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The Osgood Center for International Studies, in cooperation with the Center for International Security and Strategy Studies, recently concluded a ten-day conference on Sino-American Relations in Guangzhou, China. The conference focused on how President Obama's administration is affecting the diplomatic and economic relations between the United States and China.

Osgood Center President Dr. Shelton Williams and CISSS President and Chair of the Department of Diplomacy at the Guangdong University of Foreign Studies Dr. Tang Xiaosong chaired the conference, which included U.S.-China experts from both countries. Among the speakers were Osgood Center's Vice President for Academic Affairs and author of "Trade for Peace" Dr. Patrick Mendis, State University of New York, College at Oneonta Associate Professor of Political Science Robert W. Compton, Editor in Chief of China International Studies Guo Xiangang, Chair of the Department of Government and International Studies at Hong Kong Baptist University Ting Wai, and the Director of the Center for American Studies Shen Dingli.

"The Symposium was a ground-breaking event. Chinese scholars and students engaged US students and scholars in rigorous discussions and exchanges of views. Both sides came away more informed and eager for more opportunities to interact. All the credit goes to Dr. Tang of the CISSS," said the president of the Osgood Center. Dr. Tang said that the conference was the first of its kind in the Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, and he hopes that it will not be the last. The CISSS is looking forward to hosting more academic exchanges with the Osgood Center in the future. He believes such experiential learning events have life-altering impact on students' careers. 2010 US-China Relations conference will be held in Washington, DC.