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Xi Jinping's China: What should we expect?

Beginning on 16 October 2022, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) will hold its 20th National Congress at which Xi Jinping will begin his third term as the General Secretary of the CCP. It is to be expected that he will expand on two central claims that he made at the 19th National Congress in October 2017, namely that the CCP leads "government, the military, society and schools, north, south, east and west", and that China "is moving closer to the world's center stage".

Our conference will be a timely occasion to discuss the trajectory that China is pursuing under Xi Jinping. Indeed, since the beginning of 2020, China and its relationship with the world have seen unprecedented change. We offer the opportunity to hear analyses from some of the world's best China experts.

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08:00-09:00

Registration and welcome coffee/tea

09:00-09:15

Welcome remarks by Reinhard Bütikofer (MEP, Greens/EFA)

09:15-09:45

Keynote speech by François Godement (Institut Montaigne)

09:50-11:30

Panel discussion: China and the CCP after a decade under Xi Jinping with

- David Shambaugh (George Washington University)
- Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik (Uni Wien)
- Johnny Erling (MERICS)
- Justyna Szczudlik (Polish Institute of International Affairs, PISM)

Moderator: Felix Lee (Journalist, Tageszeitung)

13:00-14:15

Panel discussion: Trajectory of China's socioeconomic development with

- Janka Oertel (European Council on Foreign Relations, ECFR) remote participation
- Richard McGregor (Lowy Institute) remote participation
- Alicia García-Herrero (Bruegel)
- Lucy Hornby (journalist and visiting scholar, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University)

Moderator: Kai Strittmatter (Journalist, Süddeutsche Zeitung)

14:15-14:45

Coffee break

14:45-15:15

Keynote speech by Amb. Michael Clauss (Permanent Representative of Germany in Brussels)

15:15-16:30

Panel discussion: China's foreign policy moving towards global center stage? with

- Nadège Rolland (National Bureau of Asian Research, NBR)
- Jude Blanchette (Center for Strategic and International Studies, CSIS) remote participation
- Garima Mohan (German Marshall Fund, GMF)
- Mikko Huotari (MERICS)

Moderator: Stuart Lau (Journalist, Politico)

16:30-16:50

Conference summary by Iuliu Winkler (MEP, EPP)

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