

Thinkers Forum 2025

The China Institute's 10th Anniversary Celebration & International Symposium on Chinese Discourse and the Reshaping of World Order

2025 marks the 10th anniversary of the founding of the China Institute at Fudan University, a national high-end think tank. Since its establishment, the China Institute has advanced alongside China and kept pace with the changing times. It has made active explorations and contributions in the research, consultation, communication, training, and public diplomacy concerning the Chinese path, the China model, Chinese discourse and China's knowledge system. It has now become one of the most influential Chinese think tanks at home and abroad. To celebrate its 10th anniversary and to exchange views among global colleagues on major challenges facing China and the world today, the China Institute is hosting **the Thinkers Forum 2025: The China Institute's 10th Anniversary Celebration & International Symposium on Chinese Discourse and the Reshaping of World Order.**

Date & Time:

Thursday, 16 October 2025 — 09:00 - 21:00

Principal Venue:

Multi-Function Hall, 2nd Floor, Lui Che Woo Building, Fudan University

Organizers:

The China Institute, the Dongfang Journal, Guancha.cn, the Wave Media, the Chunqiu Institute for Developmental and Strategic Studies

Forum Agenda

08:30 - 09:00 Guest Registration

Venue: Multi-Function Hall, 2nd Floor, Lui Che Woo Building, Fudan University

09:00 - 09:45 Opening Ceremony & the 10th Anniversary Celebration

Moderator and welcome address: Zhang Weiwei, Board Member of the National High-end Think Tank Council, Distinguished Professor and Director of the China Institute, Fudan University

Short Video Screening: *Our Journey*

1. Speech by Prof Ma Yugang, Vice President of Fudan University and its Dean of Graduate Schools, and Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences
2. Speech by Ambassador Qiu Xiaoqi, Vice President, China Public Diplomacy Association, and Special Representative of the Chinese Government on Latin American Affairs
3. Speech by Sha Hailin, President, Shanghai Public Relations Association and former Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Shanghai Municipal People's Congress
4. Speech by Chen Yiqun, Director-General of the Shanghai Municipal Government Information Office
5. Speech by Li Yafang, President, Academy of Contemporary China and World Studies, and Deputy Editor-in-Chief, the China International Communications Group

6. Speech by Eric Li, Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the China Institute, Fudan University
7. Speech by Martin Jacques, British scholar, Author and Fellow of the China Institute, Fudan University

09:45 - 10:00 Group Photo

10:00 - 11:00 Forum I: Global Changes and the Reshaping of World Order (Part I) *(in English with simultaneous interpretation, 8 minutes per speaker)*

Moderator: Zhang Weiwei, Board Member of the National High-end Think Tank Council, Distinguished Professor and Director of the China Institute, Fudan University

Speakers:

1. Alexander Dugin (Russia), Political philosopher and Professor at the Russian State University for the Humanities
2. Vuk Jeremić (Serbia), President of the Center for International Relations and Sustainable Development (CIRSD), Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia, and Former President of the UN General Assembly
3. Ong Tee Keat (Malaysia), Founder of the Centre for New Inclusive Asia and the Belt and Road Initiative Caucus, Former Minister of Transport of Malaysia
4. Richard Sakwa (UK), Emeritus Professor of Politics at the University of Kent

5. Udom Tangjettanaporn (Thailand), CEO of the New Era Cooperation & Exchange Platform Co. Ltd, Thailand, Senior Advisor to the China Institute, Fudan University

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 - 12:30 Forum I: Global Changes and the Reshaping of World Order (Part II) *(in English with simultaneous interpretation, 8 minutes per speaker)*

Moderator: Wang Shaoguang, Emeritus Chair Professor of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Adjunct Senior Fellow at Tsinghua University, Fellow of the China Institute, Fudan University

Speakers:

1. Martin Jacques (UK), British scholar, Author and Fellow of the China Institute, Fudan University
2. Frédéric Martel (France), French scholar and writer, Professor at Zurich University for the Arts
3. Carlos Martinez (UK), British political commentator, Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Friends of Socialist China platform
4. Jan Oberg (Sweden), Founder of the Transnational Foundation for Peace and Future Research
5. Valentin Golovachev (Russia), Russian sinologist and Deputy Director of the Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:30 Forum II: Chinese Discourse and the Changing Global Intellectual Landscape (*in Chinese, 8 minutes per speaker*)

Moderator: Jin Zhongwei, Founding Chief Editor and Director of the Editorial Board of Guancha.cn, and Fellow of the China Institute, Fudan University

