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China Week

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Welcome

The Lau China Institute is pleased to welcome you to our inaugural China Week – a flagship, week-long series of events designed to help build a deeper understanding of China's growing global influence.

The theme of China Week 2021 is climate change and the environment – with a particular focus on China's role in driving national and international climate action. As the UN COP26 in Glasgow approaches, we are delighted to provide a forum for discussion and contribute to knowledge exchange on one of the greatest global challenges of our time.

The UK's commitment to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050, along with China's pledge to realise carbon neutrality by 2060, generates a raft of complex challenges for researchers, policy-makers and businesses as we collectively grapple with the transition to a low-carbon economy. China Week enables collaboration between these groups by bringing together our key international and domestic partners along with cutting-edge multi-disciplinary researchers across our university community.

2021 also marks the Lau China Institute's 10-year anniversary. It is a momentous year to reflect on the impacts of China's unprecedented economic growth and the implications for the wider world. China Week provides an opportune occasion for our students, researchers, alumni and supporters to come together and celebrate our achievements over the past decade as we look towards our future objectives in continuing to expand knowledge and understanding of China in the UK and abroad.

We warmly invite you to engage in a suite of activities during China Week, including panel discussions, film screenings, book launches, photography exhibitions, and much more. You will find more details on each event within this programme.

We look forward to seeing you there.

For full details on our China Week events and speakers, please visit:

kcl.ac.uk/events/series/china-week

About the Lau China Institute

The Lau China Institute is a global centre for the research, study and understanding of contemporary China. We aim to study China and work with Chinese scholars and other internationally renowned researchers on China.

As such, 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.

Established in 2011, the Lau China Institute is home to a community of core academics and postgraduate students, including roughly 30 PhD students. We are based within the School of Global Affairs, yet work across all nine faculties and beyond, to engage in multi-disciplinary and innovative research.

The rising importance of China has had, and will continue to have, a deep impact on the wider world. Whether positively, or negatively, the appearance of a country with such immense economic influence has global significance across geopolitics, culture and globalisation. It shapes approaches to climate change, global health and more. China Week, therefore, is a crucial forum for exploring the impacts China's might has on the world, to deepen an understanding of the issues across academia, government, industry and the broader community.



Seeing the Impacts of Climate Change

Photography exhibition – **all week**

In-person event



0800 – 17.00 BST each day

Location:

The Exchange, Bush House North East Wing, Aldwych, London WC2B 4BG [How to find us](#)

Guest photographer:

- **Alessandro Maturo**

Curator:

- **Alice Politi**, Lau China Institute, King's College London

Supporting partner:

- ACTIVE Anglo Chinese Communications and the Global SinoPhoto Awards

We welcome you to visit this exhibition any day during our China Week. Registration is required for entry, register your place online via [Eventbrite](#).

China's 2060 Carbon Pledge: How will we get there?

Opening panel session and networking breakfast

Hybrid event



08.30 – 10.00 BST

Location:

The Council Room, Strand Building (2nd floor), Strand, London WC2R 2LS [How to find us](#)

Speakers:

- **Isabel Hilton OBE**, Founder, China Dialogue
- **Dr Chen Ji**, Principal, Rocky Mountain Institute
- **James Pennington**, China Partnerships & Circular Economy, World Economic Forum
- **Dr Chunping Xie**, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change, London School of Economics

Chair:

- **Cindy Yu**, The Spectator

Supporting partner:

- China Dialogue

This is a hybrid event

For those unable to join us in-person, this event will be live-streamed online. Register your place at this event via [Eventbrite](#).

China Week Launch Reception

Official launch event including special guests and networking drinks

In-person event



17.30 – 20.00 BST

Please join us for networking over drinks and canapes to celebrate the beginning of our inaugural China Week.

Location:

Great Hall, Strand Building, Strand, London WC2R 2LS [How to find us](#)

Welcome address:

- **Professor Shitij Kapur**, President & Principal of King's College London

Opening keynote:

- **Professor Astrid Nordin**, Lau China Institute

This is an in-person event

Tickets must be purchased ahead of time via [Eventbrite](#).

