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2026 Annual Conference

Rethinking China in a Changing Global Order:
Governance, Justice, and Social Change

Conference Programme

LMB 020/021/022/030/031

8:00-18:30

July, 17, 2026

University of York

York, United Kingdom

Venue information

This conference will be held in a hybrid format. The in-person venue is **LMB** (Law and Sociology Building, Google Maps name: York Law School), **Campus East**, Freboys Lane, **University of York**, YO10 5GD, United Kingdom. All events will take place on the **ground floor** of the building. The social event, refreshments, and lunch will take place in **LMB031**. Registration will begin at **8:00 am** at the reception of the LMB building. In-person attendees should collect their name badges there. To join online, please use the Zoom links below.

- **Panel A1, A2, A3, A4 (LMB020)**
  - **https://york-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/92491625259?pwd=QBqvHAqlTwTUp0AgQqvvAmuycE15mb.** Meeting ID: 924 9162 5259; Passcode: 049132
- **Panel B1, B2, B3, B4 (LMB021)**
  - **https://york-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/92031899576?pwd=rhxAfbL9ZJizYQnWRiaMpaJiibcWbk.1** Meeting ID: 920 3189 9576 ; Passcode: 280227
- **Panel C1, C2, C3, C4 (LMB022)**
  - **https://york-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/93880343427?pwd=pk2OxB3a9aVa21FJYuJNSNfBClTbZ7.1** Meeting ID: 938 8034 3427; Passcode: 395456
- **Opening remarks(LMB031), keynote speech (LMB030)**
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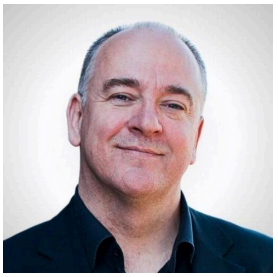
This event is supported by the **Faculty of Social Sciences** at the University of York. Refreshments will be provided by the **International Studies Cluster in the Department of Politics and IR**.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

TIME	PROGRAMME
08:20 – 08:50	**Opening Remarks (Breakfast Included) (LMB 031)** ***Professor Tony Heron, The Head of Department of Politics & IR, University of York***
09:00 – 10:30	**Parallel Session I** **PANEL A1** China and Global Contestation in a Multipolar Order **(LMB 020)** **PANEL B1** The Political Economy of Production: Industrial Policy and Resource Frontiers **(LMB 021)** **PANEL C1** Gender, Reproduction and Feminist Politics **(LMB 022)**
10:30 – 11:00	**Refreshment Break (LMB 031)**
11:00 – 12:30	**Parallel Session II** **PANEL A2** Global China and the Political Economy of Late Development **(LMB 020)** **PANEL B2** Chinese Modernity and the Cultural Imagination of Alternative Futures **(LMB 021)** **PANEL C2** Mobility, Citizenship and Precarious Subjectivities **(LMB 022)**
12:30 – 13:30	**Lunch (LMB 031)**
13:30 – 15:00	**Parallel Session III** **PANEL A3** Governance and State Transformation in Contemporary China **(LMB 020)** **PANEL B3** China in Narratives and Transnational Political Struggles **(LMB 021)** **PANEL C3** Knowledge, Commerce and Cross-Cultural Encounter in Chinese History **(LMB 022)**
15:00 – 15:30	**Refreshment Break (LMB 031)**
15:30 – 16:30	**Keynote Address (LMB 030)** China, Europe and the US: How can the three largest economies in the world work with each other in the coming decade ***Professor Kerry Brown, King's College London***
16:30 – 17:00	**Refreshment Break (LMB 031)**
17:00 – 18:30	**Parallel Session IV** **PANEL A4** Infrastructures of Connectivity: The Belt and Road across Eurasia **(LMB 020)** **PANEL B4** Cultural Production, Popular Media and the Politics of Identity **(LMB 021)** **PANEL C4** Strategic Narratives, Representation and Transnational Reception **(LMB 022)**
19:30 – 22:00	**Social Dinner (self-funded, open to all attendees)** ***Bar Hashery Layerthorpe, Unit 1, 43 Layerthorpe, Heworth, York YO31 7UZ***

