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The year 2025 was marked by turbulence and uncertainty in the international landscape, as profound changes unseen in a century continued to accelerate across the world. The Russia–Ukraine conflict, with its immense human toll, entered its fourth year, and despite the efforts of many parties, the prospects for peace remained remote. Conflict in the Middle East persisted, and the “Twelve-Day War” launched by the United States and Israel against Iran further deepened accumulated tensions. In the United States, the first year of President Trump’s second term brought dramatic changes in both domestic and foreign policy, with major repercussions for the rest of the world.

In the face of such a complex and grave external environment, China continued to maintain its strategic resolve, safeguarding high-quality development through high-level security and fostering a virtuous interaction between high-level security and high-quality development. In October 2025, the Fourth Plenary Session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China adopted the Recommendations of the CPC Central Committee for Formulating the 15th Five-Year Plan for National Economic and Social Development, setting forth a sound and forward-looking blueprint for the country’s development over the next five years. China also introduced the Global Governance Initiative, which, together with the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative, and the Global Civilization Initiative, forms the Four Global Initiatives. Through steadfast commitment and consistent action, China has provided much-needed stability and certainty to an increasingly unsettled world.

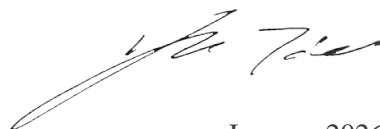
Over the past year, the Institute of International and Strategic Studies, Peking University, has remained true to its tradition of pragmatism and rationality, professionalism, and long-term commitment, while engaging more proactively in aligning with and serving national strategy. The Institute’s research publications—comprising the long-term PKU International Strategic Studies Series, the medium-term China International Strategy Review (CISR) in both English and Chinese editions, and short-term outputs including the International Strategic Studies Report, Think Tank Frontier, and Think Tank Digest—have maintained their consistently high standards and regular publication schedule, while continuing to expand their influence both in China and abroad. The Institute has conscientiously completed its National Social Science Fund projects and actively undertaken commissioned research for relevant government departments, fulfilling with dedication its important mission of serving national strategy and earning the recognition of the authorities concerned.

In the area of academic exchange, the Institute has continued to respond to the Party's and the country's call to "go global" and "bring in." Through institutionalized and innovative high-level platforms such as the North Pavilion Dialogue, North Pavilion Seminar, and Beige Salon, as well as through the active efforts of Institute members in organizing and participating in a wide range of academic conferences and policy dialogues at home and abroad, the Institute has played its due role in strengthening the academic community, innovating international communication, deepening mutual understanding, and promoting meaningful exchange between China and the wider world.

Looking ahead to 2026, we will continue to maintain policy sensitivity, uphold academic excellence, strengthen the forward-looking character of our research, and reinforce organizational resilience. We will further improve our professional capacity, enhance the Institute's ability to provide policy consultation and advisory services, and strive to bring all aspects of our work to a new level.

On this occasion, I would also like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to former State Councilor Dai Bingguo; the Tung Foundation of Hong Kong; the China-United States Exchange Foundation; the Pacific International Exchange Foundation; the leadership of Peking University; the University's administrative departments and related schools and faculties; and all the individuals, institutions, and organizations that have long extended to us their care and support.

On January 27, 2026, Mr. Weng Yongxi, who played a pivotal role in the founding and development of the Institute of International and Strategic Studies, Peking University, and its predecessor, the Center for International and Strategic Studies, Peking University, passed away. All members of the Institute mourn his loss deeply. We are resolved, in the years ahead, to serve national strategy more effectively and advance international common security through research of even higher quality, so as to live up to Mr. Weng Yongxi's earnest expectations for the Institute.



January 2026



Officially founded in October 2013, the Institute of International and Strategic Studies (IISS), Peking University (PKU), was formerly the Center of International and Strategic Studies of Peking University, established in May 2007. Former State Councilor Dai Bingguo was invited by PKU to serve as honorary president of the IISS, PKU. IISS, PKU is an entity affiliated with the School of International Studies, PKU, and directly uses Peking University in its name. IISS, PKU implements the president responsibility system.

