The Penn Project on the Future of U.S.-China Relations Receives Grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York

The Penn Project on the Future of U.S.-China Relations, launched at the University of Pennsylvania in 2020 with funding from Penn Global's China Research and Engagement Fund and the Henry Luce Foundation, has received a generous grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York to build and expand on its mission of elevating new voices in U.S.-China policy discussion. The Project, which originally was hosted by the Center for the Study of Contemporary China (CSCC) in Penn’s School of Arts and Sciences, will now be hosted by Penn Global and directed by Neysun Mahboubi. A leading scholar of Chinese law, with extensive on-the-ground experience in China, Mahboubi previously served as a Research Scholar at CSCC and continues to host the CSCC Podcast, which features in-depth conversations on Chinese politics, economics, law, and society.

“We are thrilled by the support of the Carnegie Corporation of New York for the Penn Project on the Future of U.S.-China, and to welcome the Project and Neysun Mahboubi to Penn Global, where he will help us continue to uphold our goal of producing research for global impact,” stated Amy Gadsden, Associate Vice Provost for Global Initiatives.

Jacques deLisle, Director of the CSCC and Stephen A. Cozen Professor of Law & Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania, added, “We are proud of what the Penn Project on the Future of U.S.-China Relations achieved during its three years at CSCC. We look forward to collaborating with Penn Global and Neysun in their work on the next phase of the Project, to support a rising cohort of academic and policy-engaged China specialists who can make vital contributions to managing what is likely to remain the world’s most consequential bilateral relationship.”

The Penn Project on the Future of U.S.-China Relations incubates and amplifies recommendations on U.S. policies toward China from “next generation” China scholars and analysts, who have been selected as project fellows through a competitive process. To contribute academically-informed, policy-relevant analysis, the Project focuses on six key issue areas: National Security; Trade & Competitiveness; Technology; Human Rights, Law, & Democracy; Climate & Environment; and Research, Education, & Academic Freedom. In this work, the Project benefits from ongoing advice and feedback from several eminent academics and practitioners convened as senior advisors.

In June 2022, project fellows shared their findings and recommendations at a “China Bootcamp” for congressional staff, co-organized with the Center for Strategic and International Studies and held at the Penn Biden Center in Washington, DC. Most recently, the Project held a plenary conference of its inaugural fellows on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania in January 2023. A call for new fellowship applicants will be issued in November 2023. Additional information is available on the Project website at https://global.upenn.edu/future-of-us-china-relations/.