KEYNOTE SPEECH

China, Europe and the US: How can the three largest economies in the world work with each other in the coming decade



Professor Kerry Brown
Director of the Lau China Institute
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15:30 – 16:30 (UK Time)

LMB 030 (Law and Sociology Building)
(Hybrid, **Zoom Link**)

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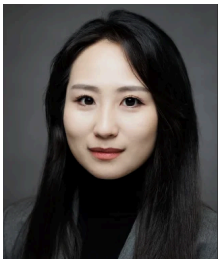

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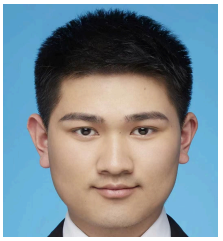

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Dr James Cummings

Department of Sociology, **University of York**

PROGRAMME

All times BST (London time)
Presenters marked **ONLINE** *join remotely; all others present in person.*

I PARALLEL SESSION I · 09:00 – 10:30

PANEL A1 China and Global Contestation in a Multipolar Order

9:00-10:30 (LMB 020) Zoom link

Senior Discussant ***Prof. Baohui Zhang, Hongkong Lingnan University*** ONLINE
Chair ***Tonghua Li, University of York***

1. Sriyansh Mohanty
Sharda University, India
Middle Power Responses to China's Bid for Security Primacy in Southeast Asia

2. Agata Teresa Naruszewicz ONLINE
East China Normal University
Economic Partner, Systemic Rival, or Security Threat? China in the Discourse of Polish Political Parties, 2015–2026

3. Lijuan Yang ONLINE
Zhejiang University
Keeping a Global Vision in the New Era: Cultural Strategies, Challenges, and Responses in the CPC's Global Engagement

4. Aamna Khan ONLINE
London Dialogue
Reimagining Gulf Power: China's Connectivity Strategy and Strategic Influence in the Emerging Multipolar Order

PANEL B1 The Political Economy of Production: Industrial Policy and Resource Frontiers

9:00-10:30 (LMB 021) Zoom link

Senior Discussant ***Prof. Tony Heron, University of York***
Chair ***Ziyu Yan, University of York***

1. Zhen Liu ONLINE
University of Otago
Naming as Governance: Flexible Employment, Gig Work, and Precarity in China

2. Dilyara Begalykyzy ONLINE
University of North Texas
Feeding the People Next Door: China and Kazakhstan Agricultural Trade Relations

3. Weiye Wang
Renmin University of China; University of Cambridge
Filtered Policy Implementation: Evidence from Rural China

PANEL C1 Gender, Reproduction and Feminist Politics

9:00-10:30 (LMB 022) Zoom link

Senior Discussant ***Dr. James Cummings, University of York***
Chair ***Lin Qin, University of York***

1. Ke Ping
University of York
Reproductive Governance and the Gendered Afterlife of the One-Child Policy in China: State Power, Pronatalism and the One-Child Generation

2. Ruoyu Jia ONLINE
Durham University
Beyond the Iron Girls: An Oral History of Menstrual Experiences and Embodied Femininity in Cultural Revolution China

3. Qiuyi Gong
University of Nottingham
Self-empowerment, feminism and digital celebrification: A feminist analysis of women influencers' short videos on Chinese social media

4. Fuyun Wei ONLINE
Zhejiang University
Gendering Cultural Nationalism: Everyday Nationhood in China's Hanfu Revival

II PARALLEL SESSION II · 11:00 – 12:30

PANEL A2 Global China and the Political Economy of Late Development 11:00-12:30 (LMB 020) Zoom link

Senior Discussant ***Prof. Jappe Eckhardt, University of York***
Chair ***Tonghua Li, University of York***

