The University of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC) in cooperation with the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS) at University of California San Diego (UCSD) will be hosting a U.S.-China informal bilateral dialogue on Science and Technology policy that will be held in La Jolla, California, on June 30, 2010.

This meeting brings together 20-25 leading technology policy thinkers from the U.S. and China to engage in candid and free-wheeling discussions on the current state and future prospects of their countries’ S&T endeavors. Topics that will be addressed include:

1. **The Obama Administration’s Approach to Innovation Policy and Scientific Development: Changing Policies and Institutions:** There is lively discussion among competing approaches to technology development in the US, including a broad philosophical difference between “globalizers” and those with more “nationalist” approaches. We will discuss how these views are shaping policy.

2. **The Chinese Government’s Current Approach to Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy:** Of particular interest is understanding the key drivers shaping thinking and debate over its forthcoming 12th 5-Year Science and Technology Program (2011-2015).

3. **California High-Technology Business: Adaption to a new Era:** How is the California model of entrepreneurial technology firms adapting to the dramatically altered post-crisis environment? Changed financial realities; rising R&D capabilities outside the US; and altered relations with governments and universities are all having an impact on business strategy and development in California.

Confirmed participants include renowned Chinese technology scholars Liu Xielin (Chinese Academy of Sciences), Xue Lan (Tsinghua University) and Wu Xiaobao (Zhejiang University), along with prominent U.S. thinkers on innovation such as Richard Atkinson (former head, National Science Foundation and University of California), Dieter Ernst (East-West Center), and Barry Naughton (UCSD) along with business executives from the high-technology and venture capital communities.

The dialogue is part of IGCC’s Project on the Study of Innovation and Technology in China (SITC) that seeks to understand the approaches, challenges, and prospects for success in China’s quest for technological transformation.