



## Youth Fusion Interviews Dr Tong Zhao

### Summary in English

In the interview, Dr Zhao starts off by talking about his personal experiences. He was once inspired by Dr Li Bin who opened a new door for him to get interested and involved in nuclear arms control and disarmament fields. A combined educational background of physics and international relations equips him with the capacity to independently conduct research through scientific methodology.

As for China's NFU policy, he mentions that China has developed nuclear weapons and adopted NFU policy for the purpose of self-defense and creating an image as responsible nuclear power, which would also set up a positive example of not depending too much on nuclear weapons for other nuclear arms states. Rather than in a position to evaluate the credibility of China's NFU, Dr Zhao elaborates what causes concerns about Chinese NFU policy.

Dr Zhao gives very inspiring words on the engagement of the younger generation and intergenerational dialogue. He encourages students and young academics in relevant fields to positively deal with realistic constraints from the society, to develop nuanced expertise, and to always keep open-minded. He also delivers his appreciation of the younger generation for their awareness of the meaning of individual life, for their sense of mission, and for their determination to pursue their own life.

### 中文概要 (Summary in Chinese)

本次采访我们非常荣幸邀请到了赵通老师。赵通老师是卡内基核政策项目驻清华—卡内基全球政策中心的研究员。他的研究重点为战略性国际安全问题，包括核军控、防扩散、导弹防御、战略稳定、以及中国安全与外交政策等议题。

在采访中，赵老师分享了他个人学术研究经历的缘起。在本科生阶段，李斌教授的课为他打开了一扇新的大门，让他意识到核武器不容忽视的危害。这一议题对于他充满了吸引力，也促使他转变之后的研究方向。对于中国不首先使用核武器、核裁军及中国核不扩散的思路与方法，他也发表了自己的见解。对于中国不首先使用核武器的可信度问题，他从外部环境的担忧作为切入点，分析造成一些国家不信任中国这项政策的原因。

最后，赵通老师对于年轻一代，特别是想要致力于该学术领域的学生充满了期许。相比于上一代，年轻一代生活在信息发达、资讯丰富的年代，他们更应充分利用触手可及的资源，在各自的领域内深耕；在专业知识以外，也应对其他领域充满好奇心，培养广阔的认知与视野。