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| President's Message

2020 was an extraordinary year for the world, China, and our institution. Under the impact of the once-in-a-century COVID-19 pandemic, the world has entered a period of turbulence and transformation. Even as it waged a people's war against the virus, China hit two milestones on its path of national rejuvenation, eradicating extreme poverty and accomplishing a moderately prosperous society in all respects. This year we celebrated SIIS's 60th anniversary by making new breakthroughs in policy consultation, academic research, and Track II diplomacy. SIIS also contributed to China's international communication on important topics such as China's coronavirus combat, China-U.S. relations, and Shanghai's development.



This year was also a year of accelerated transformation of the international system. Profound changes unseen in a century, combined with a global pandemic, generated disruptive, subversive and interactive effects on the international order, giving rise to qualitative and quantitative changes of historic proportions.

First of all, the coronavirus pandemic has severely impacted the “third wave of modernization” in the developing world, adding uncertainties to the broader shift in the international balance of power in favor of the East. Second, COVID-19 has also intensified global strategic turbulence. Third, the pandemic has exposed a “global leadership vacuum” and a “fragmented” multilateral cooperation landscape that is increasingly ideologically driven. Last but not least, the global pandemic has further exacerbated the fragility and instability of the human social-ecological system, accelerating the return of big, powerful governments.

COVID-19 has laid bare the reality that we are living in a human social-ecological system that is progressively risky, turbulent, and fragile. It has also changed our perception and narrative on human security, and deepened our understanding of peace and development as the theme of the times. The coronavirus pandemic, according to the Special Edition of the Munich Security Report 2021, “might well mark the beginning of a new era of security threats.”

This year, an unusually difficult period since the normalization of bilateral ties, also saw China-U.S. relations plunge to a new low with the U.S. presidential election accompanied by domestic chaos. China and the United States are two pivotal players on the world stage; their relationship--cooperative, competitive, confrontational, or Cold War 2.0--will determine the trajectory of the international order in years to come. Amid the ongoing grand debate on China-U.S. relations, we may review some lessons in history to find a path forward.

Many cases of bilateral strategic collaboration in the 40 years since the normalization of China-U.S. relations hold important lessons for both sides. First, top leaders in Beijing and Washington

must bear a big picture in mind and build the consensus that China and the United States have no other choice than strategic collaboration. Second, reasoned calculations of strategic objectives and realistic expectations of each other will help reduce drastic fluctuations in the relationship. Third, strategic judgment of the leadership holds the key to effective collaboration. Fourth, pragmatic cooperation between core foreign policy teams is of vital importance. Fifth, setting the mood right in both countries to win public support is essential.

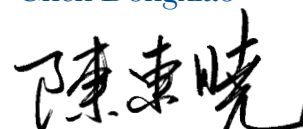
From a global perspective, China-U.S. cooperation is a strategic imperative, not an open-ended question of yes or no. The in-place of the Biden administration has opened a window of opportunity for Beijing and Washington to facilitate coordination on combating pandemic, mitigating climate change, promoting global sustainable development, reviving world economy, stabilizing international financial system, advancing AI development, and making norms and rules in global digital governance. At the same time, dialogues in various areas should be resumed to reduce misjudgment, manage divergence, and put bilateral relations back on a more predictable and constructive track.

This year was of special meaning for SIIS as it had gone through a full sexagenary cycle. Amid an unprecedented public health crisis, our institution inspired all staff with the glorious revolutionary tradition and long-standing CPC pedigree, coordinating the pandemic-prevention efforts with academic research and policy consultation. Turning peril into possibility and setback into strength, SIIS made innovative contributions to China's international communication by presenting a number of reports on China's coronavirus fight, China-U.S. relations, and Shanghai's city diplomacy.

Since February 2020, SIIS experts have authored five reports detailing the measures, progress, international cooperation, economic and social ramifications, and people-to-people exchanges surrounding China's fight against COVID-19. Amid rising tensions between Beijing and Washington, SIIS convened more than 20 virtual conferences of Chinese and American policymakers and scholars and presented a report in the hope of boosting certainty in an increasingly unpredictable relationship. Moreover, although the pandemic has made in-person encounters and exchanges difficult, SIIS and the Shanghai Foreign Affairs Office managed to convene the online 2020 Shanghai Sister Cities Cooperation Forum where Shanghai Mayor Gong Zheng shared with the mayors or their deputies from 12 of Shanghai's sister cities across Asia, Europe, and the Americas on the city's success in containing COVID-19 while still maintaining economic growth and social stability. The participants also explored issues such as ways to increase cooperation on city governance and people-to-people exchanges amid the pandemic.

The Year 2021 marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China when the whole nation will be launched on a course of building a modern socialist power. A more complicated strategic environment at home and abroad requires think tanks to play a more prominent role. Those who understand that time once passed will never return certainly won't let it slip away unused. In the coming Year of the Ox, SIIS will continue to serve and make greater contributions to China's diplomacy and Shanghai's economic and social development in the spirit of the diligent, humble, pioneering, and persistent ox.

Chen Dongxiao



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Jan	Jan 16	SIIS hosted the Seminar on the “2020 Taiwanese Legislative Election: Outcome and Impact”.
	Jan 31	SIIS released the report “Coronavirus Battle in China: Process and Prospect”.
Feb	Feb 14	SIIS released the report “China’s Fight Against COVID-19 Epidemic: A Decisive Campaign”.
	Feb 24	SIIS released the report “Revitalize China’s Economy: Winning Another Battle Against COVID-19 Epidemic”.
	Feb 28	SIIS co-hosted a Seminar on COVID-19 and People-to-people Diplomacy.
Mar	Mar 9	SIIS released the report “International Cooperation for the Coronavirus Combat: Results, Lessons, and Way Ahead”.
Apr	Apr 2	SIIS released the report “Working Together with One Heart: People-to-People Diplomacy in the Coronavirus Crisis”.
	April	SIIS co-hosted a series of online seminars on “Strengthening International Cooperation against COVID-19 and Maintaining US-China Relations”.
	Apr 22	SIIS hosted an online seminar on “Challenges and Prospects of UN Mechanisms in the Context of Pandemic and International Changes”.
	Apr 24	SIIS and the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS Indonesia) jointly held a video seminar entitled “COVID-19: Lessons and Experiences from China”.
	Apr 28	SIIS hosted an international webinar on “Impact of the Pandemic on the Asia-Pacific Region and India-China Relations”.
May	May 6	Zhao Qizheng delivered a lecture on the “30 Years of Pudong Development and Opening” at SIIS.
	May 11	SIIS hosted a webinar on “An Increasingly Divided World and a Deteriorating Planet: Reflections on International Cooperation in the Wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic”.

