

CHINA'S REFORM: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

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China's "Reform and Opening" era, over the past thirty five years, has ignited seismic changes in its relationships with the global community, and unleashed the latent economic prowess of the world's most populous nation. Concurrently, these changes within China have also permanently altered the global economy and balance of power. The People's Republic, once an isolated revolutionary state bent on constant internal political struggle, has become a cornerstone of global economic advancement and an essential player in global affairs.

All aspects of these changes have been discussed and analyzed by sinologists and Chinese scholars at successive World Forum on China Studies conferences, which have been convened biennially in China since 2004.

On May 6 and 7, 2015, the Carter Center will host the American Symposium of the World Forum on China, which is the first time the event has been hosted outside of China. The symposium will focus on the new phase of reform in China that began with Xi Jinping's assumption of senior Party and State leadership positions only two and a half years ago. The far-reaching and still emerging reform programs of the Xi administration arose from domestic challenges and opportunities resultant from earlier phases of the reform measures that were first started by Deng Xiaoping, and from shifts in global economic and political affairs.

Over two days, a collection of thirty three eminent scholars, policy researchers and veteran diplomats from China and the United States will present their views and exchange their ideas in five panels that cover the following topics: international affairs, economic change, political reform, social transformation and intercultural communication in China.

In addition to the many distinguished speakers gathered in Atlanta, Ambassador (Ret.) Mary Ann Peters, Chief Executive Officer of The Carter Center, and Ambassador Qiangmin Li, Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Houston, will offer welcome and closing remarks respectively. Following the conference, a report on the proceedings will be prepared for circulation to policy-makers and opinion leaders in both nations.

U.S.-China relations are vast, complex, and significant for the entire globe. Last November's productive summit meeting between Presidents Obama and Xi in Beijing gave grounds for optimism as to the way forward for these two nations, and President Xi's state visit to the United States later in 2015 can be expected to offer new opportunities for forward movement in the bilateral relationship. The American Symposium of the World Forum on China Studies will contribute constructively to the intensifying dialogue between the U.S. and the PRC in this important period.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH

CECIL B. DAY CHAPEL, THE CARTER CENTER

8:00-9:00 A.M. Registration

Opening Session

Chair: *Dr. Robert A. KAPP*, Senior Advisor, The China Program, The Carter Center

9:00-9:20 A.M. Welcome Remarks

Amb. Mary Ann PETERS, Chief Executive Officer, The Carter Center

Dr. Renwei HUANG, Vice President, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences

9:20-10:20 A.M. Opening Keynotes

Prospects for the China-U.S. New Type of Major Country Relationship

Hon. Zhaoxing LI, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, P. R. China;
President, China Public Diplomacy Association

A Tipping Point in U.S.-China Relations Is Upon Us

Dr. David M. LAMPTON, George and Sadie Hyman Professor and Director
of China Studies, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies,
Johns Hopkins University

10:20-10:40 A.M. Coffee/Tea Break

10:40-12:20 P.M. Panel 1: U.S.-China Relations

Co-chairs: *Dr. David BACHMAN*, University of Washington

Dr. Daojiong ZHA, Peking University

Panelists: **Differing Views of World Order and their Consequences**

Dr. David BACHMAN, University of Washington

U.S. and Chinese Outlooks on International Order

Dr. Renwei HUANG, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences

Stabilizing U.S.-China Relations for the Transitions Ahead

Mr. Douglas H. PAAL, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Non-traditional Security Issues between China and the United States

Dr. Daojiong ZHA, Peking University

Theoretical Framework and Policy Implications of a New Type of China-U.S. Relationship

Dr. Xuecheng LIU, China Institute of International Studies

Further Development of Keynote Themes

Dr. David M. LAMPTON, Johns Hopkins University

12:20-1:20 P.M. Lunch

1:20-3:00 P.M. Panel 2: Chinese Political Reform

Co-chairs: *Dr. Wei HU*, Shanghai Administration Institute

Dr. Joseph FEWSMITH, Boston University

Panelists: **Understanding China's Politics and Xi's New Deal: Toward Modernization of Public Governance**