IISS, PKU aims to promote the development of academic and policy research on world politics, international security, global strategy, and related topics. It focuses on the analysis of international situations that China faces as well as the international strategies of related countries. Based on such analysis, IISS, PKU publishes and presents research results, highlighting policy significance and insights to relevant authorities. IISS, PKU is committed to providing intellectual support for China's decision-making in the area of international strategy and offers education in relevant subjects. It also guides the public in understanding issues related to national security and international strategy in a sound, accurate, and reasonable way. Its research products include the occasionally published *International and Strategic Studies Report*, *Think Tank Digest*, and *Think Tank Frontier*; the semi-annual *China International Strategy Review* (English and Chinese) and

International Strategy Research Series of Peking University; and research reports trusted by government agencies, enterprises and public institutions, as well as internal reports and student research projects.

Following the trend of globalization, IISS, PKU has witnessed an array of interwoven and interacting issues of politics, economy, military, science, technology, culture, religion, and society around the world. Non-traditional security issues, such as the ecological environment, public health, and natural disasters, are becoming subjects of international strategy research. IISS, PKU encourages carrying out international strategy research from multiple and interdisciplinary perspectives and strives to achieve innovation in theory and methodology while focusing on practical issues. IISS, PKU values the practice of field research at home and abroad in international strategic studies, and encourages the completion of research with practical views and policy implications based on the field work.

IISS, PKU has successfully undertaken and accomplished many projects through the National Social Science Fund of China and Major Key Projects of Philosophy and Social Science for the Ministry of Education. It also provides targeted research and decision-making consultation services for the Foreign Affairs Office of the Communist Party, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, the National Defense University, and the Academy of Military Science of the Chinese People's Liberation Army. The quality of IISS and PKU's research achievements has been widely acclaimed.

IISS, PKU has abundant domestic and international academic resources and maintains stable cooperation with well-known think tanks, universities, and research institutions at home and abroad. It organizes many high-level domestic and international seminars, focusing on China's foreign policy, great power strategy, regional security, global governance, and other important theory and policy issues. IISS, PKU's researchers often publish professional comments concerning major international issues in various forms to help the public understand the world objectively and rationally. IISS, PKU also teaches and trains both students and professionals in the field of international and strategic studies.



October 23 – 24, 2025

The 11th Annual Conference of Peking University's North Pavilion Dialogue was held at the North Pavilion on the Peking University campus. The theme of this year's dialogue was "Global Political Trends and the Destiny of U.S. Hegemony." Participants focused their discussions on the ongoing transformation of domestic politics in the United States and its implications for U.S. foreign strategy, China-U.S. relations, transatlantic relations, and changes in the Middle East.

June 2025

The IISS, PKU, was officially designated a Key Cooperative Institution for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Policy Research Projects for 2025–2027. This marks the sixth consecutive time since 2009 that the Institute—and previously its predecessor, the Center for International and Strategic Studies—has received this distinction.



June 18, 2025

The IISS, PKU held a seminar at North Pavilion titled “Lessons from the Cold War to Avoid a ‘New Cold War’: The International Situation and International Order on the 80th Anniversary of the Victory of the World Anti-Fascist War”.



June 2025

The English-language journal *China International Strategy Review* (CISR), published by the Institute of International and Strategic Studies, Peking University, has issued seven volumes (fourteen issues) since its launch in 2019. In the latest edition of the Journal Citation Reports released by Clarivate on June 18, 2025, CISR received its first Impact Factor of 1.2, ranking in Q3 in the International Relations category (top 51%, No. 87 out of 169 journals). In Elsevier’s 2024 CiteScore, released on June 3, 2025, CISR received a score of 2.6, representing a 23.8% increase over 2023, and ranked in Q2 in Political Science and International Relations (top 27%, No. 200 out of 738 journals).



