

Book Launch Roundtable

Dreaming Dragons or Meddlesome Mandarins

A Journey Together to Uncover China's Soul

Co-organized by: Center for China and Globalization (CCG) & Springer Nature

When: 15:30-17:00, Tuesday, March 17, 2026 (Beijing Time)

Where: CCG Office in Beijing (Address: 12th/F, West Wing, Hanwei Plaza, No.7 Guanghua Rd, Chaoyang District 北京朝阳区光华路7号汉威大厦西区12层)

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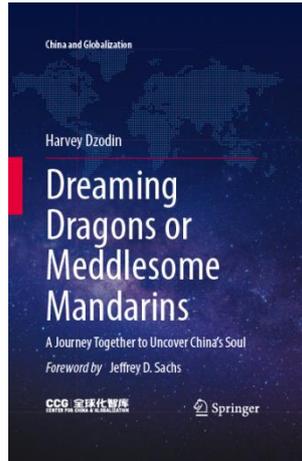
Broadcasting: Live stream

Access to the book: <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-981-95-1553-0>

Even before he became a teenager, Harvey Dzodin was fascinated listening to his shortwave radio in Detroit, and was especially captivated by far-off China. This book is the culmination of the decades of interactions and experiences that Dr. Dzodin has had with China and its people. His raw, personal, and sometimes impassioned insights into China's history, its people, culture and even its current rise on the global stage, give a fresh perspective on perhaps the most consequential country of the twenty-first century. Suitable for both the experienced China hand as well as those with only a cursory knowledge of the Middle Kingdom, Harvey encourages the reader to make their own judgements on China and come to their own conclusion. It is his hope that this book will contribute, in some part, to the sharing of knowledge and the furthering of communication, thus helping to overcome barriers to mutual understanding and informed decision making that plague the world today.

On March 17, 2026, the Center for China and Globalization (CCG) and Springer Nature will jointly launch the new book, *Dreaming Dragons or Meddlesome Mandarins: A Journey Together to Uncover China's Soul*. During the launch and roundtable seminar, the author Dr. Harvey Dzodin, former ABC executive, presidential appointee and avid commentator on everything global, William Achauer, editorial director for business, economics, political science and law from Springer Nature Group, and Dr. Henry Huiyao Wang, founder and president of CCG, former Counselor to the China State Council, will join with experts and senior researchers to explore topics of discovering China from all aspects and bridging East and West.

This book is published as part of the "China and Globalization" series, which is designed to collect a wide range of global views on issues related to China and globalization, the opportunities and challenges related to China's rise and China's role in global governance, global economy, global development and global security. The first of its kind, this series features the works of over two hundred global contributors, seeking to create a balanced global perspective by gathering the views of highly influential opinion leaders from both China and around the world.



AGENDA

15:00 – 15:30 Registration

15:30 – 15:35 Welcoming remarks

Mabel Lu Miao, Co-founder and Secretary-General of the Center for China and Globalization (CCG)

15:35 – 15:55 Opening remarks

William Achauer, Editorial Director for Business, Economics, Political Science and Law, Springer Nature Group (online)

Henry Huiyao Wang, Founder and President of CCG, former Counselor to the China State Council

15:55 – 16:10 Book Release

Harvey Dzodin, the author of *Dreaming Dragons or Meddlesome Mandarins: A Journey Together to Uncover China's Soul*, Senior Fellow of CCG, former Vice President of the ABC-TV Network, lawyer for the 39th US President Jimmy Carter

16:10 – 16:50 Roundtable Discussion

Mabel Lu Miao (Host), Co-founder and Secretary-General of CCG

Harvey Dzodin, the author of *Dreaming Dragons or Meddlesome Mandarins*

Henry Huiyao Wang, Founder and President of CCG, former Counselor to the China State Council

Michael Hermann, Chief Representative of The Federation for Associations connected to the International Humana People to People Movement (Switzerland) Yunnan & Chongqing Representative Offices

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16:50 – 17:00 Media Q&A

THE AUTHOR



Dr. Harvey Dzodin is a Senior Fellow of the Center for China and Globalization, as well as Vienna-based freelance columnist and commentator for *China Daily*, CGTN TV and CGTN Radio, and other global media. He is the Chairman of the Austria-based Earthcare Culture Association.

Dr. Dzodin was appointed by the 39th US President Jimmy Carter as his lawyer on a presidential committee. Later, after being nominated by the White House and the US Department of State, he worked at the United Nations Office in Vienna. He also served as a director and vice president of the ABC-TV Network in New York for more than 20 years during which time he avidly participated in the activities of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs.

He has published over 400 op-eds, focusing on international affairs, Sino-US relations, the Belt and Road Initiative, and arts and culture. He's a sought after speaker and consultant in China and abroad. The American Biography Institute named Dr. Dzodin one of the "Great Thinkers of the twenty-first Century".

ABOUT CCG

Founded in 2008 and headquartered in Beijing, the Center for China and Globalization (CCG) is China's leading global non-governmental think tank. It has more than ten branches and overseas offices and engaged in research on globalization, global governance, international economy and trade, international relations and global migration. In the 2020 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report released by the University of Pennsylvania, the world's most authoritative think tank ranking, CCG was again recognized as one of the world's top 100 think tanks, ranking in 64th place globally.

While cultivating its own research teams, CCG has also built an international research network of leading experts in China and overseas. CCG has developed a variety of events and platforms, providing effective channels to exchange ideas between policymakers, experts, scholars, and industry leaders. CCG also plays an active role in non-governmental exchanges and Track II Diplomacy, becoming a valuable platform to aid mutual understanding between China and the rest of the world. As one of the first Chinese think tanks to "go global," CCG has held bilateral and multilateral events at the Paris Peace Forum, the Munich Security Conference, the World Economic Forum, and other important international events. CCG has been involved in promoting many national development and global governance policies. It regularly submits policy recommendations to relevant state agencies and ministries, many of which have been commented

on by the central leadership and have served as reference for major decisions made by relevant departments, continually promoting government policymaking and institutional innovation. CCG has also been granted Special Consultative Status by the United Nations.

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