

**Panel:** Public Opinion in China (Cosmos & Violet Room)

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**Talking Points for:** Wang Xiaoling, Associate Professor, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

### **The Chinese Public: How they view the world and how they influence foreign affairs?**

Since the end of 1990s, the Chinese social forces have been more and more concerned with Chinese foreign affairs and their influence has been bigger. These social forces include mainly the experts, traditional media, and netizens. These three forces interact frequently. My study focuses on ordinary people and discusses the following issues:

- 1) Based on polls and interviews, I compare the Chinese people's understanding and impressions of the USA, European nations, Russia, Japan, and South Korea, etc; summarize the Chinese people's own understanding of China's achievements in recent years; and envisage the future of China.
- 2) The perspectives from which and the emotions with which the Chinese view the world;
- 3) The opinion differences among the different social groups;
- 4) Chinese nationalism: Themes and participants, and its influence on foreign affairs.

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