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China Week

Whither the China Model:
The economic, developmental and
social challenges facing China today

14-18 October 2024

#ChinaWeek2024

China's economic, developmental and social challenges

The background of the slide is a collage of Chinese currency. It features several banknotes, including a 100 Yuan note with Mao Zedong's portrait, a 50 Yuan note with a woman's portrait, and a 10 Yuan note. There are also numerous coins of various denominations, such as 1 Yuan, 5 Jiao, and 1 Jiao. The text is overlaid on this background.

With China facing significant headwinds in its domestic economy, this year's China Week explores what the future model for growth and development might look like, what challenges the country is facing today, what these mean for the rest of the world, and how these may be overcome.

Welcome

Welcome to the Lau China Institute's annual China Week – our flagship events series designed to engage you in deeper dialogue on modern China. We're delighted to welcome experts from across academia, industry and government to explore the economic, developmental and social challenges facing China today.

The notion of a Chinese way of doing things, and even of a specific 'China Model' has been around for some time. But what this idea means precisely has proved hard to pin down. There are unique things about what China has done in the last few decades during its economic and social transformation, at least in terms of sheer scale and speed.

This year's China Week through a range of seminars, lectures and talks, seeks to shed more light on where talk of a model might make sense, and where it is more questionable.

China Week continues to demonstrate the range of opinions and diversity of expertise within the Lau China Institute, and across our wider networks. Our ethos is critical engagement with the issues around China, based on a rigorous gathering of evidence and high-quality analytic frameworks.

We are delighted to offer a diverse programme of events to stimulate, interest and inspire. View our full line up detailed in this programme.

Welcome to China Week.



View our events at:
kcl.ac.uk/china-week

About the Lau China Institute

Through high quality, high impact, innovative and multidisciplinary teaching and research, as well as engagement in public dialogue, we aim to increase knowledge and understanding of China in the UK, and beyond.

Established in 2011, the Lau China Institute is home to a community of core academics and postgraduate students dedicated to enhancing knowledge and understanding of contemporary China through multidisciplinary and innovative research. We also work with affiliations from across the King's community to facilitate their research interests in Greater China. Based within the School of Global Affairs, we seek research collaborations and deeper mutual understanding with the People's Republic of China, along with partners across the globe, ensuring we sit at the heart of King's strategic approach.

China's rise has had, and will continue to have, a significant impact on the world. The Lau China Institute conducts analytically rigorous research across a range of areas including China's political economy, Chinese international relations and Chinese elite politics.

Our projects include looking at the history and development of Britain's relations with China, the politics of internal migration, environmental governance and China's Belt and Road Initiative.



Opening keynote by Michael Pettis

Live from Beijing, expert Michael Pettis explores why it's so difficult to raise the consumption share of GDP in China for our opening keynote.

12.00 – 13.00 BST

Online and Council Room, King's Building

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Speaker:

- Michael Pettis, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Moderator:

- Xin Sun, Senior Lecturer, Lau China Institute, King's College London

Opening panel and reception – UK-China relations

How does China present differently in the UK now since the 'golden era'? Experts from academia, business and policy discuss the future for the UK's relationship with China.

18.30 – 21.00 BST

Great Hall, King's Building, Strand Campus

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Celebrate China Week 2024 with our opening panel and drinks reception.

Speakers:

- Rex Li, Research Affiliate, Lau China Institute, King's College London
- Steven Lynch MBE, Executive Director, Eastern Powerhouse
- Winnie King, Senior Lecturer, University of Bristol

Moderator:

- Astrid Nordin, Professor and Chair, Lau China Institute, King's College London

Opening remarks:

- Professor Shitij Kapur, President and Principal, King's College London

Welcome:

- Kerry Brown, Professor of Chinese Studies and Director, Lau China Institute, King's College London

The Smart State: Technology as a silver bullet to China's economic, developmental and geopolitical challenges

Rogier Creemers assesses the strengths and weaknesses of China's techno-industrial approach, and how it seeks to navigate China's domestic and international environment.

10.00 – 11.00 BST

River Room, King's Building, Strand Campus
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Speaker:

- Rogier Creemers, Lecturer, Leiden University

Moderator:

- Jane Hayward, Lecturer, Lau China Institute, King's College London

China's evolving approach to economic security

What are the conceptual underpinnings of economic security for the Chinese party-state? Yeling Tan presents a typology of economic security governance roles adopted by China and discusses their implications for policymakers.

