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Addressing the five-yearly Chinese Communist Party Congress in October, President Xi Jinping proclaimed a 'new era' in which China will assume a more active role in international affairs for the good of humankind.

The Congress saw Xi, China's most powerful leader in decades, strengthen his hold on the country's politics yet again. A leadership reshuffle filled the Politburo with his allies and associates, and gave no sign that Xi is grooming a successor, suggesting that he intends to remain China's leader until 2027 at least. Xi's name was written into the Party's charter, equating loyalty to the Party with loyalty to him, as were slogans representing his signature policies, foremost among them the Belt and Road Initiative.

Xi's record to date is one of political repression, economic statism and international activism in pursuit of China's economic and geopolitical interests. His second five-year term is likely to see this agenda pushed forward with renewed vigour.

- Will China seek to supplant the United States as the preeminent international power?
- Will China's expanding international economic footprint be followed by a military presence to protect its interests overseas?
- Could a debt crisis at home undermine China's global ambitions?
- Can China leapfrog the West to lead the world in new advanced technologies?

Share your thoughts on the above and put your questions on anything else that concerns or excites you about the future of China to three of Oxford Analytica's expert senior advisors in our special client conference call on Tuesday, November 14 at 15:00 UK / 10:00 EST.

Chair

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Paul Maidment joined Oxford Analytica in December 2014 as the Director of Analysis and Managing Editor of the Oxford Analytica Daily Brief.

He is an award-winning journalist who founded the New York-based digital editorial consultancy Bystander Media in 2010. A pioneer in combining digital and print journalism, he was previously Editor of Forbes.com and Executive Editor of Forbes, transforming a magazine website into the leading online destination for business, finance and up-scale lifestyle. Before joining Forbes in 2001, Paul was the founding Editor of the Financial Times' award-winning web site FT.com and Assistant Editor of the newspaper. His early career as an editor and foreign correspondent encompassed The Economist, the Asian Wall Street Journal and the BBC in the U.K. the U.S. and Asia — a depth of journalistic experience and breadth of media that gives him a unique perspective on the changes transforming publishing and the world economy. Paul was inducted into the Digital Hall of Fame in New York in 2010.

Panellists

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She is a widely published author, including of China's Growth: The Making of an Economic Superpower, and Enterprising China, both published by Oxford University Press. She is also the Editor of the Routledge Series on Economic Growth and Development.

Dr. Yueh serves on the supervisory Policy Committee of the Centre for Economic Performance at the LSE and on the advisory board of the Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum. She is also a Trustee of the Royal Commonwealth Society and the Courts Foundation. She was previously Co-Chair of the Global Cities Business Alliance and Board Member of London & Partners, the official promotion agency of London. She has also served as Non-Executive Director of several FTSE-listed companies and had advised the World Bank, European Commission, among others. She is a broadcaster, including for the BBC and Bloomberg TV. Previously, she was a corporate lawyer with Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison.

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