2025 | 全球发展趋势与美国霸权的命运

Global Trends and the Destiny of U.S. Hegemony

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THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL NORTH PAVILION DIALOGUE

The 11th Annual Conference of the North Pavilion Dialogue was successfully held at the North Pavilion of Peking University (PKU) from October 23 to 24, 2025. Organized by the Institute of International and Strategic Studies (IISS), PKU, the event received strong support from the university and the School of International Studies (SIS), PKU. The “North Pavilion Dialogue” annually invites former political dignitaries and renowned experts with extensive political experience, profound academic expertise, and broad strategic vision to discuss international dynamics and the future of global politics.

This year’s theme, “Global Political Trends and the Destiny of U.S. Hegemony,” brought together leading scholars and former policymakers from around the world to discuss the profound and complex impacts of recent political changes in the United States on global and regional dynamics. Participants noted that the current domestic political changes of U.S., widening transatlantic divergences on political and security issues, and the escalation of conflicts in the Middle East, have significantly affected global stability. Amid these challenges, China continues to deepen cooperation with countries around the world and remains committed to promoting regional and global peace and development. Participants called for China and the United States to move toward each other on the basis of mutual respect, peaceful coexistence, and win-win cooperation, while urging all nations to strengthen coordination and collaboration in addressing shared global challenges and advancing common development and security.



The conference gathered 16 distinguished international participants, including: Lionel Barber, Author, Broadcaster and Former Editor of The Financial Times; Robert D. Blackwill, Senior Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School (HKS), and Former U.S. Ambassador to India; Nabil Fahmy, Dean Emeritus, School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, The American University in Cairo, and Former Foreign Minister of Egypt; Kim Sung-Hwan, President, Taejae Future Consensus Institute, and Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea; Andrey Kortunov, Director General and Academic Director, Russian International Affairs Council; Charles A. Kupchan, Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, and Professor of International Affairs, Georgetown University; Mark Leonard, Co-Founder and Director, European Council on Foreign Relations; Shivshankar Menon, Former National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of India, Former Foreign Secretary of India, and Former Indian Ambassador to China; David Miliband, President and Chief Executive Officer, International Rescue Committee (IRC), and Former Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom; Thierry de Montbrial, Executive Chairman, French Institute of International Relations (IFRI), and Founder, World Policy Conference; John Negroponte, Vice Chair, McLarty Associates, and Former Deputy Secretary of State of the United States; Volker Perthes, Senior Advisor, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), and Former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations; Rizal Sukma, Senior Fellow, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, and Former Indonesian Ambassador to the United Kingdom, Ireland, and the International Maritime Organization; Akio Takahara, Emeritus Professor, University of Tokyo, and Distinguished Visiting Professor, Tokyo Woman's Christian University (participated online); Dennis Wilder, Former Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for East Asia, White House National Security Council, and Senior Fellow, Initiative for U.S.–



China Dialogue on Global Issues, Georgetown University (participated online); and George Yeo, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Singapore.

Prominent Chinese participants included Cui Tiankai, Former Chinese Ambassador to the United States; Chen Xiaogong, Former Deputy Director, Foreign Affairs Office of the CPC Central Committee, Lieutenant General (retired), PLA Air Force; Yao Yunzhu, Director Emeritus, Center on China-American Defense Relations, and Major General (retired), Academy of Military Science, PLA; Chen Dongxiao, President and Senior Research Fellow, the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS), and Vice Chair, China National Association of International Relations; Wang Honggang, Director, Institute of Peaceful Development, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; Yan Xuetong, Distinguished Professor and Honorary President, Institute of International Relations, Tsinghua University; Wang Dong, Executive Director, Institute for Global Cooperation and Understanding, and Deputy Director, Office for Humanities and Social Sciences, PKU; Jia Qingguo, Professor and Former Dean, SIS, PKU, and Standing Committee Member of the 14th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference; Wang Yizhou, Dean, Institute of Area Studies, Nanjing University, and Professor, SIS, PKU; Niu Xinchun, Vice President(Academic), Ningxia University, and Executive Director, China-Arab Research Institute, Ningxia University; and Huang Dizhong, Vice Chairman and Secretary-General, China-United States Exchange Foundation (CUSEF).

