



China's Growing Energy and Geopolitical Impact in Xi Jinping's New Era

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Xi Jinping has elevated himself as China's most powerful leader in decades, enshrining "Xi Jinping Thought" into the Chinese Communist Party's constitution and promising to propel the country toward a "new era" of great-power status. As a part of Xi's grand strategy, much of China's economic and diplomatic engagement is being conducted under the highly touted Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which envisions a vast expansion of Chinese investment, trade, and diplomacy across the Eurasian continent and through the adjacent sea lanes.

From an energy security perspective, this grand strategy will have substantial implications for future trade, investment, and geopolitical dynamics across Eurasia. China is already pouring billions of dollars into energy, economic, and infrastructure projects meant to boost regional growth and connectivity, while cementing the country as the political and economic center of the Eurasian continent. China is also expanding the capabilities of its blue water navy and investing heavily in ports throughout the Indo-Pacific, which will have important security implications for maritime Asia. In light of these developments and complex issues, this event will examine China's growing energy and geopolitical power under Xi's "new era" style of rule.

- 3:30 p.m. Registration
- 3:45 p.m. Welcome
 - ANDY NGUYEN
The National Bureau of Asian Research
 - CLARA GILLISPIE
The National Bureau of Asian Research
- 3:50 p.m. Opening Remarks
CONGRESSWOMAN ANN WAGNER (R-MO)
- 4:05 p.m. Panel Discussion
 - Moderator: MIKKAL E. HERBERG
The National Bureau of Asian Research
 - Panelists: ERICA DOWNS
CNA Corporation
 - ROY D. KAMPHAUSEN
The National Bureau of Asian Research
 - FAREED MOHAMEDI
The Rapidan Energy Group
 - FEI YU
Asian Development Bank
- 5:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception

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Kindly note that the panel discussion is on the record.

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