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Challenges and Opportunities for US-China Educational Exchange

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This talk discusses opportunities and challenges for US-China educational exchange, e.g. broader dynamics in the bilateral relationship and how that plays out in local partnerships in K-12 and higher education.

Ryan McElveen serves as Managing Director of US-China Education Trust, where he oversees organization operations, programming, communications, and development. At USCET, he has spearheaded the creation of new programming including the Distinguished Speakers Series, the USCET Salon Series, and the USCET Study Tour, and he has also launched the Friends of USCET community. He serves concurrently as a nonresident fellow at the Centre on Contemporary China and the World (CCCW) at the University of Hong Kong (HKU). Ryan's experience spans the public- and private-sectors, NGOs, and academia. Before joining USCET, Ryan served for 12 years as associate director of the John L. Thornton China Center at the Brookings Institution, where he supported a team of resident and nonresident scholars, research staff, and interns; launched and coordinated the U.S.-China Leaders Forum at Sunnylands and U.S.-China track II dialogues on topics ranging from artificial intelligence and national security to food security to economic and trade relations; implemented large-scale research projects; hosted major public events, retreats, and study tours in the U.S. and Asia; initiated the Brookings China Council and managed donor relations; oversaw longstanding partnerships with other global think tanks and academic institutions like Tsinghua University and Yale University; and coordinated with the Brookings-Tsinghua Center in Beijing. Ryan has also worked for the International Operations and Policy office of the Boeing Company, The Clinton Foundation and The Clinton Global Initiative, Columbia University's Weatherhead East Asian Institute, The China Institute, the University of Virginia Center in Shanghai, and the U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. He is a member of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, and his writing has been published in the New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, International Herald Tribune, CNN, Current History, Lawfare, China-US Focus, the Cairo Review of Global Affairs, and the Georgetown Journal of International Affairs. Ryan holds a Master's of International Affairs in human rights from Columbia University and a B.A. in Anthropology and East Asian Studies from the University of Virginia.

Rosie Levine is the Executive Director at the US-China Education Trust (USCET). She comes to USCET from the United States Institute of Peace, where she has been a senior program analyst working on the China program. In April 2024, Rosie was named a Project Fellow in The Penn Project on the Future of US-China Relations. In this role, she joins a small group of "next generation" China scholars and analysts who contribute policy-relevant analysis on the most pressing issues in US-China relations. She joined USIP after four years at the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, a New York City-based non-profit. In this role, Levine was responsible for the Public Intellectuals Program, where she designed and implemented programs for a network of leading China scholars to improve American understanding of China. She also oversaw a year-long project to survey and report on the state of American research on China. The findings from the project received mention in The Guardian, The Atlantic, The Financial Times, and a dedicated episode of the Sinica podcast. From 2014 to 2018, Levine was based in Beijing, China where she completed her master's degree in Chinese studies at the Yenching Academy of Peking University. She also served as the Program Director for the Beijing Cultural Heritage Protection Center, a grassroots nonprofit dedicated to preserving Beijing's hutongs. She received her bachelor's degree in history from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and graduated with highest honors. She is a Term Member at the Council on Foreign Relations, a second cohort fellow in the Penn Project on the Future of U.S.-China Relations, a Pacific Forum Young Leader, and formerly served as the chapter head of Young China Watchers' DC and New York Chapters. Levine grew up in China, spending ages four to nine in Beijing.

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