On the afternoon of October 24, the SIS and the IISS co-hosted a public forum titled "Global Trends and the Future of U.S. Hegemony." Participants including Robert D. Blackwill, Nabil Fahmy, Kim Sung-Hwan, Charles A. Kupchan, David Miliband, Thierry de Montbrial, George Yeo, Lionel Barber, Andrey Kortunov, Shivshankar Menon, John Negroponte, Volker Perthes, and Rizal Sukma held candid and engaging discussions on topics such as the impact of U.S. domestic



politics on global development, the United States' willingness and capacity to sustain the international order, and policy of various nations in response to shifting global dynamics. Professors Wang Yizhou and Yu Tiejun chaired the two sessions of the open forum respectively.

Formally established in October 2013, the Institute of International and Strategic Studies (IISS), Peking University (PKU) operates under the leadership of PKU. Leveraging the intellectual resources of the School of International Studies (SIS) and other related departments, the IISS undertakes research projects entrusted by government agencies and enterprises. IISS is dedicated to providing high-quality consulting services for China's international strategy and foreign policy. It also maintains close collaborative relationships with prominent think tanks and academic institutions worldwide.

Since 2014, IISS, PKU has hosted the annual North Pavilion Dialogue. This initiative is a part of PKU's efforts to implement President Xi Jinping's directive to build a new type of think tank with Chinese characteristics. IISS is committed to developing the North Pavilion Dialogue into a premier platform for fostering exchange and collaboration among domestic and international experts in international strategy. The dialogue aims to promote in-depth discussions and assessments of global affairs, enhance China's role on the international stage, and promote cooperation, mutual benefit and inclusive development in world politics.

The North Pavilion of the "North Pavilion Dialogue", formerly known as the Miner Hall, is located in the central part of the scenic Yan Yuan Garden and now accommodates the office of IISS.



On March 28, 2025, *China International Strategy Review (CISR)* convened a topic selection meeting for the second half of 2025.



On April 21, 2025, IISS, PKU held a seminar at North Pavilion titled “The U.S. Congress and China-U.S. Relations during Trump’s Second Term”. The participating experts focused on the U.S. Congress and China-U.S. relations during Trump’s second term, with particular

attention paid to the relationship between Congress and the White House, evolving trends in China-U.S. relations, the 119th U.S. Congress and the current American political landscape, as well as the role of Congress in U.S. strategy toward China and its impact on bilateral relations.

On July 2, 2025, the IISS, PKU held a seminar titled “Protection of China’s Overseas Interests: Challenges and Responses” at North Pavilion.



On September 24, 2025, the Editorial Office of *China International Strategy Review (CISR)* convened a topic selection meeting for the first half of 2026.



On November 14, 2025, an academic seminar on “Assessment of the Security and Development Situation in the Post-Soviet Space” was held at the North Pavilion, co-organized by the IISS, PKU and the Russian Research Center of PKU. The experts and scholars in attendance engaged in in-depth analyses and discussions on the security situation and evolving interstate relations in the post-Soviet region since the outbreak of the Russia–Ukraine conflict, as well as economic, energy, technological, and social issues in the region.



On December 4, 2025, the IISS, PKU hosted a symposium on “The International Situation in 2025” at the North Pavilion. Participants engaged in-depth analyses and discussions on China–U.S. relations, China–Japan relations, the Russia–Ukraine conflict, and the situation in the Middle East.

From December 12 to 14, 2025, a seminar on “Assessment of the Security Situation in Northeast Asia” was held in Qingdao. The event was hosted by the IISS, PKU, and co-organized by the Center for International Security and Peace Studies, PKU, and the Center for Japanese Studies, Ocean University of China. Fifteen Chinese and international experts and scholars engaged in in-depth discussions on topics including U.S.-China relations and the East Asian security order.



On December 18, 2025, a lecture on “The Insiders’ Game: How Elites Make War and Peace” was held simultaneously at the North Pavilion of Peking University (PKU) and online. The event was co-organized by SIS, PKU; IISS, PKU; and Princeton University Press China.



