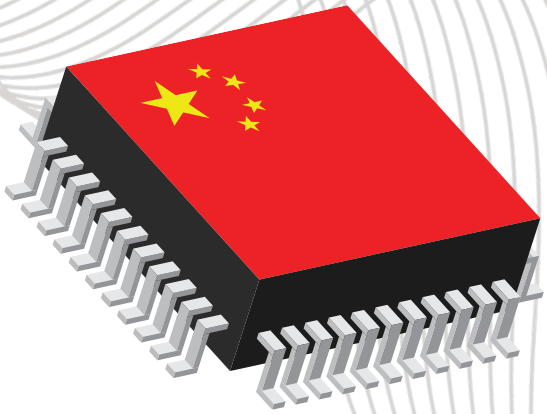
LSE IDEAS



China, AI, and the Future of Global Power

A Half-Day Symposium on Technology, Geopolitics, and Global Competition

Friday, 4 December 2026
12:30 PM – 6:30 PM (GMT)

FAW 9.04 (Fawcett House), Clements Inn, LSE
In-person public event

China has rapidly emerged as a central player in the development, diffusion, and deployment of advanced technologies. How is China adapting to U.S. hardware restrictions and related export controls? To what extent has it used AI for strategic effect in dual-use R&D? How will Chinese technologies and AI capabilities proliferate across the Global South, and what does this mean for U.S.–China competition? Join LSE IDEAS for an in-person half-day symposium on China's evolving AI ecosystem, the geopolitical implications of its technological rise, and potential career opportunities for policy-oriented researchers in the emerging technologies space.

Faculty Chair and Moderator: **John Minnich (LSE)**

SESSION 01
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM
China's Tech Push Goes Global: Export Controls and Adaptation
Speakers: **Dr. Yeling Tan** (Oxford) and **Dr. Lizzi Lee** (Asia Society)

SESSION 02
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
China's AI Future: Capabilities, Diffusion, and Global Influence
Speakers: **Hamish Low** (IAPS), **Elizabeth Siegel** (Oxford China Policy Lab), and **Zilan Qian** (GovAI); Moderator: **James Kynge** (Chatham House)

SESSION 03
2:45 PM – 4:00 PM
Chinese RSI and AI Military Uplift
Speaker: **Alan Hickey** (OpenAI); Panel Discussants: **Lukas Fiala** (LSE - IDEAS) and **Tom Watts** (Oxford China Policy Lab)

SESSION 04
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM
Pivoting Into Tech Policy: Careers in AI and Technology
Speakers: **Alan Hickey** (OpenAI), **Lyndi Tsering** (Contractor, Microsoft), **Justin Labiak** (Palantir), and **Elias Groll** (GovAI)

There will be a break with light refreshments at 2:30 PM and a networking and drinks reception at 5:30 PM.

How to Attend: This public event is free and open to all but pre-registration is required. Scan the QR code to register or go to: https://tinyurl.com/rcay6apv

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