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May 19 SIIS hosted an international webinar on “International Exchanges Among Cities Amidst Non-Traditional Security Challenges”.
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May 19 SIIS co-hosted a webinar with Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP) on “Covid-19 and Its Consequences for Global (Health) Governance”, and “Covid-19 and Its implications for China-Europe Relations and China-Europe-US Trilateral Relations”.
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May 20 SIIS co-organized a webinar with the Institut Montaigne on the post-pandemic world order, major power interaction and the role of the EU and other regional powers.
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May 23 SIIS hosted the 24th Seminar on “The New World Landscape and Cross-Strait Relations”.
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June 2 SIIS co-hosted the Workshop on Shanghai Manual-2020 Annual Report with the Shanghai Coordination Center for the World Cities Day.
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June 9 SIIS co-hosted the Seminar on “Post-pandemic Global Governance and International Order” with Shanghai Federation of Social Science Associations
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July 24 SIIS hosted the 11th Seminar on the “Taiwan Question in China-Japan Relations”.
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Aug 12 SIIS and the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) co-held a webinar on the evolving international strategic environment, China-US relations, regional security, and how to further strengthen the China-Pakistan relations.
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Sept 22 SIIS co-hosted a video conference in collaboration with the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) on “Maritime Security and Confidence Building in the South China Sea” and “Maritime Security and Crisis Management in the East China Sea”.
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Sept 24 SIIS co-hosted the Symposium on “Shaping the Future Together - Celebrating 35 Years of FES-SIIS Cooperation”.



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▶ Highlights in 2020

I. Celebrating the 60th Anniversary

In this memorable year, SIIS celebrated her 60th anniversary. SIIS has always been inspired by the spirit of Shanghai – “tolerance and diversity, pursuit of excellence, enlightened wisdom and humility”, and has endeavored to serve and make greater contributions to China’s diplomacy and Shanghai’s economic and social development. Looking back, every step that SIIS has made in the past six decades demonstrates China’s rising international status.

1. Remain True to Original Aspiration

The year 2020 marks the 60th anniversary of the founding of SIIS. She is proud to have witnessed and participated in the process of China moving closer to the world’s center stage. Generations of SIISers have remained true to the original aspiration, upheld the core value of “Perfection and Innovation; Patriotism and Cosmopolitanism”, and built SIIS into a new type of think tank with Chinese characteristics and Shanghai style.

2020 is also a new beginning for SIIS. In the congratulatory letter, Li Qiang, Party Secretary of the Shanghai Municipal CPC Committee, highly appreciated the achievements made by the SIIS in the past 60 years. He also pointed out that the scholars of SIIS should stick to Xi Jinping Thought on Diplomacy, grasp the general trend at home and abroad by taking into account both domestic and international dynamic situations, base studies upon the practice of China's major-country diplomacy while paying more attention to the practical needs of Shanghai, and constantly improve research capability so as to make greater contributions to China’s diplomacy and Shanghai's economic and social development.

Many domestic and international dignitaries and research institutes have congratulated SIIS on its 60th anniversary in various forms. Visiting scholars, long-standing partners, and international advisors of SIIS have sent congratulatory letters or videos. These messages are not only recognition of SIIS academic achievements, but also anticipation of SIIS future development.



Congratulatory video from former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon



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上海国际问题研究院陈东晓院长，
值此贵院成立60周年之际，谨致以热烈的祝贺和由衷的敬意！
在历任院所领导和各专家学者全体同仁的辛勤努力下，贵院的学术成果既有深厚的理论功底，又有实践的实效性，在国内非智库中独树一帜，享誉全球，建立了自己的传统和品牌。自任在外交部政策研究室工作20余年来，我同贵院交往甚多，受益匪浅，在此表示衷心的感谢！
当今世界处于百年未有之大变局，各国国家的发展进入关键时期，时代呼唤既顺应世界潮流又体现中国特色的国际问题研究，实践

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需要更及时有力的理论指导和推动，不仅是在一线从事外交工作，还是深入进行理论研究，我们都要按照习近平总书记的要求，树立正确的历史观、大局观、角色观，投身于实现中华民族伟大复兴，构建人类命运共同体的崇高事业。
我们处在一个变革激荡的时代，也是一个大有可为的时代。祝愿上海国际问题研究院继续引领潮流，守正创新，再接再厉！让我们一起期待“待到山花烂漫时，她在丛中笑”的一天。
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Congratulatory letter from Chinese Ambassador to the United States Cui Tiankai



President Chen Dongxiao introduced SIIS history to city leaders.



City leaders attended the conference to celebrate the 60th anniversary of SIIS.



Entrusted by Shanghai Party Secretary Li Qiang, Zhuge Yujie, standing member and secretary-general of the CPC Shanghai Committee, announced the congratulatory letter from Li Qiang



Sha Hailin, Chairman of Shanghai People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, attended the Seminar on the U.S. Presidential Election and China-U.S. Relations.



Zhou Hanmin, Vice Chairman of the CPPCC Municipal Committee, spoke on Shanghai's strategic positioning under the new development pattern.



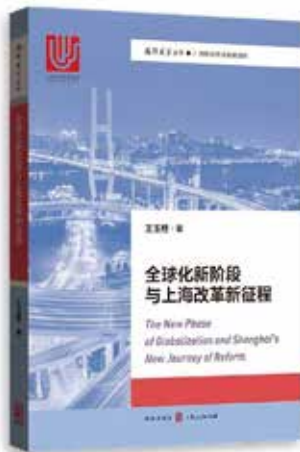
He Yafei, former vice minister of Foreign Affairs, delivered a keynote speech on global governance and the future of China-US relations.