On March 19, 2025, the IISS, PKU held a seminar titled “The Governance Orientation and Strategies of the Trump Administration and Their Impact on China” and the 23rd session of the North Pavilion Salon at the North Pavilion. At the seminar, experts focused on the governance orientation and strategies of the Trump administration and their impact on China, with discussions centered on domestic policies and foreign relations in the Trump 2.0 era. Topics included Trump’s efforts to restructure the federal government, U.S. policy toward China, China- U.S. competition in artificial intelligence, the Russia-Ukraine conflict, and the U.S. alliance system, etc.



On April 27, 2025, the IISS, PKU held a seminar titled “The Trump Effect in Great Power Relations and Regional Order Restructuring” at North Pavilion, which also marked the 24th session of the North Pavilion Salon. At the seminar, experts focused on the impact of Trump’s governing strategy on great power relations and regional restructuring, engaging in discussions on global transformation, changes in the international order, and geopolitical flashpoints. Topics included China-U.S.-Russia relations, China-U.S.-Europe relations, and the irrational choices of the countries.



On May 13, 2025, the IISS, PKU held a seminar titled “‘Tariff War’ and Economic Diplomacy in a Disordered World” at North Pavilion, which also marked the 25th session of the North Pavilion Salon. At this session, experts focused on “Tariff War” and Economic Diplomacy in a Disordered World, with discussions centering on the strategic intentions and policy tools of U.S. economic diplomacy, as well as China’s responses. Topics included China-U.S. trade relations, development financing, energy coercion, U.S. technology policy, U.S. economic sanctions, and the international economic order.



On July 4, 2025, the IISS, PKU held a seminar titled “Great Power Strategic Stability in the Digital Age” at North Pavilion, which also marked the 26th session of the North Pavilion Salon. The participating experts focused on great power strategic stability in the digital age, with discussions centering on strategic stability theory, changes in the strategic landscape generated by new technological revolutions, and the conditions for strategic stability in the context of emerging technologies. Topics included nuclear strategy, shifts in deterrence models, lifecycle risk governance of military artificial intelligence, China-U.S. strategic competition, U.S.-NATO relations, public attribution of cyberattacks, and the role of intelligence in shaping strategic stability.



On September 23, 2025, IISS, PKU held a seminar titled “Trump 2.0 and New Trends in China–U.S. Tech Competition” at North Pavilion, which also marked the 27th session of the North Pavilion Salon. In the first session, participants discussed topics such as the technology policies of Trump’s second administration, the evolution of U.S. technology policy toward China, and emerging trends and challenges in U.S.–Europe and U.S.–Japan technological cooperation. In the second session, experts analyzed the development trajectories of China and the United States in key technological fields, including artificial intelligence, aerospace technology, semiconductors, biomanufacturing, and critical minerals.



On November 14, 2025, the IISS, PKU held a seminar on “New Developments in the Russia–Ukraine Conflict and the Trajectory of Russia–U.S. Relations” and the 28th North Pavilion Salon. In the first session, participants discussed Russia’s political and economic conditions, the persistence of the Russia–Ukraine conflict, shifts in the EU’s stance on the conflict and on Russia–U.S. relations, divesting from the liabilities of geopolitical conflict, and emerging narratives around Russia–U.S. interaction. In the second session, participants analyzed social life in Russia under the conflict, the transformation of Russia’s nuclear strategy in the context of the Russia–Ukraine conflict, Russian perceptions of the United States, and Yangtze–Volga cooperation between China and Russia.



On December 19, 2025, the IISS, PKU held a seminar on “China-U.S. Strategic Competition and New Developments in Export Control Policies” and the 29th North Pavilion Salon. Participants focused on new developments in China-U.S. strategic competition and export control policies, with discussions centering on tiered discrimination in export controls, rare earth controls, U.S. think tank research on countermeasures to export controls, changes and new developments in U.S. export strategy toward China, restrictions on basic scientific exchange, and China-U.S. technology competition.



