

# STANFORD UNIVERSITY

## *China in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

### *China's Strategic Role in Crises of International Concern*

Bechtel Conference Center, Encina Hall

Stanford University

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#### **Day 1: China's Role, Motivations, and Foreign Policy**

##### **8:30-9:00 AM Introduction**

Opening remarks, goals of the conference, and introducing participants.

##### **9:00-10:30 AM Chinese Foreign Policy in Theory, in Practice in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

An examination of China's approach to foreign policy and its relevance for China's behavior toward these countries. Is there a difference between China's stated and actual foreign policy, especially with regards to its policy of non-interference? Has China changed its approach in response to international pressure? In what way does China cooperate with the international community to resolve these crises?

##### **10:30-10:45 AM Break**

##### **10:45-12:15 PM The Internal Dynamics of the Crises in Chad, Myanmar (Burma), Sudan, and Zimbabwe**

A discussion of the internal dynamics of the crises in Chad, Myanmar (Burma), Sudan, and Zimbabwe with special attention to China's role. What are the root causes of these crises and why have they been protracted? What are the key obstacles in reaching a resolution? In what ways does China's economic, political and military presence in that country influence the crisis? Is China's role decisive?

##### **12:15-1:30 PM Lunch (possible keynote address)**

##### **1:30-3:00 PM Understanding Multiple Motivations and China's Role**

A discussion of the various motivations (political, economic, and otherwise) that influence China's behavior towards these countries. What is the nature of China's participation in these countries? How do its motivations influence China's actions? Has China been able to master its position to advance international efforts to resolve these crises or do China's constraints and interests prevent it from acting in this way?

*(end of public program for day 1)*

**3:00-3:15 PM      Break**

**3:15-5:45 PM      Working Session**

Participants discuss conclusions and exchange ideas about possible solutions and policy responses.

Goal: Policy recommendations, proposals, and future collaboration will develop out of this discussion. Tangible products include an agenda for a strategic dialogue between (minimally) the United States and China on responding to urgent international crises and a proposed framework defining the differentiated responsibilities of China, the United States, and the International Community in resolving the crises identified in this conference: Chad, Myanmar (Burma), Sudan, and Zimbabwe.

**6:00 PM              Dinner**

**Day 2: Presentation of Policy Recommendations and Keynote Address**

**9:00-11:15 AM      Continuation of the Working Session**

**11:15-11:30 AM    Break**

**11:30-12:30 PM    Policy Agenda Moving Forward**

A presentation of some of the solutions and policy recommendations developed during the working session. What are the differentiated responsibilities of China, the United States, and the International Community in resolving these crises? Question and answer session to follow presentation.

**12:30-1:30 PM      Lunch Break**

**1:30-2:30 PM      Closing/Keynote Address**