2. Build the Brand of Academic Excellence

SIIS, a prestigious think tank based in Shanghai, has made outstanding achievements in the past six decades. The new generation of SIISers strive to carry forward the spirit of their predecessors, and build the brand of SIIS as an embodiment of academic excellence.

Focusing on the theme of “Major Changes and China’s Diplomacy in the New Era”, SIIS carried out a campaign on CPC and SIIS history learning and education, launched the “Global Review” book series, and held a conference and a series of academic seminars to celebrate the 60th anniversary.

In 2020, SIIS launched the “Global Review” book series to celebrate the 60th anniversary, including: Study of “Nation” in the Great Rejuvenation Process of the Chinese Nation (Author: Ye Jiang), Migration Governance in Eurasia in Current Period (Author: Qiang Xiaoyun), The New Phase of Globalization and Shanghai’s New Journey of Reform (Author: Wang Yuzhu), (Translators: Xuelei, Ye Yu), Nation Building: Why Some Countries Come Together While Others Fall Apart (Translator: Ye Jiang).



The New Phase of Globalization and Shanghai's New Journey of Reform

Abstract: Forty years of reform and opening up have shown that globalization has contributed to China's rapid economic growth and the progress of economic reform. In the book *The New Phase of Globalization and Shanghai's New Journey of Reform*, the author contends that in order to have a comprehensive understanding of globalization, one cannot afford to lose sight of the logic of China's reform. As a pacemaker in China's reform and development, Shanghai has been entrusted with an even more significant reform and opening up. The author attempts to build a theoretical framework for globalization in the new era, and focuses on Shanghai's reform experiments from the perspective of China's new round of reform and opening up, so as to stimulate innovation in Shanghai's reform experiments.

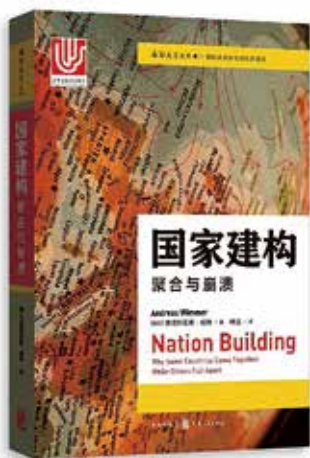
Leadership for Achieving Sustainability for All

Abstract: The author proposes cultural development as a solution for international institutions to improve their performance in global governance in order to deal with the growing systemic existential threats. He argues that summits such as the G20 summit have placed too much emphasis on the economic and political issues, while the social intelligence showcased by the cultural diversity at the summits can effectively improve global governance, so as to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals identified in the Agenda 2030 and address systemic existential threats.



Nation Building: Why Some Countries Come Together While Others Fall Apart

Abstract: Traversing centuries and continents from early nineteenth-century Europe and Asia to Africa from the turn of the twenty-first century to today, Andreas Wimmer delves into the slow-moving forces that encourage political alliances to stretch across ethnic divides and build national unity. Using datasets that cover the entire world and three pairs of case studies, Wimmer's theory of nation building focuses on slow-moving, generational processes: the spread of civil society organizations, linguistic assimilation, and the states' capacity to provide public goods. Wimmer contrasts



Switzerland and Belgium to demonstrate how the early development of voluntary organizations enhanced nation building; he examines Botswana and Somalia to illustrate how providing public goods can bring diverse political constituencies together; and he shows that the differences between China and Russia indicate how a shared linguistic space may help build political alliances across ethnic boundaries.

Study of “Nation” in the Great Rejuvenation Process of the Chinese Nation

Abstract: The author bases his study of “nation” on the existing studies and debates both home and abroad. He draws on the theory of nation, especially the Western modernism and ethnic-symbolism. By combining theories, history, and literature, the author studies nation in the great rejuvenation process of the Chinese nation. He hopes to clarify the concept of “nation”, reflect on the domestic academic debate on nationality and identify the core issue, and compare different paths to nation building and national identity in different types of multi-ethnic countries around the world, in order to contribute to the building of the Chinese nation and the sense of community among the Chinese people.



Migration Governance in Eurasia in Current Period

Abstract: International migration is the main actor of interstate interaction and a major player in China’s cooperation with Eurasia. Migration in Eurasia affects not only communication between participants of Eurasian integration, but also on broader economic cooperation. This book gives an overview of international migration in Eurasia and mainstream migration theories, and compares the policies and regulations in terms of migration governance in Russia, Kazakhstan and other major Eurasian countries in the past three decades. It concludes that Eurasian countries should put their heads together to build a regional migration management policy system as soon as possible, so as to promote sustainable and all-round cooperation in the region.

SIIS hosted two lectures celebrating 60 years of SIIS on May 14 and May 27. Experts in the areas of traditional Chinese medicine and pandemic control gave lectures on “Role and Experience of Chinese Medicine in the Fight against Pandemic” and “Pandemic Control and International Exchanges in Shanghai”.



∧ Lectures Celebrating 60 Years of SIIS: Jia Yang, Director of Shanghai Literature Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine, gave a lecture at SIIS.



∧ Lectures Celebrating 60 Years of SIIS: Pan Hao, Director of Shanghai Literature Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine, gave a lecture on “Pandemic Control and International Exchanges in Shanghai” at SIIS.

On October 25, SIIS held a conference and a series of academic seminars on Major Changes and China's Diplomacy in the New Era to celebrate its 60th anniversary. Leaders of CPC Shanghai Municipal Committee, Shanghai Municipal Government, Shanghai Municipal People's Congress, and Shanghai Municipal Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Shanghai Federation of Social Science Associations, and sister organizations were invited to attend the conference. After the conference, the SIIS held seminars on The New Vision and Mission of China's Diplomacy amid Upheavals and Changes, EU's Foreign Strategy and the Prospect of China-EU Relations in the Game of Great Powers, Maritime Security and the Perspective of China-Japan Relations, The Evolving Order in the Middle East: the Role of External and Regional Powers, The Implementation of "One Country, Two Systems" in Hong Kong in the New Era: Opportunities and Challenges and The U.S. Presidential Election and China-U.S. Relations. Nearly 100 experts and scholars participated in the seminars and conducted extensive and in-depth discussions.



