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U.S.-China Strategic Nuclear Dialogue

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Objective:

This research is anticipated to lead to greater understanding of strategic nuclear issues between the United States and China. The project will build a stronger relationship among scholars and experts in the United States and China. The dialogue discussions will provide academics and other security analysts with an opportunity to explore the differences between academic theory and the thinking of practitioners who have to implement and stand behind policy decisions. This is a follow-on project that will help build greater understanding between U.S. and Chinese experts on strategic nuclear issues by testing assumptions, correcting misperceptions, and stimulating new thinking and research in the arms control and nonproliferation community.

Approach:

For this project, the Pacific Forum will host a strategic dialogue in Beijing in November 2016. Substantive topics are expected to include nuclear posture, deterrence policy, nonproliferation policy, no first use, strategic stability, mutual vulnerability, missile defense, long-range conventional weapons, confidence-building measures, and space security. Participants will be drawn from security specialists and up-and-coming experts in both countries. Additionally, participants will be asked to prepare and present research papers, which will be publicly available following the workshop. The findings will be distributed to academics, think tanks, and the general public along with the governments of the United States and China.