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Website: <http://www.chathamhouse.org>

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China Institute of International Studies (CIIS)

Founded 1956. The think tank of China's ministry of foreign affairs focuses on global politics and economics and the decision-making process of the central government. Research at the Institute centres on medium and long-term policy issues of strategic importance, specifically those concerning international politics and the world economy.

Address: 3 Toutiao, Taijichang, Beijing 100005, China.

Website: <http://www.ciis.org.cn>

President: Qi Zhenhong.

China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations

Founded 1965. Influential research institution of international studies devoted to a wide range of political, economic, diplomatic, military and social issues spanning all continents as well as issues related to Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan. A key research area is the United States and the Sino-US relationship.

Address: A-2 Wanshousi, Haidian District, Beijing 100081, China.

Website (Chinese only): <http://www.cicir.ac.cn>

President: Ji Zhiye.

Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Founded 1977. China's highest academic research organization in the fields of philosophy and social sciences. Comprises 32 research institutes, three research centres and a graduate school. Research covers 120 key areas.

Address: 5 Jianguomennei Dajie, Beijing 100732, China.

Website: <http://cass.cssn.cn>

President: Wang Weiguang.

Council on Foreign Relations

Founded 1921. Independent think tank that seeks to foster better understanding of the world and the foreign policy choices facing the USA and other countries. Research by the David Rockefeller Studies Program centres on major geopolitical areas but also covers global health, international institutions and global governance, national security, science and technology and US foreign policy. Sister organization of Chatham House in London.

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Website: <http://www.cfr.org>

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Danish Institute for International Studies

Founded 2002 by the Danish parliament. Independent institution engaged in research in international affairs in order to assess the security and foreign policy situation of Denmark. Research units: defence and security; foreign policy and EU studies; global economy, regulation and development; holocaust and genocide; migration; natural resources and poverty; politics and governance; the Middle East.

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European Council on Foreign Relations

Founded 2007. Pan-European think tank that conducts European foreign policy research and promotes a more integrated European foreign policy in support of shared European interests and values. Main programmes: Russia and wider Europe; China; democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

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French Institute of International Relations (IFRI)

Founded 1979. The Institut Français des Relations Internationales is an independent research and debate institution dedicated to international affairs. Research centres on geographic regions as well as economy; energy; Franco-German relations; health/environment; migration; identities and citizenship; security and defence; space; and sport.

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Friedrich Ebert Foundation (Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung; FES)

Founded in 1925 as a political legacy of Germany's first democratically elected president, Friedrich Ebert. Non-profit foundation committed to the advancement of public policy issues in the spirit of the basic values of social democracy. Focuses on democracy promotion and international dialogue on the central topics of international politics, globalization, and economic, social and political development in the world.

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