13.00 – 14.00 BST

Council Room, King's Building, Strand Campus
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Speakers:

- Yeling Tan, Professor of Public Policy, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford

Moderator:

- Charlotte Goodburn, Deputy Director and Reader, Lau China Institute, King's College London

China's approach to security and statecraft networks in the MENA region

Experts examine China's strategic influence throughout the Middle East and North Africa, and how Beijing's political, military and private security engagements are transforming the region's security dynamics.

18.00 – 21.00 BST

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Speakers:

- Alessandro Arduino, Affiliate Lecturer, Lau China Institute, King's College London
- Zeno Leoni, Lecturer, Department of Defence Studies, King's College London
- Andreas Krieg, Senior Lecturer, School of Security Studies, King's College London
- Meia Nouwens, Senior Fellow, International Institute for Strategic Studies

Moderator:

- Rhodri Williams, Head of International Public Policy, American International Group

Followed by drinks reception.

Situating the Chinese model of infrastructure development

How does China's model of infrastructure-based development adapt to local contexts, and with the current emphasis on 'small and beautiful' Belt and Road Initiative projects, how is this model changing?

13.00 – 14.00 BST

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Speakers:

- Agnieszka Joniak-Lüthi, Professor of Social Anthropology, University of Fribourg
- Miriam Driessen, Lecturer, University of Oxford
- Elisa Oreglia, Reader, King's College London
- Oyuna Baldakova, Research Associate, Digital Humanities, King's College London

Moderator:

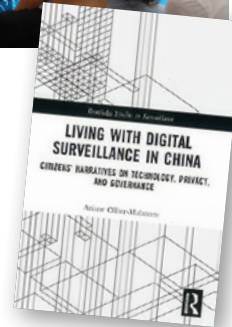
- Thomas White, Lecturer, Lau China Institute, King's College London

Living with Digital Surveillance in China: Citizens' Narratives on Tech, Privacy and Governance

Ariane Ollier-Malaterre presents her new book looking at how Chinese citizens make sense of digital surveillance and live with it.

16.00 – 17.00 BST

Online



Speaker:

- Ariane Ollier-Malaterre, Management Professor, University of Quebec, Montreal

Moderator:

- Una Aleksandra Bērziņa-Čerenkova, Head of the China Studies Centre, Rīga Stradins University, Latvia

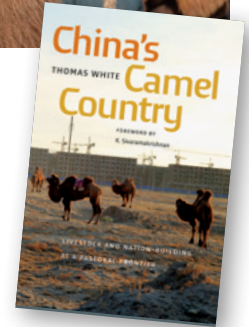
China's Camel Country

How does the greening of the Chinese state affect the entangled lives of humans and animals in China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous region? Thomas White presents his new book.

18.00 – 19.00 BST

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Speaker:

- Thomas White, Lecturer, Lau China Institute, King's College London

Moderator:

- Christian Sorace, Lecturer, University of Cambridge

I Wish I Knew: by Jia Zhangke

Film screening and panel

I Wish I Knew is a vivid portrait of the fast-changing metropolis and port city of Shanghai. A century-long history of this legendary city is revealed via interviews with eighteen real life characters who have complex personal relationships with the city's rich cultural legacy.

19.45 – 22.30 BST

The Garden Cinema, 39-41 Parker Street, London WC2B 5PQ



Speakers:

- Chris Berry, Professor of Film Studies, King's College London
- Vivienne Xiangwei Guo, Lecturer in Modern Chinese History, King's College London

Moderator:

- Giulia D'Aquila, PhD student, Lau China Institute, King's College London

Film run-time: 119 minutes

Co-presented with The Garden Cinema's Chinese Cinema Project, showcasing works from emerging and under-represented Chinese filmmakers.



About the director

Jia Zhangke is a renowned Chinese-language film and television director, screenwriter, producer, actor and writer. He is the founder of Pingyao International Film Festival, dean of the Shanxi Film Academy of Shanxi Media College and the dean of the Shanghai Vancouver Film School at Shanghai University. He graduated from the Literature Department of Beijing Film Academy.

Chinese language, culture and calligraphy tasters

Interested in learning Mandarin and the Chinese art of calligraphy? Don't miss our taster sessions hosted by King's Language Centre.

Wednesday & Friday: (see timings below)

Council Room, King's Building & The Exchange,
Bush House NE, Strand Campus

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Chinese language and culture

Wednesday 16 October: 14.30-15.10, 15.15-15.55

Chinese calligraphy and wellbeing

Friday 18 October: 16.00-17.30

China's model of Special Economic Zones: does it work for Africa?

To what extent have China-associated Special Economic Zones in Africa helped spearhead rapid industrialisation and economic growth in their host countries? Experts examine their characteristics and outcomes.

