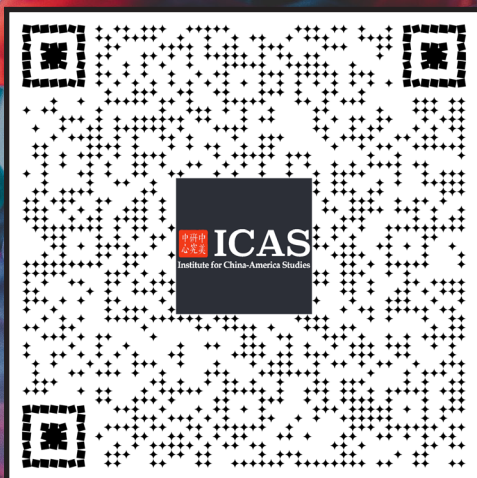
The Carter Center remains committed to preserving the legacy of President Carter and Deng Xiaoping’s historic decision while adapting to the demands of the 21st century. This requires navigating a bilateral relationship fraught with global crises, ideological divergence, human rights crises, nationalist tension, and the looming threat of conflict in the Taiwan Strait. Through its research, workshops, and online engagement initiatives, the China Focus fosters greater dialogue, exchange, and critical reflection on the past, present, and future of U.S.-China relations.

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