∧ *Conference on Major Changes and China's Diplomacy in the New Era in Celebration of SIIS 60th Anniversary*



∧ *The New Vision and Mission of China's Diplomacy amid Upheavals and Changes*



Prof. Yang Jiemian, Chairman of SIIS Academic Affairs Council, attended the seminar.



◀ *EU's Foreign Strategy and the Prospect of China-EU Relations in the Game of Great Powers*



◀ *Maritime Security and the Perspective of China-Japan Relations*



◀ *The Evolving Order in the Middle East: the Role of External and Regional Powers*



Prof. Yang Jian, Vice President of SIIS, attended the seminar.



Prof. Yan Anlin, Vice President of SIIS, attended the seminar.



∧ *The Implementation of “One Country, Two Systems” in Hong Kong in the New Era: Opportunities and Challenges*



∧ *The U.S. Presidential Election and China-U.S. Relations*

In December, SIIS hosted the Award Ceremony for the 12th Jin Zhonghua Cup, unveiled the statue of Jin Zhonghua, and convened the Symposium on Jin Zhonghua's Thought on People's Diplomacy. Through these events, SIISers and friends from the international studies community paid tribute to the SIIS founding president, and firmed their determination to inherit his legacy and make further contributions to the cause of Chinese diplomacy and international communication.



^ Statue of Jin Zhonghua



^ Award Ceremony for the 12th Jin Zhonghua Cup



^ Symposium on Jin Zhonghua's Thought on People's Diplomacy

II. Coordinating Pandemic-prevention Efforts with Academic Research

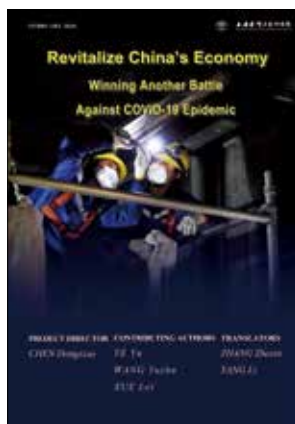
1. Pandemic-related Reports to Decry Stigmatization

After the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, SIIS took the lead in releasing a series of English reports on China's pandemic combat, the first of its kind among domestic think tanks and research institutions. SIIS reports showcase the efforts and achievements of Chinese government and Chinese people in fighting against the pandemic with detailed data and case studies, which decry the stigmatization of China from certain Western media in a reasonable and powerful manner. The reports have received wide attention and positive comments from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chinese embassies and consulates abroad, and domestic and foreign media.

In the report **“Coronavirus Battle in China: Process and Prospect”**, the SIIS task force believes that despite the daunting tasks faced by China, such strong measures as quarantine of key areas are still the most effective means to contain the pandemic; otherwise, the whole nation and even the world would be subject to greater public health risks. Notably, public morale has been boosted across the nation in fighting against the pandemic with such measures. Under the leadership of the central government, and with dedicated efforts from local governments and the whole society, the nationwide emergency-management system is beginning to take full effect. The task force also points out that in the globalized era, such pandemics as COVID-19 have become common threats for humanity that demand joint efforts from the whole international community.

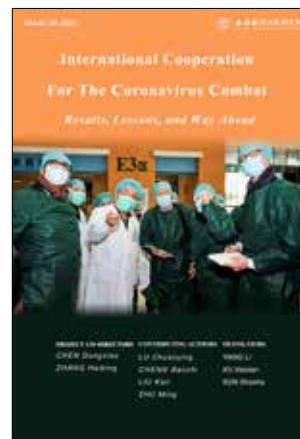
In the report **“China's Fight Against COVID-19 Epidemic: A Decisive Campaign”**, the SIIS task force points out that the people's war against the COVID-19 pandemic is entering a decisive stage in China. Under the strong leadership of the central government, the whole nation has devoted tremendous amounts of resources and efforts to this war. China's whole-of-government approach and efficient social mobilization system are the basic guarantee for victory of the people's war. As this report believes in the end, China's ongoing people's war against COVID-19 pandemic can lend many lessons and inspirations to the international community for combating pandemics in the future.



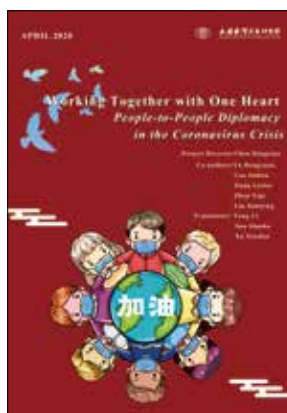


While the dynamics of China’s ongoing battle against the epidemic continue drawing people’s attention, the international community has been ever more concerned about the economic impacts of the epidemic on China and the world at large. In the report **“Revitalize China’s Economy: Winning Another Battle Against COVID-19 Epidemic”**, SIIS task force takes a comprehensive and dynamic perspective and points out that the pandemic is very hopeful to be kept in check within the first quarter, with controllable impacts on China’s economy for the whole year -- despite its severe short-term damage. This report believes that China’s fight against the epidemic will generate fresh momentum for its further reform. In all, the actual impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the world economy depend on how soon China can tame it and how closely the international community will bind together in the face of this common challenge to mankind.

The novel coronavirus could spread its way into a pandemic. Reviewing China’s cooperation with others in the coronavirus battle and the lessons it holds is especially relevant at this critical juncture. The report **“International Cooperation for the Coronavirus Combat: Results, Lessons, and Way Ahead”** illustrates China’s measures, policies, and initiatives that have been praised by the WHO as recommended practices for international pandemic control. The report also identifies the major challenges for international epidemic control and global health emergency cooperation. It further underlines the importance of strengthening leadership and bridging resource shortfalls in global health cooperation, and calls for countering politicization and stigmatization of health emergencies. Finally, the report makes five policy recommendations on how to contain the worldwide spread of the coronavirus:



As the outbreak continues unabated against a shifting global economic and political landscape, the report **“Working Together with One Heart: People-to-People Diplomacy in the Coronavirus Crisis”** focuses on the role of non-state actors in boosting international anti-virus cooperation. It points out that non-state actors, as extra-governmental resources, have displayed immeasurable capabilities in terms of pooling anti-virus material supplies, promoting international solidarity and coordination, and innovating prevention and control mechanisms. The report also presents some recommendations on how to integrate scattered foreign sources of aid into a single unitary relief platform; how to strengthen international cooperation by promoting a vision of humanity as a community with a shared future; and how to advance international scientific collaboration through experience and knowledge sharing.





