



Centre on Contemporary China and the World  
The University of Hong Kong  
香港大學當代中國與世界研究中心

*Vision, vantage, voice, and values to ensure a more peaceful world for all*

## About the Centre on Contemporary China and the World

Seldom has the world's attention been as fixed on the question of governance as it is today. Domestically, governments are grappling with economic turbulence, environmental degradation, employment pressures, energy insecurity, educational disparities, elder care, ethnic tensions, and more. Globally, issues like climate change, sustainable development, AI penetration, and nuclear nonproliferation necessitate strong mechanisms for international governance. The Sino-U.S. relationship, the most consequential bilateral relationship in the world, has drastically deteriorated over the past few years.

The Centre on Contemporary China and the World (CCCW) at the University of Hong Kong (HKU) is launching at this critical juncture. More than ever, Hong Kong marks the optimal location for a global hub focused on studying the governance of China and the world. It is a cosmopolitan city, a historical anomaly, a crossroads of cultural influence, a melting pot of traditions, a longstanding financial center, and a bridge within China to the Greater Bay Area. Above all, Hong Kong is a city with subtle but genuine leverage to shape international discourse.

Our newly founded Centre has an historic opportunity to secure a distinct position in the think tank landscape. The restraints on cross-border academic exchanges and the constraints of siloed research and public policy debates in some corners of the world create a need for a new **vantage** at the frontier of Sino-U.S. relations. At a time when neither governments nor businesses alone can ensure the bilateral relationship stays on track, people-to-people diplomacy, including Track II dialogues organized by university-based think tanks, has become essential to resolving misunderstandings and managing persistent antagonism.

The CCCW builds on a prodigious foundation at HKU — its internationally renowned faculty, its high-caliber and diverse student body, and its remarkable tradition of academic vigor. By drawing together a large pool of researchers from all over the world, including affiliated fellows appointed from the HKU faculty, prominent nonresident and post-doctoral fellows, the Distinguished Visiting Fellows Programme, and the Young Global China Scholars Programme, the CCCW will house dozens of scholars from varied academic disciplines and a diverse range of **values**. The CCCW is strategically positioned to serve as an institutional home for interdisciplinary and international collaboration.

With this convergence of talent across geographies, disciplines, and perspectives, the CCCW aspires to develop *new narratives, innovative toolkits, and balanced modalities* in scholarly research to address the unprecedented challenges of governance in our time. Initial directions of research for the Centre span five areas: 1) science and technology transformation; 2) climate change and alternative energy; 3) economic and financial reforms; 4) political leadership and generational transition; and 5) geopolitical landscape change, with an emphasis on the Sino-U.S. relationship.

Through the CCCW's monographs and other publications, public forums, private roundtables, and frequent media commentaries, CCCW scholars will strive, collectively, to produce comprehensive research work with demonstrable *originality, accessibility, quality, intensity, and creativity*.

Hong Kong can and should serve as a key lever in the next phase of Sino-U.S. relations and, more broadly, East-West and South-North integrations. The CCCW's **vision** and mission are to become a leading **voice** of reason, a much-needed bridge for mutual understanding, and most importantly, a prominent constructive force for maintaining peace across the Pacific and around the world.



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## 香港大学当代中国与世界研究中心简介

治理问题从未像今天一样在世界范围内受到关注。各国政府在国内面临着经济波动、环境恶化、就业压力、能源安全、教育公平、养老保障、种族关系等一系列治理挑战。在国际层面，气候变化、可持续发展、人工智能技术的渗透，以及核不扩散等问题要求国际社会建立强有力的全球治理机制。与此同时，中美关系作为当今世界最重要的双边关系，也在过去的几年内急剧下滑。

香港大学当代中国与世界研究中心正是在国际社会面临关键节点之际应运而生。今日的香港与以往任何时候相比，都更适合成为研究中国与世界治理问题的国际枢纽。香港既是国际化现代都会、全球金融中心，也是文化交流的纽带、传统交汇的熔炉、历史演进的特例，将继续成为沟通中国大湾区与世界的桥梁。更重要的是，香港还将在塑造国际舆论环境方面发挥微妙而又深刻的作用。

新成立的研究中心将抓住历史机遇，致力于在智库领域占据独特的地位。世界上部分地区对于跨国学术交流的限制，以及由此带来的学术及政策讨论的局限性，为我们在中美关系开拓新格局、新领域的研究创造了有利条件。如今，在政府与企业都无法单独保障中美双边关系稳步发展的局面下，由大学智库所推动的“二轨外交”，不论是在消除误解还是管控分歧等方面都显得尤为重要。

当代中国与世界研究中心建立在香港大学雄厚的实力基础之上，将共享香港大学所蕴含的国际知名的教授团队、优异而多元的学生群体，以及杰出且严谨的学术传统。中心将致力于打造一支专业跨学科、价值多元化的国际研究团队，包括邀请香港大学特聘研究员、客座与博士后研究员，并开展杰出访问学者与全球青年中国学者项目。在战略层面，当代中国与世界研究中心将自身定位为服务跨学科研究与国际合作的学者之家。

通过汇聚来自不同地区、拥有不同专业背景以及多元观点的人才，当代中国与世界研究中心将致力于在学术研究领域开创新的叙事体系，研发创新型研究工具，以及建立平衡的交流语境，从而应对当今前所未有的治理挑战。中心建立伊始将重点关注五大领域，包括：1) 科学与技术变革；2) 气候变化与新能源；3) 经济与金融改革；4) 政治精英与代际更替；5) 中美关系与地缘政治博弈。

中心的学者们将通过发表研究专刊等学术著作、举办公开论坛与闭门圆桌会，以及媒体评论等形式，集体展现中心富含原创性、可及性、创造性的高品质且内容丰富的研究成果。

香港可以，也更应该成为撬动下一阶段中美之间，乃至世界层面上东西方以及南北方国家交流的杠杆。当代中国与世界研究中心的愿景与目标是发出引领时代的理性声音，搭建迫切需要的沟通桥梁。最重要的是，成为维护太平洋地区乃至全世界和平的重要建设性力量。