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Belfer Center Ranked World's No. 1 University Think Tank

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Cambridge, MA – For the sixth year in a row, Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs has been ranked the best university-affiliated research center in the world.

The rankings appear in the 2018 **Global Go To Think Tank Index Report**, produced annually by James McGann, director of the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program at the University of Pennsylvania's Lauder Institute. The Index seeks to “increase the profile and performance of think tanks and raise the public awareness of the important role think tanks play in governments and civil societies around the globe.”

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The 2018 Index rankings reflect input from over 3,750 university faculty and administrators, journalists, policymakers, think tank scholars and executives, and donors. Functional area and regional specialists served as expert panelists and provided valuable insights and assistance in compiling the report, which catalogued more than 8,100 think tanks worldwide.

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