

## **The Penn Project on the Future of U.S.-China Relations Launches the Transpacific and Asian Dialogue on China**

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The Penn Project on the Future of U.S.-China Relations (the “Penn Project”) is delighted to announce the launch of a new initiative to build and expand on its mission of elevating fresh voices in China policy discussion — the Transpacific and Asian Dialogue on China — thanks to generous support from the Ford Foundation.

The Penn Project amplifies original thinking and fresh voices on new and fundamental challenges in the U.S.-China relationship by developing recommendations for U.S. policy toward China from next generation scholars and experts on China, who are selected as project fellows through a competitive process. To contribute academically informed, policy relevant analysis on the most pressing issues in U.S.-China relations, the Penn Project focuses on six key issue areas: National Security; Trade and Competitiveness; Technology; Human Rights, Law, and Democracy; Climate and Environment; and Research, Education, and Academic Freedom.

Drawing on the approach of the Penn Project, the Transpacific and Asian Dialogue on China will convene, over the next two years, a network of up to twenty leading next generation scholars and experts on China from throughout the Asia-Pacific region, and provide a forum for them to contribute policy relevant analysis on how to manage their countries’ increasingly complex relations with China. Like the Penn Project, this new initiative seeks to (i) further develop the talent pool of next generation scholars and experts on China who are capable of translating their specialized knowledge into actionable policy recommendations, and (ii) build community among these scholars and experts from countries that face similar issues from China’s rise and reshaping of the global order.

In mobilizing the Transpacific and Asian Dialogue on China, the Penn Project will partner with key institutions in the Asia-Pacific region — namely, the East Asia Institute of the National University of Singapore, the East Asia Institute of South Korea, and the Australian Centre on China in the World at the Australian National University — who will host meetings in their respective countries, as well as draw upon senior advisors from the region for relevant guidance as the initiative proceeds. In all these respects, the Transpacific and Asian Dialogue on China will follow the model of the earlier Transatlantic and European Dialogue on China, another similarly framed initiative of the Penn Project, which commenced in 2022 also with the support of the Ford Foundation (details here: <https://global.upenn.edu/future-of-us-china-relations/transatlantic-and-european-dialogue-on-china/>).

“We are deeply grateful to the Ford Foundation for its ongoing support, now for the Transpacific and Asian Dialogue on China, which aligns so well with Ford’s longtime encouragement of practical knowledge related to China and its relationship with the rest of the world,” stated Neysun Mahboubi, Director of the Penn Project.

For more information about all the various activities and initiatives of the Penn Project on the Future of U.S.-China Relations, please visit our website at <https://global.upenn.edu/future-of-us-china-relations/>.