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Abstract
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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 Shibei 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
Participants:
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:
Miao LU - CCG Vice President/Secretary-General

Panelists:
Melissa Conley TYLER - National Executive Director, Australian Institute of International Affairs (Australia)
Assaf ORION - Director of China-Israel Program, Institute for National Security Studies (Israel)
Zhongying PANG - President, Institute of Marine Development at Ocean University of China
Delu WANG - President, Great Wall Strategy Consultants
Simin WANG - Deputy Director, Center for Think Tank Studies and Publishing,

Guangming Daily
Xiaojing ZHOU - Former Director of Asia-Africa Development Research Institute,

Development Research Center of the State Council (DRC)
Xufeng ZHU - Associate Dean, School of Public Administration, Tsinghua University

Participants:
Min ZHANG - Director, Center for Spanish Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
Suguru MIYAZAKI - Senior Representative, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Japan)

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

Chair:
Weifeng LI - CCG Executive Secretary-General

Panelists:
Nellie CHENG - Managing Director, US Green Building Council (US)
Jianhua HU - Vice President, China Global Talent Society
Amado TRJO - Director, Asia Bureau, Autonomous University of Nuevo Leon (Mexico)
Artem MALGIN - Vice Rector, MGIMO University (Russia)
Mu YANG - Senior Fellow, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore
Zhenjiang ZHANG - Dean, School of International Studies/Academy of Overseas Chinese Studies, Director, Center of Transnational Migration Studies, Jinan University
David ZWEIG - Director, Center on China’s Transnational Relations, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Hong Kong)

Participants:
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:**
Xin WANG - CCG Vice President

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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

Alliance of Chinese Think Tanks of Education
Asian Development Bank Institute (Japan)
Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI) (Malaysia)
Association of China Regional Think Tanks on Science and Technology
Australian Institute of International Affairs (Australia)
Autonomous University of Nuevo Leon (Mexico)
BiZ RisK PrO (India)
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Centre for Escalation of Peace (India)
Center for Governance and Public Policy Studies, Hunan Academy of Social Sciences
Center for Think Tank Studies, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences
Chatham House (United Kingdom)
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China Development Institute
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https://www.brookings.edu/book/think-tanks/

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


Fifth Estate: Think Tanks, Public Policy and Governance (Brookings Press 2016)
https://www.brookings.edu/book/the-fifth-estate/

Think Tanks and SDGs: Catalysts for Analysis, Innovation and Implementation (Lauder/TTCSP 2015)

How Think Tanks Shape Social Development Policies (University of Pennsylvania Press 2014)
http://www.upenn.edu/pennpress/book/15244.html