

**Innovative China: The Sources and Obstacles to China's Aspirations to be a
Leading High-Technology Power
June 24, 2010**

China aspires to become a world leader in science and technology within the next 10–20 years. The country's leaders and scientific elite regard possession of a state-of-the-art autonomous innovation capability as central in their endeavors to build a prosperous and powerful nation. Can China succeed in its goal and how is it going about achieving these aims?

Join with leading China scholars and entrepreneurs to discuss these questions on June 24, 2010, on the campus of UCSD. A public event will take place in the Price Center Forum from 4:30-6:00 pm in which a panel of 6 speakers will give short presentations on critical issues shaping China's efforts to shift from imitation and production to becoming a country that excels in innovation. Speakers will be experts in Chinese science and technology policy, economics, politics, security, and history. We will also have 1-2 speakers with extensive business experience of the Chinese high-technology sector.

A special invitation-only private dinner will be held following the public event for 60-70 people that will debate the issues raised at the panel session. This dinner will be held in the Price Center Loft. Tables will be organized in which there will be a scholar and student to lead the discussion and come up with questions and comments during the first hour of the dinner. After the main course, a debate will take place in which the panelists will address the question of whether China can become a truly advanced and sustainable innovative nation with its current political system. Panelists will also answer questions put together by the tables.

This event is being jointly hosted by the University of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC) and the School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS), University of California San Diego. For more details, please contact Laura Martin, IGCC Conference Coordinator, at 858-534-2990 or lauramartin@ucsd.edu.