^ The website of Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs published SIIS pandemic-related reports.



^ The website of Shanghai Municipal Administration of Culture and Tourism published SIIS pandemic-related reports.

2. Pandemic-Related Webinars

SIIS hosted a number of webinars related to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, including 20 webinars on China-U.S. relations and 14 on post-pandemic international relations, making far-reaching impact across academia as well as society. Widespread attention was garnered by webinars on sharing China's and Shanghai's anti-pandemic experience co-organized in collaboration with Indian, Indonesian think tanks as well as Chinese embassies and consulates.

SIIS prides itself in organizing the "2020 Shanghai Sister Cities Cooperation Forum", which was convened online this year due to the pandemic. Mr. Gong Zheng, the Mayor of Shanghai Municipality participated in a virtual dialogue with 12 mayors and mayor's representatives from Asian, European and American countries and shared with them Shanghai's experience of fighting against the coronavirus and restarting the suspended business activities. The forum also discussed how to improve urban governance, promote city-to-city cooperation in face of the ravaging virus, and join hands of sister cities across the globe to deal with the imminent challenge and work together for a better future.



On May 18, SIIS organized a webinar themed “Enhancing Crisis Preparedness through Bilateral and Multilateral Cooperation” in collaboration with the Centre for Strategic and International Studies of Indonesia.



On May 27, SIIS organized a webinar on “COVID-19 Pandemic and China-Japan Economic Cooperation”.



On May 29, SIIS and the Gateway House co-organized the webinar of “Post-COVID Urban Planning and Governance in Mumbai and Shanghai”.



On June 3, a seminar of “Strengthening Shanghai’s Four Roles (in allocating global resources, nurturing sci-tech innovations, supporting high-end industries and further opening up the gateway to the world) in the Post-Pandemic Era” was held at SIIS.



On July 7, SIIS scholars attended a video conference hosted by the embassy of Afghanistan in China.



On July 28, SIIS and the Institute for Political and International Studies (IPIS) (Iran) co-hosted a webinar of “Iran, China and the World in the COVID-19 Pandemic”.



On July 28, a virtual seminar on international cooperation of public health was held by SIIS and EURISC Foundation.



On October 29, SIIS, Policy Center for the New South and Africa Policy Institute co-organized SIIS Africa Forum 2020, themed “Strengthening China-African Ties to Fight COVID-19: Policy and Actions”.

2020年上海友好城市合作论坛 2020 Shanghai Sister Cities Cooperation Forum

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November 10, 2020



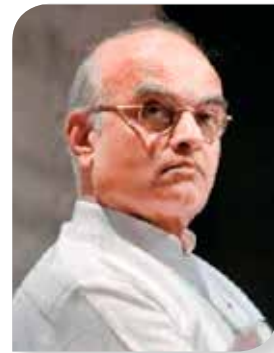
^ The 2020 Shanghai Sister Cities Cooperation Forum



- > *The fourth webinar on post-pandemic international relations, participated by Professor Kishore Mahbubani, Singapore's former U.N. Ambassador and former dean of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at National University of Singapore.*



- > *The eighth webinar on post-pandemic international relations, participated by The Honorable Kevin Rudd, President of Asia Society and former Prime Minister of Australia.*



^ The ninth webinar on post-pandemic international relations, participated by H.E. Ambassador Shivshankar Menon, former national security advisor to the Prime Minister of India and Ambassador to China.



^ The tenth webinar on post-pandemic international relations, participated by Dr. Richard Haass, President of Council on Foreign Relations, former director of policy planning for the Department of State and Dr. Charles Kupchan, professor of international affairs at Georgetown University, former director for European affairs at the National Security Council.

3. Face-to-Face Communication and Uninterrupted Cooperation

The year of 2020 witnessed SIIS's unremitting efforts of resuming as many dialogues and exchanges as possible despite difficulties and disruptions caused by the pandemic. Diplomats of many countries in China visited SIIS for meetings and round tables to learn from China's experience of pandemic control and exchange views of world politics. Such face-to-face communication under the shadow of the pandemic, not only accentuated SIIS's willingness to work with its long-standing partners on a broader scope and in greater depth, but also showcased Shanghai's good momentum in maintaining stable economic and social development as an important window opened to the outside world.



^ On August 13, President Chen Dongxiao met with H.E. Clare Fearnley, New Zealand Ambassador to China.



^ On November 5, H.E. Moin ul Haque, Ambassador of Pakistan to China, visited SIIS.



∧ On April 17, President Chen Dongxiao met with Mr. Benoît Guidée, Consul General of France in Shanghai.



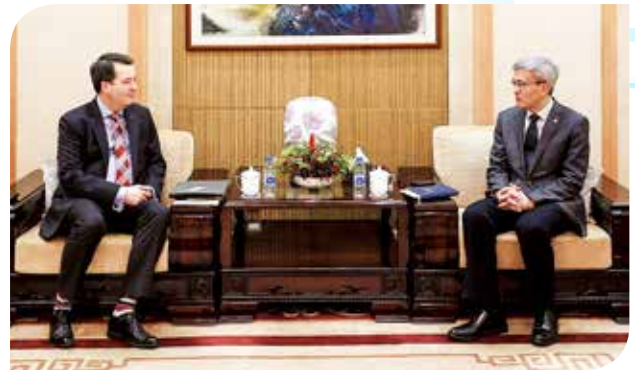
∧ On May 7, Consul General of Iran in Shanghai Mr. Ramazan Parvaz visited SIIS.



∧ On May 11, President Chen Dongxiao met with Dr. Christine Althaus, Consul General of Germany in Shanghai.



∧ On May 14, President Chen Dongxiao paid a visit to Akio Isomata, Consul General of Japan in Shanghai.



∧ On May 26, President Chen Dongxiao met with Mr. Dave Murphy, Consul General of Canada in Shanghai



∧ On June 5, Consul General of the Russian Federation in Shanghai, Mr. Aleksandr Shmanevskiy visited SIIS.



< On October 19, the U.S. Consul General in Shanghai James Heller visited SIIS.

