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INTRODUCTION

Tsinghua PBCSF Chief Economist Forum is held annually in the PBC School of Finance at Tsinghua University, hosted by the Center for International Finance and Economics Research (CIFER). The 2023 forum was held on May 6, 2023, in Tsinghua University. Nineteen leading scholars and chief economists were invited to speak in the forum. Over 5 million audiences attended the forum online. The Forum remained to be the highest level of economic forum with the largest audience in China.

The main theme of the forum is **2023 Global Financial Turbulence and Economic Outlook**, including a keynote speech and dialogue focusing on the theme of **global financial turbulence and changes in the world order**, and three roundtables focusing on China Economic Outlook, Global Financial Turbulence and China's Financial Market, and Global Financial Turbulence and China's Economic Outlook, respectively.

This collection of speeches reflects views on the main economic and financial issues in China and the world from leading experts mainly inside China. Readers can see that these views are different, and some of them may be very different from the views outside China, especially from the United States and Europe. Readers can also see that experts have divergent opinions on many issues. Therefore, this book continues to play an important role in showing how leading experts inside China view the Chinese and global economy and finance.

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CHAPTER 1

Keynote Speech and Dialogue: Global Financial Turbulence and Changes in the World Order

Abstract In view of the current bilateral economic and trade relations between China and the United States, Stephen Roach believes it is necessary to enhance Sino-US bilateral communication and mutual trust, and jointly address the risk of global recession. Firstly, China and the United States need to rebuild trust, such as by reopening consulates, relaxing visa restrictions, and easing restrictions on non-governmental organizations; secondly, it is important to lower investment barriers between the two countries and reach a consensus on investment protection agreements. Lastly, Roach suggests the establishment of a Sino-US Secretariat, serving as the core of the new diplomatic framework between the two countries, playing a proactive role in the communication and coordination of national affairs. In response to the issue of global financial instability, Min Zhu believes that the banking industry is facing systemic mismatches and the global liquidity crisis will continue to spread. DaoKui Li believes that to maintain and ensure growth, the Chinese government and the market must act simultaneously, and the regulation of artificial intelligence must depend on the coordination and cooperation between China and the United States. Finally, given the backdrop of the current world economic turbulence, Jiandong Ju believes that China should adhere to a nine-(Chinese) character strategy in the competition of great powers: not seeking hegemony, stabilizing the Asian market, and sharing benefits for all.

Keywords Economic growth · Sino-US conflict · US monetary policy · Asian community · Artificial intelligence

1.1 THREADING A NEEDLE: CONFLICT RESOLUTION AMID RECESSION RISKS

Stephen Roach, Former Chairman of Morgan Stanley Asia, Senior Fellow, Paul Tsai China Center, Yale Law School

It is a great honor for me to join this high-level forum. Now, it is Friday evening in Connecticut, and Saturday morning for everyone else. I am a professor at Yale University and a former Chairman of the Asia-Pacific region, and I was also the Chief Economist of Morgan Stanley for 30 years. I think joining the Tsinghua PBCSF Chief Economist Forum is very important, and the discussions on related topics, especially with Chinese experts, American experts, and global experts, are very important.

Today, I would like to talk about the background of global economic challenges, especially the challenges for China and the United States, as well as the conflicts between the two countries.

The convergence of these forces will be very difficult, bringing huge challenges that are hard to cope with for both countries, and at the same time, will have a profound impact on the global economy. Today, I would like to briefly introduce the challenging global macro environment and its impact on the turbulent global financial markets.

First, let's comment on the fragile state of global economic growth. I want to make an important point about the direction of interest rates, and at the same time, I also want to talk about the role of monetary policy in the current environment, as well as a series of unfortunate mistakes made by central bank governors in recent years. This is also a lead-in because I will then talk about the prospects for China's economic growth and its impact on the global economy. The conclusion is to share with you some of my analysis and outlook on the Sino-US conflict, as much of the content is from my newly published book, shown on the right side of the screen, called "Unintended Conflict." Let's start with global economic growth.