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## 2017 China Global Think Tank Innovation Forum

### Abstract

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# 2017 CHINA GLOBAL THINK TANK INNOVATION FORUM

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# Introduction

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- What is the future of think tanks? What innovations could be made to think tanks?
- How could think tanks chart a course for regional and global economies in these transitioning times?
- How could the globalization of think tanks contribute to global governance?
- What is the role of think tanks in talent acquisition strategies for transitioning economies?
- What perspective could think tanks contribute to maritime cooperation and the One Belt One Road Initiative?

The forum covers the most pressing issues facing think tanks today and solicits innovative and forward-looking solutions. It gathers leaders, executives and researchers from national, regional and global networks of think tanks, research institutions, nonprofit organizations, advocacy groups and other civil society organizations to discuss and provide insights on the challenging global issues.

## Format

This forum is conducted in a roundtable format with panels that intended to frame the key issues and provide constructively provocative questions to stimulate the discussion that follows each session. The forum is conducted in accordance with the Chatham House Rule.

# Forum Agenda

Friday June 23 2017

Le Meridien Hotel, Qingdao China

112 Yanji Rd, Zhong Yang C B D Shang Quan, Shibe District, Qingdao, Shandong, China

- 09:00 - 11:45 **Morning tour**  
Guantao Road German Quarter  
Qingdao International Sailing Center  
Tsingtao Beer Museum
- 12:00 - 14:30 **Lunch**  
1/F Latest Recipe Café, Le Meridien
- 14:30 - 17:30 **Afternoon Tour**  
Qingdao Urban Planning Exhibition Center  
Haier Group  
Qingdao New Think Tank Hub Building Complex Visit
- 18:30 - 20:30 **Welcome Dinner**  
5/F Le Ballroom 3, Le Meridien

Saturday, June 24, 2017

5/F Le Ballroom 2, Le Meridien

Le Meridien Hotel, Qingdao China

112 Yanji Rd, Zhong Yang C B D Shang Quan, Shibe District, Qingdao, Shandong, China

08:30 - 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 - 09:45 **Opening Session**

**Chair:** Huiyao WANG, *President of the Center for China and Globalization (CCG)*

**Opening remarks :**

Peiji ZHU - *Vice Mayor of Qingdao*

James G. MCGANN - *Director Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP), The Lauder Institute, University of Pennsylvania (USA)*

Weijia SUN - *Director-General, Department of International Exchanges and Cooperation, Counselor's Office, PRC State Council*

Liyong WANG - *Vice President, China Center for Contemporary World Studies, CCP Department of International Liaison*

Bigang WANG - *Deputy Director, Advisory Committee on Building Think Tanks Cluster, Qingdao Shibe District, Associate Dean/Secretary-General, PKU Institute of Urban Governance*

## **Signing Ceremony**

09:45 - 10:00 **Coffee Break**

10:00 - 11:15 **Panel 1: The Future of Think Tanks - Innovation for Tomorrow**

**Chair:** James G. MCGANN - *Director Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP), The Lauder Institute, University of Pennsylvania (USA)*

### **Panelists:**

Wenling CHEN - *Deputy Director/Chief Economist of the China Center for International Economic Exchanges (CCIEE)*

Annette NIJS - *Executive Director, CEIBS, Former Dutch Cabinet Minister Science and Education*

Tim SUMMERS - *Senior Consulting Fellow (Asia), Chatham House (UK)*

Jianqun TENG - *Director, Department of American Studies, China Institute of International Studies*

Michael WINZER - *Chief China Representative, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (Germany)*

Michael YEOH - *CEO, Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI) (Malaysia)*

### **Participants:**

Huiming LI - *Fellow, China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations*

Zizhu PAN - *Director of Administration, Brookings-Tsinghua Center*

Yaqin YANG - *Executive Director, Center for Think Tank Studies, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences*

11:15 – 12:30 **Panel 2: Charting A Course for Regional and Global Economies in Transitioning Times: The Role of Think Tanks**

### **Chair:**

Huiyao WANG - *CCG President, State Counselor*

### **Panelists:**

Alessia AMIGHINI - *Co-head of the Asia Department, Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI) (Italy)*

Alice EKMAN - *Head of China Research, Center for Asian Studies, French Institute of International Relations (France)*

Jianhui HUANG - *President, Research Institute of China Minsheng Bank*

Wanda GUO - *Executive Vice President, China Development Institute*

Yanfei LI - *Economist, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (Indonesia)*

Jin YU - *President, China Regional Development and Reform Institute, Director-General, Joint Committee for Advancement of the Belt and Road Between Poland and China*



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Yiqi YANG - Deputy Director of Theoretical Review Department, Chief Editor of Think Tank Section of Wenhui Daily

Xiangzhi ZHOU - Center for Governance and Public Policy Studies, Hunan Academy of Social Sciences

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch/Networking**  
1/F Latest Recipe Café, Le Meridien

14:00 – 15:15 **Panel 3: Contributing to Global Governance – Globalization of Think Tanks**

**Chair:**

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15:15 – 16:30 **Panel 4: Talent Acquisition Strategies for Transitioning Economies – The Role of Think Tanks**

**Chair:**

Weifeng LI - CCG Executive Secretary-General

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Talent Institute

Xiaoping ZHONG - Chairman, Shenzhen Qianhai Runneng Investment Holding

16:30 – 16:45 **Coffee Break**

16:45 – 18:00 **Panel 5: Maritime Cooperation and The One Belt One Road Initiative – New  
Perspectives from Think Tanks**

**Chair:**

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18:00 – 18:15 **Wrap-up/Closing Session**

Huiyao WANG - CCG President, State Counselor

James G. MCGANN - Director, TTCSP at University of Pennsylvania

**Qingdao Announcement**

18:30 – 20:30 **Dinner/Networking**

1/F Latest Recipe Café, Le Meridien

# Participating Institutions

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Asian Development Bank Institute (Japan)  
Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI) (Malaysia)  
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Australian Institute of International Affairs (Australia)  
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<https://www.palgrave.com/gp/book/9783319603117>

Think Tanks and Emerging Power Policy Networks (Palgrave 2017)

<https://www.palgrave.com/us/book/9783319719542>

Trends and Transitions in Security Expertise from Deterrence to Climate Change and Back Again (Routledge November 2017)

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