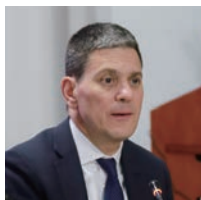


March 5, 2025

Romano Prodi

Former Prime Minister of Italy and former President of the European Commission

The Transatlantic and the European Politics in the Trump Era



March 13, 2025

David Miliband

Former UK Foreign Secretary and President and current CEO of the International Rescue Committee (IRC)

Focusing on Global Hotspots: Effort for Humanitarian Action



April 16, 2025

Denis Simon

Bank of America Visiting Chair Professor at Schwarzman College, Tsinghua University

The Evolving Role of Technology in China-U.S. Relations



April 22, 2025

Peter Trubowitz

Professor of International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and Director of the Phelan United States Centre

Trump 2.0 - Strategy or Chaos?

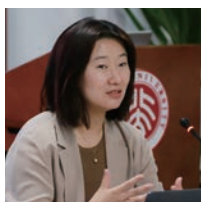


May 21, 2025

Wang Xu

Associate Professor of Department of South Asian Studies, School of Foreign Languages, Peking University

The Current Situation, Root Causes and Outlook of the India-Pakistan Conflict



June 16, 2025

Li Tingting

Associate Professor and Dean of the Department of Korean Language and Culture, School of Foreign Languages, Peking University

Political Changes in South Korea and International Relations in Northeast Asia



September 10, 2025

Daniel Russel

Distinguished Fellow at the Asia Society Policy Institute (ASPI) and former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs
Building the World We Want to Live In



October 21, 2025

Charles Kupchan

Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) and Professor of International Affairs at Georgetown University
Promise and Peril of Trump's "America First"



October 21, 2025

Thierry de Montbrial

Executive Chairman of the French Institute of International Relations (IFRI)
Reflection on the Future of the European Union in the Context of the Ukraine Crisis



October 22, 2025

Mark Leonard

Co-Founder and Director of the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)
Global View of Trump



October 27, 2025

Robert Blackwill

Former U.S. Ambassador to India and Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University
The Future of U.S.-China Relations



December 22, 2025

Pang Xun

Professor and Director of the PKU Analytics Lab for Global Risk Politics, School of International Studies, Peking University
Fear and Anger in Great Power Competition — An Affective Analysis of the "Anxiety Spiral" in Chinese and U.S. Media Narratives

On January 17, 2025, Jude Blanchette, Founding Director of the RAND China Center, visited the IISS, PKU. Professor Yu Tiejun, Associate Professor Guan Guihai, Professor Wang Jisi, Associate Professor Jie Dalei, Associate Professor Lei Shaohua, and Associate Professor Qi Haotian attended the meeting. The two sides engaged in exchanges on U.S. foreign policy, China-U.S. relations, and related issues.



On February 6, 2025, Professor Yu Tiejun attended the 11th virtual meeting of the Council of Councils, organized by the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR).



From February 8 to 12, 2025, Professor Yu Tiejun attended by invitation the ninth annual China's Power conference hosted by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), to discuss the factors shaping current U.S.-China relations and to gain insight into the China policy of the Trump 2.0 administration.



On March 3, 2025, Mr. Nonomura Kaitarou, Minister for Political Affairs and Counselor Takehiko Ogihara from the Japanese Embassy in China visited the IISS, PKU. They discussed with Professor Yu Tiejun.

From March 3 to 5, 2025, Associate Professor Gui Yongtao, at the invitation of the Japan Forum on International Relations (JFIR), attended the International Symposium on Japan-China Communication in the Era of the Mutually Beneficial Strategic Relationship: Exchanges among Think Tanks, Researchers, and Media in Japan and delivered a presentation.

On March 13, 2025, Mr. David Miliband, former UK Foreign Secretary and President & CEO of the International Rescue Committee (IRC), visited the IISS, PKU. Professor Yu Tiejun, Professor Wang Jisi, Associate Professor Qi Haotian, Assistant Professor Liu Lu and Assistant Professor Xu Qinyi attended the meeting. Participants exchanged views on global political landscapes, international crises, and related topics.



From March 31 to April 3, 2025, Associate Professor Gui Yongtao, at the invitation of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), attended in Switzerland its Roundtable on Security Issues in Northeast Asia and delivered a presentation.

