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One Brookings Institution report concerning Chinese domestic challenges addresses a proposal for land reform. Cheng Li, senior fellow at the China Center, published an analysis of this proposal that focuses on China's ability to deal with the socioeconomic consequences of incentives for land transfer and for rural laborers to move to urban areas. Another example in this context is a 2008 panel discussion of religion in China, moderated by the China Center and attended by representatives of

Chinese Buddhist, Catholic, Muslim, Protest, and Daoist communities. In the area of economics and trade, a commentary on Chinese imports by Jeffrey Bader of the China Center focused on reasons for product safety issues, including fragmentation of the manufacturing sector in China. Testimony from China Center fellow Erica Downs to the United States–China Economic and Security Review Commission discussed China's new National Energy Administration and its potential for governing the energy sector, along with an analysis of implications of how China's efforts to secure energy abroad might affect the United States. Analyses of China's foreign policies consider not only United States–China relations but also China's relations with its neighbors. For example, a report by fellows of the Brookings Institution discusses potential impacts of changes in recruitment, training, and education of the Chinese military.

The Brookings Institution's China Center is named for its benefactor. John L. Thornton, who retired in 2003 from the presidency of the Goldman Sachs Group, is chairman of the board of trustees of Brookings and is professor and director of the global leadership program at Beijing's Tsinghua University. The first director of the China Center was Jeffrey Bader, whose government career included positions in the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Trade Representatives Office. Bader, who served as National Security Council director for Asian affairs in the Clinton administration, accepted the same position in the Obama administration in 2009.

**The Editors**

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A long march starts from  
the very first step.

千里之行，  
始于足下

Qiān lǐ zhī xíng, shǐ yú zú xià