

New perspectives on Chinese innovation

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China has big plans to boost its capacity for homegrown innovation. It is rising fast up the global league tables for investment, publications and patents, and a recent review by the OECD concludes that China 'is now a major R&D player'.

But further progress will depend on the playing out of a complicated set of tensions: between the planned economy and the market; between national priorities and global networks; between the hardware of research infrastructure and the software of culture, skills and creativity.

Above all, can China's growing capabilities in science and technology-based innovation be combined with the social, environmental and policy innovations that will be crucial to meeting the challenges of the next decade?

This half-day workshop aims to provide a series of fresh perspectives on Chinese innovation. In the first session, **Gang Zhang** will present the OECD's findings, just weeks before the publication of its final report. **Richard Halkett** will identify lessons for China from work on 'hidden innovation' here in the UK. And **Simon Collinson** will describe the landscape for multinational innovation.

In the second session, **Nikolas Rose** will discuss the governance and ethics of innovation, **Rushanara Ali** will outline the Young Foundation's work on social innovation in China, and **David Tyfield** will assess the prospects for low-carbon innovation.

There will be plenty of opportunity for discussion, and we also want to use the morning to encourage more networking and exchange of ideas between the many UK-based projects now working on aspects of Chinese innovation.

The workshop takes place from 09:00 to 13:00 on 21 February, followed by lunch. RSVP to atlasofideas@demos.co.uk. We hope you can join us.

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