Speakers:

1. Zhang Weiwei, Board Member of the National High-end Think Tank Council, Distinguished Professor and Director of the China Institute, Fudan University
2. Wang Shaoguang, Emeritus Chair Professor of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Adjunct Senior Fellow at Tsinghua University, Distinguished Fellow of the China Institute, Fudan University
3. He Shenquan, Chief Editor of Guancha.cn
4. Huang Renwei, Executive Vice Dean and Professor of Fudan Institute of Belt and Road & Global Governance, Fudan University
5. Jin Canrong, Wu Yuzhang Chair Professor at Renmin University of China
6. Lü Xinyu, Dean and Professor of the School of International Communication, East China Normal University
7. Han Zhu, Fellow of the China Institute, Fudan University
8. Yan Yilong, Deputy Dean at Institute for Contemporary China Studies and Professor at Tsinghua University School of Public Policy and Management
9. Bai Gang, Secretary-General and Fellow of the Center for the Study

of Intellectual History, Fudan University

10. Yin Zhiguang, Professor at the School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Fudan University

15:30 - 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 - 17:15 Forum III: Chinese Discourse and the Reconstruction of the World Political and Economic Order (*in Chinese, 8 minutes per speaker*)

Moderator: Li Bo, General Manager of Guancha.cn, Director of Chunqiu Institute for Developmental and Strategic Studies, Fellow of the China Institute, Fudan University

Speakers:

1. Shi Zhengfu, Chairman of the Academic Committee and Professor, the China Institute, Fudan University
2. Chen Ping, Fellow of the China Institute, Fudan University, Retired Professor at the National School of Development, Peking University
3. Ding Yifan, Senior Researcher at the Institute for Global Governance and Development, Renmin University of China
4. Wen Yi, Distinguished Professor at the Antai College of Economics and Management, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Fellow of the China Institute, Fudan University
5. Wang Tao, Fellow of the China Institute, Fudan University
6. Wen Yang, Fellow of the China Institute, Fudan University
7. Tang Yalin, Professor at the School of International Relations and

Public Affairs, Fudan University

8. Liu Jun, Vice Dean and Professor of the School of Politics and International Relations, East China Normal University
9. Song Luzheng, Fellow of the China Institute, Fudan University
10. Busani Ngcaweni (South Africa), Director of the Centre for Public Policy and African Studies at the University of Johannesburg, Former Principal of the National School of Government (Video)

Side Event I

15:30 - 16:30 Thinkers Forum Youth (Preparatory Conference)

Side Event II

14:30 - 17:00 Interviews (upon invitation)

17:30 - 18:30 Dinner

Side Event III

18:45 - 19:00 Opening Ceremony for “Blood-Soaked Soil: Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Victory of the War Against Japanese Aggression — Zhang Weiwei’s Collection of the Wartime Paintings”

Venue: The China Institute, 7th Floor, Guanghua Building East Main Tower, Fudan University

19:00 - 21:00 Special Forum

Chinese Discourse: From Society to the World — Academic Symposium on the 300th Edition of *China Now* (in Chinese)

Venue: Conference Room, 7th Floor, Guanghua Building East Main Tower

Moderator: Pan Xiaoli, Founder of the Wave Media, Fellow of the China Institute, Fudan University

Speakers:

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Special Thanks to Participating Guests Who Have Appeared on *China Now* (in no particular order):

Zhang Weiwei, Eric Li, Jin Zhongwei, Chen Ping, Wang Shaoguang, Huang Renwei, Ding Yifan, Jin Canrong, Wen Yi, Wang Tao, Han Zhu, Li Bo, Liu Jun, Yan Yilong, Fan Yongpeng, Song Luzheng, Wu Xinwen, Yu Liang, Luo Feng, Wang Dongbin, Liu Dian, Martin Jacques, Vuk Jeremić, Valentin Golovachev

Other Guests

Anja Jevic	Executive Director of the Center for International Relations and Sustainable Development (CIRSD)	Chen Kangling	Associate Fellow of the China Institute, Fudan University
Stefan Jovanovic	Vice President of the Center for International Relations and Sustainable Development (CIRSD)	Liu Dian	Associate Fellow of the China Institute, Fudan University
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Lin Ling	Associate Fellow of the China Institute, Fudan University		
Luo Feng	Associate Fellow of the China Institute, Fudan University		

Other Participants

Young scholars, postdoctoral researchers, doctoral students from the China Institute, and other specially invited guests.

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