From April 6 to 19, 2025, Professor Wang Jisi visited Boston, New York City, Princeton, and Washington, D.C. at the invitation of Harvard University, the Asia Society Policy Institute, Princeton University, and the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS).



From May 6 to 10, 2025, Professor Yu Tiejun, at the invitation of the Norwegian Defense Research Establishment (FFI), attended a seminar on "The Trajectory of China-U.S. Relations in the Trump 2.0 Era" in the United States and made a presentation.

On May 16, 2025, Mr. Takehiko Ogiwara, Counsellor at the Embassy of Japan in China, visited the IISS, PKU. He held discussions with Associate Professor Gui Yongtao.



On May 19, 2025, Michael McFaul, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI) at Stanford University, visited the IISS, PKU. He held discussions with Professor Yu Tiejun and Associate Professor Guan Guihai.



On July 2, 2025, Mr. Ben Spells, Counsellor of the Political Section at the British Embassy in China, together with Mr. Ben Frost, Second Secretary and Mr. Jiang Yang, Chinese Secretary, visited the IISS, PKU. They met with Associate Professor Gui Yongtao.



On July 3, 2025, Jude Blanchette, inaugural Director of the China Studies, RAND Corporation, and Gerard DiPippo, Associate Director, visited the IISS, PKU and met with Professor Yu Tiejun and Professor Wang Jisi.



From July 7 to 12, 2025, Professor Yu Tiejun, at the invitation of the Policy Planning Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, conducted academic visits to Belgium and France and engaged in exchanges with local scholars, media, and Chinese-invested enterprises.

On July 14, 2025, Dr. Scott Kennedy, Senior Adviser and Trustee Chair in Chinese Business and Economics at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), United States, visited the IISS, PKU. Professor Wang Jisi, Associate Professor Guan Guihai, Associate Professor Jie Dalei, Assistant Professor Liu Lu and Assistant Professor Xu Qinyi attended the meeting.



On July 22, 2025, a three-member delegation visited the IISS, PKU. The delegation consisted of Professor Jessica Chen Weiss, Scholar of China Studies at the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University; Assistant Professor Gloria Xiong, Department of Government, Colby College and Brian O'Keefe, Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Government, Cornell University. Professor Yu Tiejun, Professor Wang Jisi and Associate Professor Jie Dalei attended the meeting.



On July 24, 2025, Professor Yu Tiejun, represented IISS at the 12th online meeting of the Council of Councils (CoC), hosted by the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), United States.



From July 25 to August 11, 2025, Associate Professor Gui Yongtao, at the invitation of Waseda University, conducted an academic visit to Japan, carrying out field research on issues in China–Japan relations and engaging in academic exchanges with faculty and students.



On August 3, 2025, a delegation led by Huang Chaofeng, Vice President of the National Institute of Strategic Studies (NISS), Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU), visited the IISS, PKU. Professor Yu Tiejun held discussions with the delegation.

From August 31 to September 5, 2025, Associate Professor Gui Yongtao, Associate Professor Jie Dalei, and others, at the invitation of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF), participated in the "China-Japan Youth Community" program and engaged in academic exchanges with Japanese counterparts.

On September 10, 2025, Mr. Daniel R. Russel, Distinguished Fellow at the Asia Society Policy Institute (ASPI) and former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, visited the IISS, PKU. Prof. Wang Jisi, Prof. Yu Tiejun, Associate Prof. Guan Guihai, Associate Professor Wang Jisi, Professor Yu Tiejun, Associate Professor Guan Guihai, Associate Professor Gui Yongtao, Professor Wang Yong, Associate Professor Jie Dalei and Assistant Professor Liu Lu attended the meeting.



On September 12, 2025, H.E. Mr. Vebjørn Dysvik, Norwegian Ambassador to China, and Ms. Irene Skorstad, Counsellor for Political Affairs at the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Beijing, visited the IISS, PKU. They exchanged views with Professor Wang Jisi.

