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## U.S.-China Strategic Stability and Japan

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### Objective:

Japan is a critical player in the context of U.S.-China strategic stability; however, there are very few discussions between Chinese and Japanese security experts on the issue, much less trilateral discussions involving all three countries. Moreover, there has been little scholarly attention to the role Japan plays in the U.S.-China relationship. This project aims to investigate challenges to strategic stability between China and the United States that derive from the triangular relationship between these two powers and Japan through the medium of a trilateral U.S.-China-Japan Track 2 dialogue to promote mutual understanding among experts from the three countries on the concept and definition of U.S.-China strategic stability, the purposes that U.S.-China strategic stability serves, and approaches to fostering strategic stability in the region.

### Approach:

The issue of strategic stability between China and the United States is relevant to scholars and students of international relations and security studies as well as to the broader community of research institutes, universities, and corporations concerned about trends in these relationships. This project will use a trilateral Track 2 dialogue to explore the concepts, flashpoints, and policies that bear on strategic stability in the region. The commissioned papers and the findings from this workshop will be made publicly available online. Research findings will also be presented at American universities and through social media tools.