Initiative for U.S.-China Dialogue on Global Issues

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The Georgetown Initiative for U.S.–China Dialogue on Global Issues is a university platform for research, teaching, and high-level dialogue among American and Chinese leaders from the public sector, business, society, and the academy.

The initiative is premised on the view that despite inevitable national differences, there remains considerable room for the cultivation of shared U.S. and Chinese approaches to global issues, including climate change, global health, business and trade, peace and security, and economic and social development.

Founded in 2016, the initiative builds on Georgetown’s core strengths of academic excellence, location in Washington, D.C., and Catholic and Jesuit mission of service to the world. Four core principles organize the initiative’s work—indepedence, transparency, balance, and academic excellence.
The Initiative for U.S.–China Dialogue on Global Issues aims to advance shared approaches to common critical global challenges through research, publications, and events that engage faculty, students, and leading stakeholders in both countries.

Business and Trade
As the world’s two leading economies, the United States and China have a shared interest in deeper cooperation to secure trade, growth, innovation, and stability on a global scale.

Peace and Security
The United States and China have a mutual interest in addressing global security threats, ranging from terrorism and nuclear proliferation to cyber attacks.

Economic and Social Development
In a world marked by increasing economic dislocation and social inequality, the United States and China have a shared stake in effective and sustainable global development.

Climate Change
Given the critical stakes for the United States, China, and the world, sustained dialogue and cooperation on climate change will remain vitally important into the future.

Global Health
The threat of pandemics and other challenges to health security underscores the importance of deeper bilateral cooperation and better global governance.

“\nThe Initiative for U.S.–China Dialogue on Global Issues allows us to leverage Georgetown’s strengths in order to identify and deepen shared approaches to critical issues facing our world today, including the environment and global development.”

—John J. DeGioia, President, Georgetown University
Georgetown’s Washington, D.C., location provides opportunities to convene high-level dialogue that engages leaders from the public sector, business, society, and the academy.

In May 2018 the initiative hosted prominent business leaders, academics, and government officials from the United States and China for the “U.S.-China Agricultural Trade Forum.” Sponsored by the Walmart Food Safety Collaboration Center and the U.S.-China Agriculture and Food Partnership, the forum explored technological innovations for food safety, opportunities for public-private cooperation, and U.S.-China agricultural production and trade.
Dennis Wilder joined the initiative in April 2016 after three decades as a leading China expert within the U.S. intelligence and diplomatic communities. He served as special assistant to the president and senior director for East Asian affairs on the National Security Council from 2005 to 2009. From 2009 to 2015, Wilder was senior editor of the President’s Daily Brief. Wilder holds a B.A. from Kalamazoo College and a Master of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University.

**CHINA’S NEW ERA SEMINAR SERIES**

A collaboration between the Initiative for U.S.-China Dialogue and the Walsh School of Foreign Service Asian Studies Program, this seminar series on "China’s new era" brings distinguished academics, policymakers, and experts to Georgetown to explore various aspects of China’s emergence as a major power with global influence.
The initiative brings together leading U.S. and Chinese scholars to pursue shared research that informs better policy and advances practical cooperation around global challenges.

Since spring 2016, the initiative has launched research groups on its five core themes of climate change, global health, business and trade, peace and security, and economic and social development. The groups engage scholars, decision-makers, and a wider public through meetings in Washington and Beijing, academic publications, background reports, and a curated blog.
FACULTY GRANTS

The initiative provides funding to support research seminars and workshops that bring together Georgetown faculty and colleagues at other institutions to advance research on U.S. and Chinese approaches to global issues.

“The research dialogue brings together stakeholders from the policy community for their input. We want to make sure our work has impact.”

– Joanna Lewis, Associate Professor, Walsh School of Foreign Service

SENIOR FELLOW PROFILE

Evan Medeiros comes to Georgetown after serving as the Obama administration’s special assistant to the president and senior director for Asian affairs on the National Security Council from 2009 to 2015. Immediately prior to joining Georgetown, Medeiros led the Asia practice at the Eurasia Group in Washington, D.C. Medeiros holds a Ph.D. from the London School of Economics, an M.Phil. from the University of Cambridge, an M.A. from the School of Oriental and African Studies, and a B.A. from Bates College.
The initiative collaborates with faculty, schools, programs, and other organizations both on and off campus to promote U.S.–China student dialogue in the curriculum and co-curriculum.

STUDENT FELLOWS PROGRAM

The U.S.–China Student Fellows Program promotes student-to-student dialogue among undergraduate and graduate students around critical global issues. The program annually engages a cohort of 10 to 12 young leaders from top U.S. and Chinese colleges and universities. Over the course of an academic year, fellows participate in dialogue through in-person meetings in Washington and Beijing, a web-based platform, and networking opportunities.
CHINA STUDY TOURS

With the support of the China-United States Exchange Foundation, the China study tour program brings graduate students from across Georgetown campuses to visit Beijing, Shanghai, and a third Chinese city for an immersion experience. The 10-day guided program allows participants to conduct site visits and meet with national and local government officials and leaders from business, society, and the academy.

“A big challenge of globalization is reconciling the different perspectives that everyone brings to the table. The student fellows program brings our voices into the conversation.”

-Vicky Gu (B’17)
The initiative produces a range of publications designed to inform better policy and to educate the public on these critical issues in U.S.–China relations. These include both academic papers and background reports designed to frame critical issues for policymakers and a wider public. The initiative’s bilingual website also includes a blog with contributions by Georgetown faculty, research group members, student fellows, and outside experts.
Background Reports

U.S.-China Dialogue on Climate Change Background Report  
February 2017

U.S.-China Dialogue on Global Health Background Report  
April 2017

U.S.-China Dialogue on Business and Trade Background Report  
November 2018

From The Challenges of Globalization Blog

“It is high time for the international community to recognize the moral and financial obligations to global public health and proactively prepare before potential epidemics break out into full-blown pandemics. Only in such a preemptive mode of preparedness and collaboration, could we control global infectious diseases in a more effective manner in our ever-increasing magnitude of human migration.”

- Zhang Linqi (Professor, Tsinghua School of Medicine; Participant, U.S.-China Research Group on Global Health and Migration)
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