1. Yuqing Cai
Nanyang Technological University
Making Global China Developmental: Regional Conversion and the Asianization of Late Development in Southeast Asia

2. Liang Chen
Australian National University
Transnational Stratification: Chinese Expatriates in Botswana

3. Anggy Wira Pambudi ONLINE
Universitas Singaperbangsa Karawang, Indonesia
Asymmetrical Foreign-Local Labour Relations in China-ASEAN Market Integration: Structural Precarity and Limited Industrial Upgrading in Chinese Investment Projects in Indonesia

PANEL B2 Chinese Modernity and the Cultural Imagination of Alternative Futures 11:00-12:30 (LMB 021) Zoom link

Senior Discussant ***Dr. Xin Liu, Liverpool John Moores University*** ONLINE
Chair ***Ziyu Yan, University of York***

1. Rong Li
University of Leicester
Reconfiguration of New Humanism in Modern Chinese Literature

2. Jiahui Dong ONLINE
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
The Confucian Path to Utopia: Liao Ping's Theory of Great Harmony and its Adaptation of Looking Backward (1888) and The Time Machine (1895), 1897–1918

3. Wanyu Li
Queen's University Belfast
From Theater Boxes to Cinemas: Chinese Women's Entertainment Choices in the Cultural Contexts of East and West in the Early 20th Century

4. Jinwei Liu
Zhejiang University
Neuro-Image in the Age of Aesthetic Capitalism: A Case Study of A Writer's Odyssey 2

PANEL C2 Mobility, Citizenship and Precarious Subjectivities

11:00-12:30 (LMB 022) Zoom link

Senior Discussant ***Dr. Yener Bayramoğlu, University of York***
Chair ***Lin Qin, University of York***

1. Susan Qu ONLINE
University of Edinburgh
Of spectra, of inertia: quantum citizenship of migrants and spatiotemporal violence of attention

2. Ka Wang Kelvin Lam ONLINE
University of Hong Kong
Migration Regimes, Coincidences, and the Dynamics of Irregular Migration in Hong Kong

3. Mingle Lin
University of Nottingham
The Politics of Being "On Time": Temporal Norms and Subject Formation in Contemporary China

4. Beibei Gao
King's College London
Imagining Futures Beyond Home: Education and Gendered Mobility among Hui Muslim Women in Northwestern China

5. Yan Qiu ONLINE
University of Waterloo
Governing Platformed Global China: Transnational Chinese Platforms and Newcomer Information Access in Canada

III PARALLEL SESSION III · 13:30 – 15:00

PANEL A3 Governance and State Transformation in Contemporary China 13:30 -15:00 (LMB 020) Zoom link

Senior Discussant *Dr. Tianxiang Liu, Anhui University* ONLINE
Chair *Tonghua Li, University of York*

1. **Junyi Hao**
Durham University
Beyond State-Centrism: Explaining China's Embrace of Multistakeholder Participation in Urban Climate Governance

2. **Evelyn Li Wang**
Northumbria University
Digital Environmental Constitutionalism in China: Concept, Context and Challenges

3. **Yi Hua**
University of Bath
Governing Through Community: Inclusion, Exclusion and the Infrastructures in the Implementation of Linkage Policy in Shanghai

4. **Jhon Valdiglesias** ONLINE
Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos
Digital-Enabled State Capacity: China's Rise and Comparative Governance in East Asia and Latin America

PANEL B3 China in Narratives and Transnational Political Struggles 13:30 -15:00 (LMB 021) Zoom link

Senior Discussant *Dr. Yitong Ye, University of Bath*
Chair *Ziyu Yan, University of York*

1. **Peinan Cheng** ONLINE
University of Southampton
Concerned with and Rethinking: Postwar Historiography on "China" in the United States

2. **Jiuzhen Zhang** ONLINE
University of Texas at Dallas
The Quiet Backyard Game: US Perception, Marginal Reaction, and the KMT Proxy Role in Countering Early Chinese Infiltration into Latin America