On September 15, 2025, Mr. David Meale, Head of China Practice at Eurasia Group, and Ms. Amanda Hsiao, Director in Eurasia Group's China Practice, visited the Institute of International and Strategic Studies (IISS), Peking University (PKU). They met with Professor Wang Jisi and Professor Yu Tiejun for exchanges on issues of mutual interest.



On September 18, 2025, the 12th Beijing Xiangshan Forum opened at the China National Convention Center in Beijing. Professor Yu Tiejun attended the forum on behalf of IISS upon invitation and chaired the first half of the first simultaneous session titled “The Victory of the World Anti-Fascist War and the International Order.”



On September 19, 2025, Professor Seyed Mohammad Marandi from the University of Tehran visited the IISS, PKU. He met with Professor Wang Jisi and Professor Wu Bingbing.

From October 6 to 17, 2025, Professor Wang Jisi visited New York City and Washington, D.C. at the invitation of the Asia Society Policy Institute (ASPI) and the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). Professor Wang Jisi engaged in academic research and exchanges activities, holding candid discussions with U.S. counterparts on topics such as U.S. domestic and foreign policy, international developments, and China-U.S. relations.



On October 31, 2025, Professor Wang Jisi, together with Dr. Zhao Jianwei, was invited to visit the Residence of British Ambassador to China. They met with Peter Wilson, British Ambassador to China, and Stuart Brown, Political Counsellor. The two sides exchanged views on topics such as China-UK relations and the international situation.

On November 17, 2025, the 28th lecture of Peking University Dishui Lake Lecture Hall (PKU-DSSLH) was held at the Dishui Lake Theater. Professor Yu Tiejun was invited to deliver a lecture titled “Current China-U.S.-Japan Relations and Their Implications for East Asian Security.”



From November 17 to 18, 2025, Professor Wang Jisi attended the 6th U.S.-China Hong Kong Forum held in Hong Kong, at the invitation of the organizers. The theme of this year's forum was "Circles for Peace."



On November 18, 2025, Dr. Scott Kennedy, Senior Adviser and Trustee Chair in Chinese Business and Economics at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), visited IISS, PKU. He held discussion



with Professor Wang Jisi, Professor Yu Tiejun, Associate Professor Gui Yongtao, Assistant Professor Liu Lu, Associate Professor Niu Ke, Associate Professor Wu Bingbing, Professor Wang Yong, Associate Professor Zhang Ran and Dr. Zhao Jianwei.

On December 9, 2025, Lee Kwan-hu (Chief of NARS, Vice-ministerial level), accompanied by Lee Jeong-jin (Political and Parliamentary Group Leader), Kim Yei-Kyoung (Legislative Research Officer), and Lee Hee-seo (Research Planning Division Chief) visited IISS, PKU. They were received by Professor Yu Tiejun, Professor Wang Jisi, Associate Professor Gui Yongtao, Associate Professor Li Tingting, Associate Professor Qi Haotian, as well as undergraduate, master's, and doctoral students from SIS, PKU. The two sides held a symposium centered around the topic of "How to Promote Mutual Understanding between China and Korea".



Projects Undertaken in 2025

1. Two research projects under the National Social Science Fund of China.
2. One project commissioned by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
3. Two assignments commissioned by a bureau of the Central National Security Commission.
4. One project commissioned by the Beijing Municipal National Security Commission.
5. One project commissioned by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee).
6. One project commissioned by the Ministry of Commerce.
7. One project funded by the Pacific International Exchange Foundation.
8. Two internal medium- and long-term research projects.

Continued Projects

1. Four major special projects under the National Social Science Fund of China remained underway.
2. One project funded by the China-United States Exchange Foundation remained underway.
3. Four internal Institute projects remained underway.
4. The conference project funded by the Pacific International Exchange Foundation was completed.
5. The project commissioned by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and undertaken during the year was completed.
6. The projects commissioned by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National People's Congress, the Ministry of Commerce, and the Beijing Municipal National Security Commission were all completed.

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11 issues of *Think Tank Frontier*, published online.

15 issues of *Think Tank Digest*, published online.



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