

Role of Think Tanks in China

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Basic information about China's Think Tank

- The rapid development of China's think tank in recent years. In 2013, president Xi Jinping put the think tank's development into the national strategic level, This is unprecedented in Chinese history.
- Employee's number of China's Think Tank. Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences published a book named China's Think Tank Report (2014), shows China think tank hiring 30,000 research people, but compared to as much as 1,570,000 high education teacher, think tank works is far from enough.

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- Numbers of China's Think Tank: According to Nanjing University published Chinese Think Tank Index(CTTI), End of June 21, 2017, CTTI included 490 think tanks.
- Influence power. Not all think tanks have influence, the United States have about 1600 think tanks, probably only twenty or thirty think tanks have a greater influence. This is the same with China:
- China Institutes of contemporary International Relations; China's Foreign Affairs University; University of International Relations; Shanghai Institutes for International Studies; China Center for International Economic Exchanges and so on

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- **First, An important window for Overseas observation and studies China.**
- three represents theory ----Wang Huning
- Hu Jintao -----Peaceful upsurge -----Zheng Bijian , Party School of the Central Committee of C. P. C.
- B&R --Zeng Peiyan, China Center for International Economic Exchanges

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- "revolving door". Many senior government officials like Dai Bingguo, Zeng Peiyan after they retirement, they start to work for Think tank, and play an important role in foreign relationship policy and economy policy.
- We should notice that, most of these persons are key important, some of them was worked on CPC Central Committee.

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- **Second, Diversification and vitality.**
- International Relations Studies: Wang Jisi and Yan Xuetong
- Political science: Yu Keping and Fang Ning
- Economics: Yu Yongding and Hu Angang
- Law discipline : He Weifang and Xu Xianming
- Different ideas are good things, which shows that China is a lot of Diversification and vitality.

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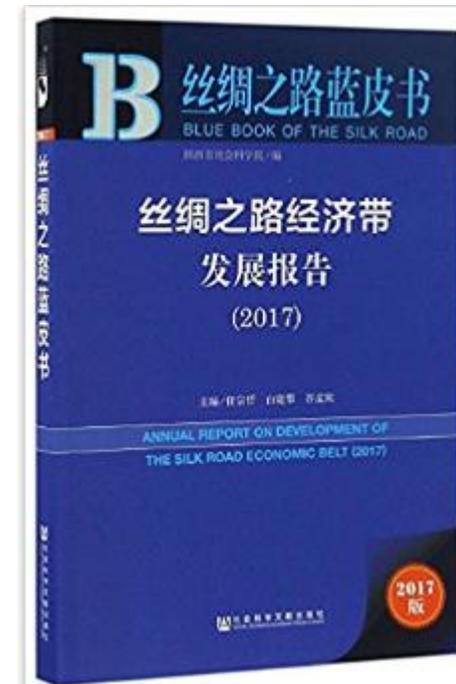
- **Third, The bridge between nations communication**
- Intercourse between countries has both official channels and some unofficial channels. In coordinating intergovernmental relations, think tanks should play an important role in "second track".
- In terms of diplomacy, the interaction between think tanks is generally thoughtful. They understand policies, predictability and knowledge reserves, and have the ability to carry out Deep - level communication.
- Therefore, this kind of communication should face the problem, in order to promote the solution to the problem, based on mutual understanding, mutual respect for each other's policy, sincere and frank exchange of views, rather than only some surface effort.

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- **Forth, serving for industry.**
- In recent years, China's enterprise think tank has developed a very fast , most of which services for industry, designed to provide the best strategy for business decision makers in dealing with marketing, human resources, finance, R & D, manufacturing, law, finance, public relations or related services.

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- In the financial sector, the most typical than the major brokerage firms, investment bank research team on some industries to launch the "research report”
- Social Science Literature Publishing House--Blue Books



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- **Fifth, Serves for the strategy.**
- This is mainly refers to the service of the highest decision-making level, from the national overall consideration of planning to achieve long-term goal , rather than business strategy or business strategy, also not refers to the military level of operational strategy.
- A top Chinese think tank can not just affect the China's Policy, should also be able to affect the US White House, as the United States excellent think tank is not only affect the US policy makers, they also can play a certain influence to the Chinese decision-making. Many scholars are "strategic research", but really can serve a country's top decision-making is a very small number of people.

Conclusion

- Think tanks play an increasingly important role in China's economic and social development.
- First, Set up overseas office. China's think tank should establish close cooperation and communication mechanism with the world's think tanks.
- Second, To explore new paths for regional and country research and to make new research tools such as large data.
- At last, Focus on strengthening the "strategic communication", not just pick up the good talk, have to make clear the difficulties of the Chinese side.

Thanks!