Key



In-person



On-line



Photographic exhibition



Film screening



Refreshments

The Green Steel Opportunity for Australia-China Trade

Launch of King's COP26 Digital Project

Webinar



10.00 – 11.00 BST

Speakers:

- **Professor Frank Jotzo**, Australian National University
- **Dr Mousami Prasad**, Australian National University
- **Associate Professor John Pye**, Australian National University
- **John Johnson**, CEO, CRU Group China

Chair:

- **Hannah Bretherton**, Lau China Institute, King's College London

Supporting partner:

- Australian National University Centre on China in the World

Online event only

Register for this event via [Eventbrite](#).

Young China Watchers Essay Competition

Competition announcement online

Online event



12.30 BST

With thanks to our panel of judges:

- **Professor Kerry Brown**, Lau China Institute, King's College London
- **Professor Astrid Nordin**, Lau China Institute, King's College London
- **Dr Zeno Leoni**, Lau China Institute, King's College London
- **Joyce Lee**, Young China Watchers

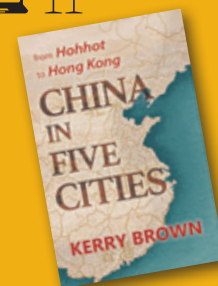
Supporting partner:

- Young China Watchers

China in Five Cities

Book launch and networking

Hybrid event



Professor Kerry Brown in conversation with **Professor Astrid Nordin**, Lau Chair of Chinese International Relations

17.30 – 19.00 BST

Location:

The Council Room, Strand Building (2nd floor), Strand, London WC2R 2LS [How to find us](#)

Hybrid event

Please note this is a hybrid event. Limited tickets will be available for attending in-person. Guests attending in-person can purchase books and have them signed by the author at this event.

For those unable to join us in London, this event will be live-streamed online. Register for this event via [Eventbrite](#).

Our Planet, Our People: Understanding the Health Impacts of Climate Change

Online panel discussion

Webinar



09.00 – 10.00 BST

Speakers:

- **Associate Professor Ying Zhang**, University of Sydney
- **Professor Tong Zhu**, Peking University
- **Professor Haidong Kan**, Fudan University & World Economic Forum
- **Professor Chi Zhang**, Beijing Institute of Technology & Lancet Countdown for Asia
- **Dr Shuo Zhang**, IoPPN, King's College London
- **Dr Ioannis Bakolis**, IoPPN, King's College London

Chair:

- **Hannah Bretherton**, Lau China Institute, King's College London

Supporting partner:

- Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience (IoPPN), King's College London

Online event only

Register for this event via [Eventbrite](#).

Digital Environmental Activism in China

Online panel discussion

Webinar



10.30 – 11.30 BST

Speakers:

- **Dr Florian Schneider**, Leiden University
- **Dr Jun Liu**, University of Copenhagen
- **Ma Jun**, Institute of Public & Environmental Affairs
- **Associate Professor Wenjie Yan**, Beijing Normal University
- **Dr Nian Liu**, Capital University of Economics and Business, China

Chair:

- **Dr Champa Patel**, Chatham House

Supporting partner:

- Chatham House

Online event only

Register for this event via [Eventbrite](#).

B3W and BRI – Prospects and Limitations

Online panel discussion

Webinar



12.30 – 13.30 BST

Speakers:

- **Dr Guanie Lim**, The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan
- **Dr Zeno Leoni**, King's College London
- **Associate Professor Meg Rithmire**, Harvard Business School
- **Erik Solheim**, World Resources Institute

Chair:

- **Anna Tan**, Lau China Institute, King's College London

Supporting partner:

- Harvard Business School

Online event only

Register for this event via [Eventbrite](#).

Smog Town

Film screening and Q&A

In-person event



16:15 – 18:00 BST

Location:

Curzon Cinema Bloomsbury, the Brunswick Centre, London, WC1N 1AW [How to find us](#)

Plus special guest speaker:

- **Ma Jun**, Institute of Public & Environmental Affairs

Smog Town (2019) is a documentary about Langfang, a town 40 kilometers away from Beijing and one of the most air-polluted cities in China. The film captures the local environmental protection bureau, Deputy Chief Li and his assistant Hu who are working hard to change the situation. The screening will follow with a talk by Ma Jun, Founder of the BlueMap App for tracking real time air quality and pollution data in China.

