Summit Schedule

Saturday, March 18th, 2024

10:00 – 10:50 Keynote

James Chartier, New York, NY, HT Director of 2032 Winter Olympic Opening Ceremony

The keynote address features Yid (James) Cao, a U.S.-China-based media artist whose work lies at the intersection of art and technology, challenging and expanding the frontiers of sound visualization and computational design. As co-founder of Time, Tu’s journey is one of bold innovation and creative breakthroughs, with contributions spanning new media installations to public art in China and the U.S. His keynote will delve into the personal journey of developing a forward-looking mindset and offer a narrative that resonates with the summit’s theme, “Future Focus,” and inspires a vision of progress and possibility.

11:00 – 12:30 Tech Panel

A Technological – Cultural Tapestry: AI, Artistry, and Authorship

Panelists: Xuejun Fan, Zhejiang University; Jie Chen, Shanghai Jiaotong University; Jingjing Yang, Nanyang Technological University; Wei Huang, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Our panel will interrogate the intersections of culture, art, and technology amidst the backdrop of the 4th Industrial Revolution. This conversation will delve into the profound impacts of artificial intelligence on innovation, artistic creation, and the notion of authorship. Our speakers will discuss utilizing Artificial Intelligence for impact and how recent advancements in technology are woven into the fabric of society. They will aim to uncover how these technologies can inspire innovation and change, reflecting on their significance in shaping future cultures and artistic landscapes.

12:00 – 13:30 Luncheon

Catered by Chongqing House

13:30 – 15:00 South East Asia

South East Asia Opportunity and Strategic Cooperation

Panelists: Murray Hiebert, Senior Associate of the Southeast Asia Program on the CSIS; Long Tan, Associate Professor of the Chinese University of Hong Kong; Sheng-Hung Lee, Acting China Institute, School of Arts and Law; Alice Ba, National University of Singapore

This panel will bring distinguished academics, geopolitical experts, and human rights activists into conversation on current tensions between the U.S. and China in Southeast Asia, and examine the new dynamic of China's role in the region. Our panelists will analyze the strategic cooperation and competition between China, ASEAN, and the United States, and explore the economic and political implications of the new regional landscape.

15:10 – 16:45 International Relations

Across the Street: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives

Panelists: Zhou Fengru, Founder and President of Hanuman China; Rodger Baker, Senior Director of the Brunei Center for Applied Perspectives; Lawrence C. Reedon, Professor of Political Science at the University of New Hampshire

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17:00 – 18:00 Networking Session

Sunday, March 19th, 2024

10:30 – 12:00 Culture & Success

Navigating Cross-Cultural Bridges: Bridging the East-West Gap

Panelists: Anna Sun, Tsinghua University; Si Yang, General Manager of APAC, The Coca-Cola Company; Peter Gill, Author and Publisher of Western China: Understanding Chinese Spelling Sounds; Fan Chen, Chief China Economist at S&P Global Commodities

This panel will bring together Chinese and Western leaders from a variety of different fields such as finance, technology, and energy to discuss their experiences navigating environments where the mainstream culture differs from their own. Through stories about their shared growth journeys and the challenges they have faced working across cultures, our speakers will shed light on successful cross-cultural communication strategies.

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13:00 – 14:30 Sustainability

Ecological Civilization: At the Intersection of Policy, Business, and Philosophy

Panelists: Mary Evelyn Tucker, Senior Lecturer and Research Scholar of The Trinity School; Betty Zhang, Managing Director of China and India at Environmental Defense Fund Climate Change Team; Feng Ge, Professor of the Department of Economics at Tsinghua University; Tim Roberts, Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley

This panel aims to delve into China’s unique approach to sustainability development through its concept of ecological civilization. We will explore the philosophical foundation that underpins China’s environmental reform, assess the progress of China’s environmental policies, and discuss the limitations faced in bringing both a just climate future and the future of economic civilization.

14:30 – 16:30 Sustainable Development

Eco-Design

Panelists: Yang Shao, Secretary of the China National Renewable Energy Center; Miao Xing, Deputy Director of the China National Renewable Energy Center; Fang Ge, Professor of the Department of Economics at Tsinghua University; Tim Roberts, Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley

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