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## U.S. China Strategic Dialogue

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### Demand:

The Sino-American relationship is perhaps the most important security issue of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. As the regional and global activities of both countries come into increasingly closer contact, there is a greater chance of escalation during a crisis. Misunderstanding in the nuclear and strategic realm could lead to catastrophic inadvertent escalation, whereas deeper mutual understanding could enhance stability and deterrence. Mutual strategic understanding can provide a stronger foundation for a positive, cooperative, and comprehensive bilateral relationship.

### Objective:

NPS will organize and host a Track-II meeting to deepen understanding of Chinese and American commonalities and differences on strategic and nuclear terms and concepts. This dialogue and the Pacific Forum CSIS Track 1.5 meeting in Beijing complement and build from one another.

### Approach:

The Track-II meeting will include approximately 8 Chinese participants and 20 American participants. NPS will develop a list of potential topics and concepts based on discussions at the 2011 meeting, follow-up discussions with USG officials and both Chinese and American experts, as well as short commissioned memos from both Chinese and American contributors. NPS will lead a dialogue in the summer of 2012, followed by briefings and a report to U.S. government stakeholders.

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