3. **Hui Li** ONLINE
Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University
From Spectacle to Social Transformation: The Political Function of Public Parading in Modern Chinese Revolution

4. **Virdika Rizky Utama** ONLINE
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
Leninist Propaganda and the Constraints on China's International Discourse Power

PANEL C3 Knowledge, Commerce and Cross-Cultural Encounter in Chinese History China 13:30 -15:00 (LMB 022) Zoom link

Senior Discussant *Dr. Jonathan Howlett, University of York*

Chair ***Lin Qin, University of York***

1. Joanes Rocha ONLINE

Seikei University, Japan

Proto-Sinology and Jesuit Perceptions of the Relationship between Hospitality and Architectural Space in Late Ming China

2. Mengjin Xue

University of York

Translating Authority: Science, Law, and Spatial Order in Translations by Early Twentieth-Century Chinese Women

3. Xinhao Zhang ONLINE

National University of Malaysia

From Reconstruction to Expansion: A Study of Christian Education in Shandong Province, China, 1901–1911

4. Ruru Jiang ONLINE

Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen

Formulating and Dismantling: The Dynamics of Buddhist Identity in Tibet and Its Interaction with Chinese Authority under Surrogate Theocracy, 1247–1959

5. Huirong Cheng

University of Edinburgh

Buying China Tea: Scottish Merchants, Chinese Intermediaries, and the Making of a Global Commodity, 1848–1855

★ KEYNOTE ADDRESS · 15:30 – 16:30

15:30-16:30 (LMB 030) Zoom Link

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China, Europe and the US: How can the three largest economies in the world work with each other in the coming decade

IV PARALLEL SESSION IV · 17:00 – 18:30

PANEL A4 Infrastructures of Connectivity: The Belt and Road across Eurasia 17:00-18:30 (LMB 020) Zoom link

Senior Discussant ***Dr. Yitong Ye, University of Bath***

Chair ***Tonghua Li, University of York***

1. Maximilian Ohle

Catholic Institute of Vendée

Between Pragmatism and Geoculture: The Turkic Factor in China's Belt and Road Initiative

2. Amr Mansour ONLINE

Zhengzhou University

Chinese Approaches toward the Iranian Crisis: Interests and the Limits of the Role amid Competition with the United States

3. Seyed Amin Habibi and Ali Khansari ONLINE

Azad University (SRB Branch), Tehran, Iran

From Material Power to Institutional Influence: How China Converts Economic and Technological Capabilities into Order-Shaping Power

PANEL B4 Cultural Production and Popular Media

17:00-18:30 (LMB 021) Zoom link

Senior Discussant ***Dr. James Cummings, University of York***

Chair ***Ziyu Yan, University of York***

1. Baiyao Yu ONLINE

Teachers College, Columbia University

The Pedagogy of the Marginalized: Public Counter-Curriculum and Epistemic Justice in Chinese Stand-Up Comedy

2. Shao Yihang ONLINE

Southeast University, China

Discrete Spacetime and Identity Representation: The Interwoven Narrative of Gender and Nation in Taiwanese Hokkien Cinema

3. Wenjun Li

Hong Kong Baptist University

Precarious "Elites" in Mobility: Mainland Chinese Women Navigating Gendered Precarity in Hong Kong via Digital Sisterhood on Xiaohongshu

PANEL C4 Strategic Narratives, Representation and Transnational Reception 17:00-18:30 (LMB 022) Zoom link

Senior Discussant ***Dr. Tianxiang Liu, Anhui University*** ONLINE

Chair ***Lin Qin, University of York***

1. Yibo Sun

Central European University

Chinese identity among Taiwanese Indigenous People

2. Mengqi Sun ONLINE

Durham University

The Mirror's Needs: Constructing Türkiye in China's Reference News, 1957–1989

3. Jinghong Zhang ONLINE

Independent Scholar

Identity Crisis and Taiwanese Intellectuals: Taking Orphan of Asia as an example