



The United States, China and AI: What Does Cooperation Look Like

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Artificial Intelligence has emerged as an unlikely area of U.S.-China cooperation amid their race for supremacy in cutting-edge technologies. In November 2023, President Biden and President Xi agreed to establish a gov't-to-gov't mechanism to discuss AI at their summit in Woodside, California, and a US-China working group on AI is expected to hold talks later this spring. Alongside, American AI companies have engaged in discussions with Chinese AI experts, and leading scientists of both nations have jointly put out calls for tighter controls on the technology.

As the U.S.-China working group on AI convenes later this spring, what are the set of priority areas to be discussed? Have the parameters of their discussion been established? What are the areas of common interest that are drawing the two sides together? Do the U.S. and China share a common vision of the core 'red lines' that powerful AI systems should not cross? Do they trust their counterpart enough to limit their own capability voluntarily? Can the U.S.-China talks, along with their discussions with the EU, serve as a building block for a multilateral treaty, say, on the lines of the 1960s-era Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty? Furthermore, what is the particular Chinese interest in these talks? And where does AI sit within the larger scheme of China's technological advancement aspirations? To listen to these and other answers and insights on pressing U.S.-China AI policy questions, tune in to the event on April 10th.

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A recognized expert in global technology policy, Mr. Triolo was most recently founder, Practice Head, and Managing Director of the Geo-Technology practice at Eurasia Group. Previously, Mr. Triolo spent more than 25 years in senior positions in the U.S. government, analyzing China's rise as a technology power and advising senior policymakers on a broad set of technology-related issues. At the beginning of his career, he worked as an engineer for a semiconductor testing firm in Silicon Valley.

Mr. Triolo is frequently quoted on technology policy issues in media outlets including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Economist*, the *South China Morning Post*, and others. He speaks regularly at conferences and has authored many journal articles and book chapters on global technology policy and China-related issues. He also serves as a Senior Advisor at the Paulson Institute and is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He received an M.A. in International Relations from the Catholic University and a B.A. in Electrical Engineering from Penn State University. He is based in Washington, D.C.



Denis SIMON is a recognized expert on international business and technology issues. He has more than four decades of experience studying business, competition, innovation and technology strategy in China. Most recently, he served as director of corporate partnerships at the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise at UNC at Chapel Hill. And, he also served as Clinical Professor of Global Business and Technology at the Kenan-Flagler Business School at UNC. Before going to UNC, he served as Professor of Practice at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business (2015-2022) and Executive Vice Chancellor of Duke Kunshan University in China (2015-2020).

Dr. Simon's extensive publications include numerous books and articles on business, innovation and technology issues in China and the Pacific Rim. He was a founding member of 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 also served as a special adviser on several cross-border innovation-related projects, including at 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. Along with his academic achievements, Dr. Simon also 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 at Berkeley and his BA from the State University of New York.

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