

Updated Agenda for August 3 Meeting

The agenda for the August 3 monthly meeting has been updated. The meeting will start in Zoom conference call format at 11:55 am ET/8:55 am PT.

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Hate Crimes Tool Kit and Messaging Guidance on China Amid Spike in Anti-Asian Bigotry

On July 27, 2020, Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) Chair Judy Chu issued a press statement on Hate Crimes Tool Kit and Messaging Guidance on China Amid Spike in Anti-Asian Bigotry. It includes guidance to every Member of Congress on how to express opposition to or concerns with policies adopted by China's government, without inspiring more xenophobia that is already putting Asian American lives at risk.

Read more at <https://bit.ly/2KC7zuk>.

NCUSCR Hosts Webinar Featuring Mara Hvistendahl

The National Committee on U.S.-China Relations will host an online webinar, featuring Mara Hvistendahl, investigative reporter of The Intercept. Her most recent report covered "Was the Chinese Consulate in Houston Really a Hotbed of Economic Espionage?"

Industrial espionage by Chinese companies, a real issue, is among the reasons that the Trump administration gives when explaining the genesis of the U.S.-China trade war, and a top counterintelligence target of the FBI. Have efforts to address the problem been successful? With what collateral damage? Nelson Dong will moderate the session.

Read more at <https://bit.ly/3ewoNGD>.

New ICE Directive on Student Visas

On July 24, The Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) introduced a new rule to new students.

Newly enrolled international students whose colleges and universities are operating entirely online this fall won't be allowed to enter the U.S. A similar rule for international students in the U.S. was rescinded after Harvard and MIT filed a lawsuit against the directive.

Read more at <https://n.pr/39EdIIP>.

Executive Order on 2020 Census

On July 21, 2020, an executive order was issued to exclude undocumented aliens from the apportionment base that will be established this year by the 2020 Census. Four lawsuits have been filed to date.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2tVg63w>.

AAAS on Science and Foreign Influence

According to the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), "the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs unanimously endorsed the bipartisan Safeguarding American Innovation Act ([S. 3997](#)) to tighten oversight of federally funded research and ties to foreign governments. The higher education community [issued a letter](#) expressing its concerns with the [legislation](#), especially with language that provides the State Department with the authority to deny visas based on the suspicion of activity to harm U.S. national security interests.

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