III. Pressing Ahead with Strategic Studies

1. Building up Think Tank Capabilities with a Broadened Network of Partnership

After years of “leapfrog development”, SIIS has built up an extensive and robust network for academic cooperation. The year of 2020 has seen remarkable efforts in further strengthening its partnership network. In particular, to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the cooperation between SIIS and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), the two organizations co-hosted a seminar, at which political, academic and business representatives from both China and Germany spoke highly of the fruitfulness of SIIS-FES cooperation and looked upon it with high hopes that together they would make yet greater efforts to facilitate China-Germany policy dialogue for deeper China-Germany relations and China-EU relations and provide stronger intellectual support for world’s sustainable development towards a better future.



^ On September 24, SIIS and FES co-hosted a seminar in celebration of their 35 years’ cooperation.

Based in Shanghai, the core city of the Yangtze River Delta, SIIS continues to expand its partnership network by exploring multi-dimensional cooperation with government, academia and business sector of the region. SIIS participated in the coordination meeting of foreign affairs offices and associations for friendship with foreign countries in the Yangtze River Delta to offer advice on how to improve synergy among the region’s administrative bodies responsible for foreign work. On business front, SIIS stepped up joint research programs by working more closely with large multinational enterprises such as PwC and Siemens, covering topics like China International Import Expo, Shanghai’s business environment, Belt and Road Initiative, etc. SIIS signed a memorandum of understanding with PwC and jointly released a report titled Transformation of Globalization and Driving Forces of the Belt and Road Initiative.



On October 31, SIIS signed a MoU with Foreign Affairs Office of Henan Province and Zhengzhou University.



On December 18, SIIS signed a MoU with Anhui University and Foreign Affairs Office of Anhui Province.



On November 9, SIIS signed a MoU with PwC.



On December 13, SIIS Vice President Yan Anlin attended the 7th Cross-Strait Think Tank Academic Forum.



∧ The Shanghai Institute of International Organizations and Global Governance, co-founded by SIIS and the Shanghai University of Finance & Economics, is selected as university think tank in cultivation of Shanghai.



∧ SIIS Vice President Yang Jian is invited to participate the Arctic Circle Mission Council on the Global Arctic.



∧ SIIS serves as a member of the Special Committee of International Cooperation under the Advisory Committee for State Informatization.



∧ SIIS is appointed to join the expert committee of the Ministry of Finance.



On December 9, SIIS and the Belt and Road Financial Research Institute (Shanghai) of the Export-Import Bank of China jointly held a forum on the Yangtze River Delta in pursuit of high-quality development under the Belt and Road Initiative, where a series of research reports on Shanghai's role in advancing the Belt and Road Initiative were officially released to the public.



2. Research Projects and Reports

In 2020, three research projects initiated by SIIS received funding from the National Social Science Fund, among which two are general projects, including “South Asian Countries’ Role in the Belt and Road Initiative: An Innovative Study of Model and Theory”, “A Global Landscape of Technological Competition and the Advancement of China’s ‘Innovative Partnership’”; the other one is for young scholars, “Transformation of India’s Diplomatic Strategy and Implications for China”.

In addition, SIIS applied for five Shanghai Philosophy and Social Science Planning Projects; completed four National Social Science Projects and one Special Program of Shanghai Social Science Project; undertaken nineteen research projects entrusted by ministries, commissions and offices of the central government, ten entrusted by the Shanghai municipal government, six entrusted by other organizations; approved and completed several innovative application projects, including:



Japan's Quest for Strategic Autonomy in the New Dynamics of Global Economic and Trade Governance

The world is experiencing profound changes unseen in a century, including a new round of impact on global economic and trade system. For Japan, who always claims itself to be a Western country, the impact mostly means challenges to the existing international order. At the present stage, Japan's policy towards China is typically characterized by checks and balances on institutional level. Keeping this in mind, China needs to strengthen exchange and coordination with Japan, seek common ground while putting aside differences with mutual respect to bring bilateral ties into a new phase of win-win cooperation.

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Anti-Terrorism in the Middle East: Perceptions beyond Western Mentality and Discourse

Terrorism in the Middle East refers to the terrorist activities related to the Middle East region with transnational characteristic. It is not only found in violence but also in mentality. For too long, the Middle East is ravaged by terrorism and has become a hotbed of international terrorism. Admittedly, the emergence, evolution and proliferation of terrorism in the Middle East has endogenous factors but is also highly relevant with Western countries' policies. The Western mentality and discourse, to a large extent, has misled anti-terrorist fight into the wrong direction and provoked new conflicts that worsen the situation. This task force believes that anti-terrorist fight in the Middle East should move beyond the Western mentality and discourse.



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New Trends in Middle East Security and China's Participation in Regional Security Governance

With continuous adjustment of international order and increasingly deep transformation of countries in the Middle East, the connotation of regional security and the demand of regional countries for security interest have gone beyond the traditional geographical definition. Major countries participate in security affairs of the Middle East in order to play their role as big powers and strengthen international influence. In the future, China will be more deeply involved and has a unique role to play in the shaping and improving of the Middle East security environment. This is not just to safeguard China's interest in the region by promoting sustainable bilateral and multilateral relations with Middle East countries, but also to practice China's concept of major-country diplomacy, respond to expectations of the international community and shoulder its due responsibility as a major country. With the ravaging pandemic as well as America's intensified efforts to contain China on a global scale, it is of greater strategic significance for China to contribute to the security governance of the Middle East and strengthen cooperation with Middle East countries in the security sphere.

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China's Role in the Adjustment of Security Landscape in Northeast Asia

This report holds that the adjustment of security landscape in Northeast Asia is shaped by factors like Northeast Asian countries' different perceptions of security, America's role, and inherent flaws in regional security architecture. The new landscape, largely dependent upon power balance between China and the U.S. as well as strategic relations among major countries in the region, will be characterized by America's leadership, China's support, China-U.S. co-governance, and collective security mechanism. While boosting up its own strength, China needs to fully leverage the dynamics in this round of adjustment, enhance its voice in regional security affairs and play a bigger role in reshaping regional security landscape for the sake of a better neighboring environment as well as advancing its own national security interest and geo-strategies.

