



Name: Carnegie-Tsinghua Center for Global Policy
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Organization website



Founder's Pledge Review



About the Carnegie-Tsinghua Center

The Carnegie–Tsinghua Center for Global Policy brings together leading policy experts and practitioners from China and around the world to engage in collaborative dialogue and research. From its platform at Tsinghua University, the center works to identify constructive solutions to common global challenges.

The Carnegie–Tsinghua Center is also part of Carnegie’s well-established Asia Program, which provides clear and precise analysis to policymakers on the economic, security, and political developments in the Asia-Pacific region. The Carnegie–Tsinghua Center works with Carnegie’s other global centers to host conferences, roundtables, seminars, and closed-door briefings and to publish timely and incisive analysis on the most pressing global issues, including international economics and trade; energy and climate change; nonproliferation and arms control; and security threats in North Korea, Iran, South Asia, and the Middle East.

An advisory council composed of distinguished leaders from the policy, business, and academic communities in China provides the Carnegie–Tsinghua Center with advice and support.

What Problem are They Trying To Solve?

From the Napoleonic Wars to the Cold War, competition between Great Power states—countries with global interests and the military strength to defend them against their rivals—has had a huge influence on the course of history. We should expect this pattern to continue in the 21st century. Policy decisions made by the United States, China, and potentially India will exert a powerful influence in many domains, from how powerful new technologies (both military and not) are developed and implemented to whether countries are able to cooperate to tackle global threats like climate change and pandemics. Great Powers may be able to cooperate to navigate the dangers these threats pose. Or, cooperation may break down and the 21st century will be defined by unmitigated competition and even war. Considering the high stakes, interventions that can promote cooperation, and research that can identify such interventions, make for highly impactful funding opportunities.

What do They Do?

The Carnegie-Tsinghua Center is a Beijing-based think tank hosted by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Founded in 2010, the Center hosts Track 1.5 and Track II dialogues with participants from the United States, China, and other countries; produces research and media to enhance understanding of Chinese foreign policy in the English speaking world; and hosts cultural exchange programs to bring young people from the U.S. and China together.

For an example of the kind of research the Carnegie-Tsinghua Center produces, see “Why the U.S. and Chinese Militaries Aren’t Talking Much Anymore”, a recent op-ed by the Center’s Director Paul Haenle. You can read more about the Center’s cultural exchange programs by reading about its Young Ambassador Program.

What would they do with more funding?

Funding on the order of \$100,000 would allow Carnegie-Tsinghua to restart their Track II dialogues, which, as of October 2021, have been on pause since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic in early 2020. Carnegie-Tsinghua has expressed special interest in using additional funding to host U.S.-China Track II dialogues in partnership with the Asia Society Policy Institute and the Shanghai Institutes of International Studies.