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Talk the Talk and Walk the Walk: Can Communication and Understanding Facilitate Accommodation in the US-China Relationship

Guest Lecture by
Dr. Suisheng Zhao
University of Denver

3:30 - 5 p.m. EST, Thursday, November 16, 2023
1750 Sangren Hall



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Abstract: Despite recent high-level exchanges between the US and China, including visits to China by US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken and Secretary of the Treasury Janet Yellen, and the US Senator delegation by Chuck Schumer, the US-China relationship has remained at the lowest point since President Nixon's historical visit to China in 1972, with hawkish tones and disputes over Taiwan and tech-war becoming the new normal. Their talks have become exchanges of accusations rather than finding resolutions. How has the relationship got to this point? Why has communication failed to facilitate mutual accommodation? What are driving tensions and the root causes of this crisis? What is the prospect of the Sino-US competition? How can Washington and Beijing stabilize the relationship? Dr. Suisheng Zhao's talk will see answers to these important questions.