Changes of Political Thoughts and Society in Latin America and Implications for the Prospect of China-Latin America Cooperation

This report analyzes the changes of political thoughts in Latin America over the past twenty years, including causes, manifestations, implications as well as impact on China-Latin America relations. At home, the center-left populism in Latin America advocates social mobilization, inclusive growth, more extensive political participation and leads a new trend of enhancing national strength, fiscal sustainability, and better rule of law. Looking into populism's future in Latin America, the world economic environment holds the key because economic performance is the most important yardstick to measure the vitality of political parties. The sway of political thoughts of Latin American countries is also making an impact on regional cooperation and foreign relations. Despite that, Latin American countries still maintain the strategic consensus of strengthening cooperation with China.



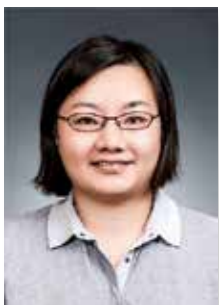
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Global Digital Economy and the Evolution of World Economic Landscape

The growth of digital economy depends on a sound digitalized ecology. The improvement of digitalized ecology and the obtaining of digital resource endowment depends on continuous investment of national resources. Therefore, industrial policy practices featured government intervention will eventually lead to economic policy competition between nations. Digital economy has brought multi-dimensional and complex effects on world economy in a way that its production mode is a big shock for the traditional mechanism of division of labor and is reshuffling international economic relations and world economic landscape. The "stable state" between developed economies based on digital resource endowment will gradually break away from the division of labor among developing economies. Taking capital and technological monopoly into account, digital economy will further catalyze the differentiation in emerging economies. Economies of Scale and effects of system integration are salient in digital economy, which will be new driving forces for regional economic integration and propel the development of the existent multilateral and bilateral cooperation mechanism across the globe.



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Taiwan-Related Bills of U.S. Congress (2016-2018) and Implications to Cross-strait Relations

By analyzing Taiwan-related bills and resolutions passed by the U.S. Congress from 2016 to 2018, this report holds that over the years the U.S. Congress is speeding up legislation of Taiwan-related bills, with more focused topics and higher passage rate, leading to serious consequences. This report predicts that the U.S. Congress will continue to put forth Taiwan-related issues, attempting to challenge China's red line and pass more bills to advance the so-called "U.S.-Taiwan relations". The U.S. will probably lend more support to Taipei in its attempt to expand international space (such as helping it to participate in the World Health Assembly); help Taipei to strengthen substantive relations with countries listed in its New Southbound Policy; consolidate the so-called "legal relationship" between the U.S. and the entity by manipulating more Taiwan-related bills to be signed by the President. This report also gives suggestions on how China could respond to such situation.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres's Reform Agenda and China's Constructive Role

The United Nations is now confronted with both internal and external challenges. The Secretary-General is usually the organizer and promoter for the reform of the United Nations. Since taking office in January 2017, António Guterres has been committed to improving the UN governance system. This new round of reform, with conflict prevention at its core, makes unprecedented efforts to promote the integration of the pillars of the UN system through the "whole-of-pillar" and "cross-pillar" approach and emphasizes the reform of peace and security architecture, development system and management model. The agenda will help to solve the fragmentation problem of the UN system, build up UN's crisis management capability, and meet the comprehensive requirement of the UN 2030 Agenda. However, due to conflict of interest as well as governing philosophy, the reform has also sparked controversy. To enhance China's relationship with the UN as well as increase its influence within the UN system, China should make more efforts in building partnership, advancing South-South cooperation and guiding the evolution of governing philosophy.



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Japan's Regionalization Policy toward the Asia-Pacific: Strategic Goals and Implications for China-Japan Cooperation

Though not as strong as China in terms of comprehensive national strength, Japan has opted to take the "window of opportunity" to build up institutional advantage over China and reap institutional benefits of Asia-Pacific's regional integration process. For this reason, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's cabinet prioritized to adopt the TPP over the RCEP in its design of regionalization policy towards the Asia-Pacific. Meanwhile, Japan's perception on China's rise and bilateral relations has improved, judging by his cabinet's change of attitude towards the Belt and Road Initiative from indifference to conditional response. China needs to seek more common interest with Japan and improve mutual understanding to ensure the healthy and stable development of China-Japan relations.

3. Academic Exchange

(1) International Exchange: Virtual Dialogue with the U.S., Europe, Japan, India, etc.

Despite the pandemic, SIIS took the initiative to reach out and ensured all its flagship projects be executed as planned, including a series of seminars on the Taiwan Question, China-U.S. Dialogue on Cyber Security, China-U.S. Dialogue on the Global Economic Order, CICA Think Tank Roundtable, etc. In addition, SIIS has been keeping a close watch on the development of international situation and China's neighboring environment and held quite a few timely webinars on bilateral relations, regional dynamics as well as international landscape.



- On May 28, SIIS and CLAWS (India) co-hosted a webinar themed *China-India @70: Implications of COVID-19 & Way Forward*.



- On December 10, SIIS collaborated with the Center for International Security and Strategy, Tsinghua University to host the symposium of *“New Perspectives on China’s U.S. Strategy”*.

(2) Exchange at Home: City-to-City/People-to-People Diplomacy

City-to-city and people-to-people diplomacy is one of SIIS's signature projects. As the major task force of the Shanghai People-to-People Diplomacy Research Base, SIIS experts organized a series of online and offline events centering on topics such as city governance, international communication, and international cooperation to solicit suggestions and ideas from government and media and produce high-quality reports and papers on Shanghai's experience of people-to-people diplomacy.



- On December 6, SIIS worked with Shanghai People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (SPAFFC) to hold the seminar on "China International Import Expo and Innovation of People-to-People Diplomacy".

4. Policy Advice

The year of 2020 is an important juncture for China as it will wrap up the 13th five-year plan for 2016-2020 and prepare for its next master plan. As one of the most prestigious think tanks in China, SIIS is fully involved in agenda setting for China's and Shanghai's next-stage reform, including the 14th five-year plan of international cooperation in polar region, the 14th five-year plan of Shanghai's technological innovation, the 14th five-year plan of Shanghai's cyber security and informatization, etc.

