

The 19th Party Congress: What will Xi Jinping use his Power for?

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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr. Willy Lam is an Adjunct Professor at the Center for China Studies and the Department of History, Chinese University of Hong Kong. Dr Lam is also a Senior Fellow at Jamestown Foundation, Washington D.C. He specializes in elite party politics, China's foreign policy and the country's economic and political reforms.

The veteran Sinologist has published seven books on China. They include: *Routledge Handbook of the Chinese Communist Party* (as editor) (Routledge, New York, 2017); *Chinese Politics in the Era of Xi Jinping* (Routledge, New York, 2015); *Chinese Politics in the Hu Jintao Era* (M E Sharpe, New York, 2006); *The Era of Jiang Zemin* (Prentice Hall, Singapore & New York, 1999); and *China after Deng Xiaoping* (John Wiley & Sons, Singapore & New York, 1995).



ABOUT THE TALK

The just-held 19th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has conferred President Xi Jinping with unprecedented authority. He is now the Party's second more powerful leader after Mao Zedong. Xi has solid control over the Party, the State and the People's Liberation Army. It looks probable that Xi will remain China's paramount leader at least until 2027, if not 2032.

In this stimulating talk, Dr. Willy Lam will assess the main question of the 19th Congress: the extent to which Xi, who is an arch-conservative and unabashed Maoist, will use his powers for political, social and economic reforms. Given his top priority of maintaining the CCP as China's "perennial ruling party" – and in light of his insistence on the Party's control over key economic sectors as well as the civil society – what are the prospects for thorough-going changes? The speaker will at the same time address Xi's ambitious foreign-policy agenda, including his Belt and Road Initiative. Dr. Lam will also take the opportunity to introduce his just published book (as editor), *Routledge Handbook of the Chinese Communist Party*.

Free Admission

The seminar is conducted in English

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