11.30 – 12.30 BST

Nash Lecture Theatre, King's Building, Strand Campus

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Speakers:

- Charlotte Goodburn, Reader & Deputy Director, Lau China Institute, King's College London
- Eka Ikpe, Professor of Development Economics & Director, African Leadership Centre, King's College London
- Jan Knoerich, Reader, Lau China Institute, King's College London
- Soumya Mishra, Lecturer, India Institute, King's College London

Moderator:

- Obert Hodzi, Senior Lecturer, University of Liverpool

Still getting China wrong in space?

This talk will examine the key drivers behind China's increasing presence in space and what this means for the future of global space governance and international cooperation.

13.00 – 14.00 BST

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Speaker:

- Dimitrios Stroiikos, Head of the Space Policy Programme, LSE IDEAS

Moderator:

- Konstantinos Tsimonis, Senior Lecturer, Lau China Institute, King's College London

China's urban question

China has witnessed extraordinary levels of urbanisation in recent decades, but the presumed transformation from a rural society to one of middle class urban citizens is not going as smoothly as hoped. What is to be done?

18.00 – 21.00 BST

The Exchange, Bush House NE, Strand Campus

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Speakers:

- Hyun Bang Shin, Professor of Geography and Urban Studies, LSE
- Yimin Zhao, Lecturer, Durham University
- Olivia Cheung, Research Fellow, SOAS, University of London
- William Hurst, Chong Hua Professor of Chinese Development and co-Director, Centre for Geopolitics, University of Cambridge.

Moderator:

- Jane Hayward, Lecturer, Lau China Institute, King's College London

Followed by drinks reception.

The future of foreign business and investment in China

Experts share their views on the current and future role of China as a location for business, manufacturing and services provision and as a destination for foreign investment.

09.00 – 10.00 BST
Online



Speakers:

- Robert Xiao, Director, Economist Intelligence Corporate Network, Beijing
- Anne Wang, COO, Greater China region, APCO Worldwide
- Rachel Tsang, Managing Director, British Chamber of Commerce in China
- Daniel Birke, Partner, McKinsey and Co., Beijing

Moderator:

- Jan Knoerich, Reader, Lau China Institute, King's College London

Making feminism Chinese, but overseas: Chinese feminist activism in the UK

This panel examines the recent emergence of feminist and LGBTQ organisations by Chinese mainland diaspora in the UK, and what unique characteristics they have.

12.00 – 13.30 BST
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Speakers:

- Qiu Bai, Queer China UK
- Lilith Z, 50 Shades of Feminism
- Zhu Hai, VaChina
- Nana, We are all chained women
- Yudi Feng, PhD student, University of California, Santa Cruz

Moderator:

- Yanran Yao, Lecturer, Lau China Institute, King's College London

Invitation to a Banquet – The Story of Chinese Food with Fuchsia Dunlop

James Beard award winning cook and food-writer, Fuchsia Dunlop, presents her latest book about the history, philosophy and techniques of China's ancient culinary culture.

18.00 – 21.00 BST
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Celebrate China Week with our closing reception.

Welcome:

- Charlotte Goodburn, Reader and Deputy Director, Lau China Institute, King's College London

Keynote:

- Fuchsia Dunlop in conversation with Astrid Nordin, Lau China Institute, King's College London

Lau China Institute essay competition with Young China Watchers

With thanks to our esteemed panel of experts for judging this year's competition entries:



Xinran Xue is a British–Chinese author, journalist and activist, known for her ground-breaking work in documenting the hidden stories of Chinese people. Her first book, *The Good Women of China*, was published in 2002 and became an international bestseller. Her most recent book *The Promise* was shortlisted for the Society of Authors Translation Prize. In August 2004 Xinran set up 'The Mothers' Bridge of Love' (MBL), to help bridge the huge poverty gap that still exists in many parts of China.



Yizhe Daniel Xie is a portfolio strategist/economist and a non-resident fellow at the Centre for China Globalization (CCG). His career spans several prominent institutions across Asia and Europe, including including SPX Capital in London, the ADB Institute in Tokyo, Goldman Sachs in Beijing, and IBK Securities in Seoul. He has also held visiting positions at think tanks in the US, India, Indonesia, and the Philippines.



Jan Knoerich is Reader in China and the Global Political Economy at the Lau China Institute, School of Global Affairs, King's College London. He lectures on the Chinese economy and Chinese international investments, and his research focuses on the business, political economy and development dimensions of Chinese international investments and financial internationalisation. Dr Knoerich's work has appeared in leading academic journals, such as *New Political Economy*, the *Journal of World Business*, and the *China Quarterly*.

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