



Governance, Ideology and Technology in the Xi Jinping Era

Tuesday 31 January 2023

9:00am for 9:30am-11:30am AEDT & 1:30pm for 2:00pm-4:00pm AEDT

Yasuko Hiraoka Myer Room (Level 1, Room 106), Sidney Myer Asia Centre, Swanston Street, Carlton
Hybrid mode – online participation is available

Extraordinary changes have disrupted the status quo of Chinese Communist Party governance over the last decade. The Party calls this a new era of “China-style governance”, claiming that both traditional and socialist ideas about law and morality underpin the Party’s new political and legal thinking. At the same time, new technologies of surveillance and big data development have been incorporated into the Party’s governance strategy. How are ideology and technology shaping changes in governance under Xi Jinping? This question will be addressed by a panel of Chinese law and governance experts, chaired by Richard Iron CMG OBE, President of AIIA Victoria.

MORNING SESSION SPEAKERS (9:30-11:30AM AEDT)

How is Ideology Shaping Changes in Governance under Xi Jinping?

Sue Trevaskes – Professor of Chinese Studies, *Griffith University*
Topic: Building a “Safe and Peaceful” China: Social Governance under Xi Jinping

Sarah Biddulph – Professor of Law, *The University of Melbourne*
Topic: “The Fengqiao Experience”: Using the Mass Line in Xi’s China

Delia Lin – Associate Professor of Chinese Studies, *The University of Melbourne*
Topic: Ideological Security and Moral Governance

Straton Papagiannas – PhD Candidate, *Leiden University*
Topic: Smart Governance in China’s Political-Legal System

AFTERNOON SESSION SPEAKERS (2:00-4:00PM AEDT)

How is Technology Shaping Changes in Governance under Xi Jinping?

Adam Knight – PhD Candidate, *Leiden University*
Topic: The Social Credit System

Rogier Creemers – Assistant Professor of Modern Chinese Studies, *Leiden University*
Topic: The Great Rectification: A New Paradigm for China’s Online Platform Economy

Ausma Bernot – Postdoctoral Fellow: *Charles Sturt University*
Topic: Surveillance Technologies

This workshop is funded by the Australian Research Council, the Griffith Centre for Social and Cultural Research, University of Melbourne’s Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies and co-hosted with the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) Victoria.

Attendance is **free** but pre-registration is **essential**. Please [book online here](#).

BIOs of the Speakers



Ausma Bernot is a postdoctoral researcher at the School of Policing and Security, Charles Sturt University. She has six years of work experience with forensic science and research organisations across the globe, in particular China, where she had the chance to gain insights on how technologies are governed at provincial and national levels. She has recently submitted a PhD on surveillance in China.



Sarah Biddulph is Professor of Law at the University of Melbourne. She is Director of the Asian Law Centre in Melbourne Law School (MLS). Sarah is also Assistant Deputy Vice Chancellor - International (China). Sarah's research focuses on the Chinese legal system with an emphasis on legal policy, law making and enforcement as they affect the administration of justice in China. Sarah's particular areas of research are contemporary Chinese administrative law, criminal procedure, labour, comparative law and the law regulating social and economic rights.



Rogier Creemers is an Assistant Professor in Modern Chinese Studies. With a background in Sinology and International Relations, and a PhD in Law, his research focuses on Chinese domestic digital technology policy, as well as China's growing importance in global digital affairs. He is the principal investigator of the NWO Vidi Project "The Smart State: Big Data, Artificial Intelligence and the Law in China". For the Leiden Asia Centre, he directs a project on China and global cybersecurity, funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He is also a co-founder of DigiChina, a joint initiative with Stanford University and New America.



Adam Knight is a PhD candidate at Leiden University where he focuses on how China's social credit system is conceptualised, negotiated and implemented. Prior to this, Adam studied Chinese at the University of Oxford, where he also received a Masters degree in Social Science of the Internet. His insights on China's approach to tech-enabled governance have featured in *The Economist*, BBC, Times of London, Al Jazeera and *The Financial Times*.



Delia Lin is Associate Professor of Chinese Studies at the University of Melbourne. She is a Deputy Director of the Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies in Asia Institute. Delia's research centres on discourse, ideology and social governance in a changing China. Her current Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation project (with Sue Trevaskes) focuses on ideology and education in Xi Jinping's China. She is a Chief Investigator in two ARC projects, one on China's governance revolution and the other on the nexus between elite and public opinions.



Straton Papagiannas is a PhD candidate in Chinese Studies at the Leiden University Institute for Area Studies (LIAS). He researches in the area of digitisation and automation of justice in China and its implications for issues such as fairness, judicial autonomy, and decision-making.



Sue Trevaskes (FAHA) is Professor of Chinese Studies at Griffith University in Queensland. Her research includes the first books in English on criminal courts contemporary China, policing serious crime in China and death penalty reform in China. She has published papers on Chinese law, governance and justice in a number of journals including *The China Journal*, *The British Journal of Criminology*, *The China Quarterly*, and *Modern China*. Her current ARC project (with Delia Lin) is on China's governance revolution.