Policy advice provided by SIIS are much valued by the central and municipal government, especially on topics like Taiwan question, Hong Kong question, ethnic policy, cyber security, etc. SIIS scholars are frequently designated by governmental departments as leading experts to give counsel to policy makers of Beijing and Shanghai.



- On November 6, SIIS Vice President Yan Anlin attended a seminar in commemoration of the 5th anniversary of the historic meeting between the top leaders across the Taiwan Strait.



- On October 21, Ms. Wang Shuguang, Deputy Director of General office of the Committee of the Basic Law of Hong Kong and Macau, Standing Committee of National People's Congress, visited SIIS.



- On November 19, a delegation of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference visited SIIS.



- Professor Ye Jiang was re-appointed for another term as expert committee member of the 3rd session of the advisory committee of China's National Ethnic Affairs Commission.

IV. Guiding the Public Opinion

1. Academic Journals

Global Review, as one of SIIS's flagship journals, has long been dedicated to building a platform for scholarship of international studies by publishing academic papers of the highest quality of top-notch scholars from home and abroad. The biennial selection of the best papers by Global Review's editorial board is one of the most influential events for the research community across China.



On September 14 and 15, Global Review worked with Journal of International Security Studies and School of National Security of Southwest University of Political Science & Law to co-host the 8th Forum of International Security Studies. Experts from China's top universities, research institutes and journals participated in this forum physically or virtually.

2. Two SIIS Events Awarded by the Shanghai Municipal Government

In 2020, the Shanghai municipal government presented awards to two SIIS events for their outstanding work of international communication. “Trans-Pacific Exchange and Cooperation: Shanghai Commemorates the 40th Anniversary of China-U.S. Diplomatic Relations” won the first prize. As co-organizer of this picture exhibition, SIIS was fully involved in exhibition planning, picture collecting and visual design. The “International Symposium on the Prospect of a Political Settlement on the Syrian Issue” won the third prize. At the critical juncture of the Syrian issue, the symposium, gathering all relevant parties for consensus building, is a pragmatic step taken by China towards a political settlement and pragmatic solution.



- ∧ On May 15, a recap session for the “Trans-Pacific Exchange and Cooperation: Shanghai Commemorates the 40th Anniversary of China-U.S. Diplomatic Relations” was held at SIIS.



- ∧ Certificates awarded by the Shanghai municipal government

3. Media Interaction

SIIS has always attached great importance to interaction with media and maintained close cooperation with them. After years of efforts, SIIS has made prominent progress in managing its media network, integrating multi-media platforms and fully tapping into its resources to enhance the influence of SIIS's intellectual products. Institutionalized cooperation has been established between SIIS and various media groups. SIIS's media partners are welcomed to participate whenever there are open seminars and round tables hosted by SIIS.

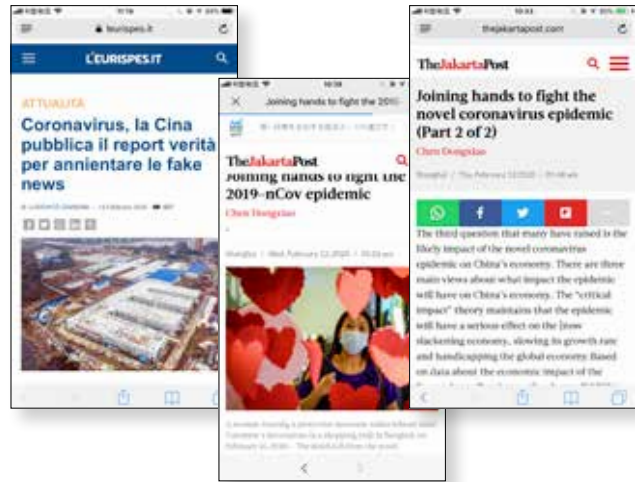
Throughout 2020, SIIS experts accepted over 50 interviews with domestic media, 5 with overseas media and published over 200 commentaries and articles with domestic media, tens of them with overseas media. SIIS experts also published over 100 original articles on SIIS's social media platform.



^ President Chen Dongxiao was in an interview with CGTN, together with H.E. Mr. Lin Songtian, President of Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and Mr. Kenneth Jarrett, Senior Advisor at Albright Stonebridge Group.



On March 25, 2020, President Chen Dongxiao published an article in the People's Daily.



Multiple overseas media posted SIIS's pandemic-related reports.



Dr. Zhang Jian received an interview with CCTV.



Dr. Long Jing received an interview with Albania Daily News.

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Founded in 1960, the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS) is a government-affiliated high-caliber think tank dedicated to informing government decision-making by conducting policy-oriented studies in world politics, economics, foreign policy, and international security. SIIS maintains intensive and extensive exchanges and cooperation with research institutions at home and abroad, bolstering China's international influence and soft power.

SIIS boasts an authorized size of 106 full-time research fellows and staff, including 60% senior fellows. SIIS was ranked one of the top ten Chinese think tanks in 2006, and one of the top ten global think tanks (non-American) in 2008. SIIS comprises six institutes and six research centers, namely, the Institute for Global Governance Studies, the Institute for Foreign Policy Studies, the Institute for World Economic Studies, the Institute for International Strategic Studies, the Institute for Comparative Politics and Public Policy, the Institute for Taiwan, Hong Kong & Macao Studies, the Center for American Studies, the Center for Asia-Pacific Studies, the Center for Russian and Central Asian Studies, the Center for West Asia and Africa studies, the Center for European Studies, and the Center for Maritime and Polar Studies. SIIS has also set up seven in-house research platforms, i.e., the research base of Shanghai people-to-people diplomacy, center for the study of Chinese diplomatic theory and practice, center for world politics and political parties, center for China-South Asia cooperation, center for BRI and Shanghai studies, center for international cyberspace governance, and center for China-Japan relations studies.

SIIS is a member of Think20 (T20) under the framework of G20, a member of Council of Councils, an institutional member of the Shanghai International Strategic Studies Association and the Shanghai International Relations Association. It has a post-doctoral research station in collaboration with the East China Normal University and establishes the Shanghai Institute of International Organizations and Global Governance in partnership with the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics.

Global Review (bimonthly, Chinese) and the China Quarterly of International Strategic Studies are the two flagship journals of SIIS and have become a prestigious academic platform for domestic and international scholarship.







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