Supporting partner:

- UK-China Film Collab

In-person event

This is an in-person event only – guests must pre-purchase tickets online via [Eventbrite](#).

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Cultivating the Future – Nature Based Solutions for Sustainability

China Dialogue/LCI Biodiversity Series launch

Webinar



10.30 – 11.30 BST

Speakers:

- **Dr Sam Geall**, China Dialogue
- **Dr Jinfeng Zhou**, China Biodiversity Conservation & Green Development Foundation
- **Dr Li Guo**, Lau China Institute, King's College London
- **John Dodsworth**, WWF UK

Moderator:

- **Vincent Ni**, China Affairs Correspondent, The Guardian

Supporting partners:

- China Dialogue
- China Biodiversity Conservation & Green Development Foundation

Online event only

Register for this event via [Eventbrite](#).

The Green Belt & Road: Challenges and Future Prospects

Panel discussion

Hybrid event



17.00 – 18.00 BST

Location:

The Council Room, Strand Building (2nd floor), Strand, London WC2R 2LS [How to find us](#)

Speakers:

- **Henry Tillman**, China Investment Research
- **Dr Kostantinos Tsimonis**, Lau China Institute, King's College London
- **Professor Daniele Brombal**, Ca' Foscari University of Venice
- **Dr Una Aleksandra Bērziņa-Čerenkova**, Rīga Stradins University China Studies Centre

Chair:

- **Alice Politi**, Lau China Institute, King's College London

Hybrid event

Please note this is a hybrid event. For those unable to join us in-person, this event will be live-streamed online. Register for this event via [Eventbrite](#).

The Mermaid

Film screening and Q&A

In-person event



18.30 – 20.30 BST

Location:

King's Auditorium, Bush House (ground floor),
30 Aldwych, London, WC2B 4BG [How to find us](#)

Speakers:

- **Dr Hiu Man Chan, UK-China Film Collab**
- **Giulia D'Aquila, King's College London**

The Mermaid (2016), directed by Stephen Chow is a commercial take on the environmental issues in China. The film tells a love story between a Chinese businessman and a mermaid who is sent to assassinate him. This screening will follow a talk and Q&A by Dr Hiu Man Chan and Giulia D'Aquila, on the topic of 'Global Sustainability as a Storytelling Strategy for the Internationalisation of China's Film Industry'.

Supporting partner:

- The UK-China Film Collab

In-person event

This is an in-person event only – guests must pre-purchase tickets online via [Eventbrite](#).

Young Voices Driving Change

Panel discussion

Hybrid event



10.30 – 11.30 BST

Location:

The Council Room, Strand Building (2nd floor),
Strand, London WC2R 2LS [How to find us](#)

Speakers:

- **Gordon Abeiku Mensah**, Global Shaper of the World Economic Forum, Astrid Institute for Public Policy Research
- **Dr Giulia Sciorati**, University of Trento, Italian Institute for International Political Studies
- **Matthew MacGeoch**, Climate Bonds Initiative & Oxford University Silk Road Society

Chair:

- **Alice Politi**, Lau China Institute, King's College London

Supporting partners:

- Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)
- Oxford University Silk Road Think Tank

Hybrid event

Please note this is a hybrid event. For those unable to join us in-person, this event will be live-streamed online. Register for this event via [Eventbrite](#).

10th Anniversary Celebration & Closing Reception

In-person event



17.30 – 19.30 BST

Please join us for networking over drinks and canapes to celebrate the conclusion of our inaugural China Week

Location:

Eighth Floor South, Bush House Central Block,
Aldwych, London WC2B 4BG [How to find us](#)

Welcome Remarks:

- **Hannah Brotherton**, Impact & Engagement Manager, Lau China Institute, King's College London

Virtual Closing Address:

- **Dame Caroline Wilson DCMG**, British Ambassador to the People's Republic of China

Guest keynote:

- **Dr Florian Schneider**, Leiden University

Guest speaker:

- **Yintong Betser**, Co Founder, Global SinoPhoto Awards

Vote of thanks:

- **Professor Kerry Brown**, Director of the Lau China Institute, King's College London

In-person event only

Guests must pre-purchase tickets via [Eventbrite](#).

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