As China’s global influence steadily grows, so does the importance of understanding this powerhouse in world affairs. The Center for the Study of Contemporary China (CSCC), based in the School of Arts & Sciences, is the institutional home for the faculty and students across Penn who are studying the multifaceted political, legal, economic, and social factors that shape contemporary China and its role in the larger world. Founded in 2012, the Center brings scholars from Arts & Sciences, Wharton, Penn Law, and the Annenberg School of Communications together with distinguished visitors, providing a space for discourse on developments in China during this period of dramatic growth and transition.

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The Center supports scholarship and knowledge-sharing through research grants for faculty and graduate students, funding for postdoctoral fellowships, a robust speaker series, and annual lectures and conferences. Lectures feature leading experts and practitioners, opening the Center up to the University and surrounding communities, while conferences focus on the dissemination of academic research and scholarly debate. Seminars and informal weekly forums provide opportunities for faculty and graduate students to share research in progress.

The Center has played a critical role in reinvigorating the study of contemporary China at Penn as well as upholding and expanding the University's work on and partnerships in China. Your support will enable us to maintain this momentum and build on the Center’s success.

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