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Jisi Wang is China's most prominent scholar of international relations and one of the "founding fathers" of this field as a modern academic discipline in Chinese universities. When China began its meteoric rise as a world power, Wang was instrumental in shaping the nation's "peaceful rise" policy whereby China could grow its economy without being seen as a threat in world affairs.

He focuses his research on United States diplomacy, international relations theory, and Chinese foreign policy. His keen observations of the U.S. — in particular, how American society and politics influence its diplomacy toward China — have made him a leading expert on relations between the two nations.

Wang is dean of Peking University's School of International Studies in Beijing, where he established one of China's first academic centers for policy-relevant research in international affairs: the Center for International and Strategic Studies. It has since become one of the core institutions in the MacArthur Foundation's Asia Security Initiative. Previously Wang was director of the Institute of American Studies at China's Academy of Social Sciences for more than decade, as well as director of the Institute of International Strategic Studies at the Central Party School — a well-known training ground for China's rising government leaders. He has mentored a generation of students who now teach at China's top institutions and serve at the highest levels of government.

Wang's penetrating intellect and reputation for moderate, balanced views make him a sought-after contributor to policy debates on both sides of the Pacific. He serves on advisory boards for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, the Chinese Communist Party, the International Council of the Asia Society in New York, and the Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. He writes fluently in English and publishes in such prominent policy journals as *Foreign Affairs* and *The American Interest*.

A Global Scholar of Wang's stature and influence is an extraordinary addition to Princeton's intellectual life, especially for the growing numbers of students who seek a better understanding of China's international role. In his seminars and workshops on campus, Wang explores such topics as China's rise in international politics, its relations with the U.S., and the interplay between China's foreign and domestic policies. His appointment, made possible by a generous gift from C.H. Tung, is expanding the scope of Princeton's China and the World Program and creating a gateway for scholarly exchange with Peking University's School of International Studies. In addition, Wang's extensive network of academic connections — both within and outside China — presents Princeton students and faculty with exciting new opportunities for international study and collaboration.