Dr. Wei HU, Shanghai Administration Institute

The Politics of Law and Stability

Dr. Dali YANG, University of Chicago

Comparing American Political Studies in China and Chinese Political Studies in the U.S. and Thinking beyond That

Dr. Changhe SU, Fudan University

American Perspectives on Chinese Political Reform

Dr. Joseph FEWSMITH, Boston University

Think Tanks and Mass Media in China's Democratization Process
Mr. Wen WANG, Renmin University of China

The Impact and Significance of Xi Jinping's Anti-corruption Campaign
Dr. Andrew WEDEMAN, Georgia State University

3:00-3:20 P.M. Coffee/Tea Break

3:20-5:20 P.M. Panel 3: Chinese Economic Reform

Co-chairs: *Dr. Penelope PRIME, Georgia State University*

Dr. Justin Yifu LIN, Peking University

Panelists: **How Historic Legacies Affect China's Economic Prospects**
Dr. Thomas G. RAWSKI, University of Pittsburgh

The New Reform and Development of China's Economy and Its New Significance to the Global Economy
Dr. Heng QUAN, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences

Is Structural Economic Reform Working?
Mr. Pieter P. BOTTELIER, Johns Hopkins University

How to Sustain Economic Growth under China's 'New Normal'?
Dr. Ming LU, Fudan University

Internationalization and Reforms: A Virtuous Cycle?
Dr. Penelope PRIME, Georgia State University

Prospects and Significance of the U.S.-China Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT)
Dr. Guoyou SONG, Fudan University

Challenges to China's Innovation System
Dr. Gary H. JEFFERSON, Brandeis University

Why Is A Gradual Transition Desirable?
Dr. Justin Yifu LIN, Peking University

5:20 P.M. ADJOURNMENT FOR THE DAY

8:30-10:10 A.M. Panel 4: Chinese Social Governance

Co-chairs: *Dr. Ling LI*, Peking University

Dr. Hanchao LU, Georgia Institute of Technology

Panelists: **Challenges to China's Future Social Structural Changes**
Dr. Xiong YANG, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences

From Political Control to Administrative Regulation: Changing Forms of Welfare Regime
Dr. Richard MADSEN, University of California at San Diego

China's Health Care Reform and Social Development
Dr. Ling LI, Peking University

Social Inequality, Social Stability, and Growth Models
Dr. Ho-Fung HUNG, Johns Hopkins University

China's Urbanization Process and Peaking Emissions
Dr. Jiahua PAN, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

The Study Versus the Street: Elite Consciousness and Public Opinion in China
Dr. Hanchao LU, Georgia State University

10:10-10:30 A.M. Coffee/Tea Break

10:30-12:10 P.M. Panel 5: Chinese Intercultural Communication

Co-chairs: *Amb. Julia CHANG BLOCH*, U.S.-China Education Trust

Dr. Ping HUANG, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Panelists: **Mutual Understanding: From Intercultural Dialogues to Transculturality**
Dr. Ping HUANG, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

The United States and China in Changing Cultural Equilibrium
Amb. Julia CHANG BLOCH, U.S.-China Education Trust

Mapping Chinese Culture in the Mutual Reflection of China and the West

Dr. Huilin YANG, Renmin University of China

The Movies As Calling Cards for National Dreams— Why China is Keen to Follow in Hollywood’s Footsteps, and Why It Can’t (Yet)

Mr. Jonathan LANDRETH, Asia Society

The Chinese Dream and The American Dream

Dr. Zhaohong QIAO, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences

Social Change, Spiritual Capital, and Religious Globalization

Dr. Fenggang YANG, Purdue University

12:10-1:10 P.M. Lunch

Forum Summary

Chair: *Dr. Yawei LIU, Director, The China Program, The Carter Center*

1:20 P.M.-2:20 P.M. Concluding Speeches

Concluding Observations

Mr. Douglas H. PAAL, Vice President for Studies, The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

What Can We Learn from China’s Development?

Dr. Justin Yifu LIN, Professor and Honorary Dean, The National School of Development, Peking University

2:20-2:30 P.M. Closing Remarks

Amb. Qiangmin LI, Consul General of the People’s Republic of China in Houston

2:30 P.M. FORUM CLOSES