

**Panel:** China and Global Governance (Cosmos & Violet Room)

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### **Global Governance: Is China Prepared to Take a Leading Role?**

Global governance as a concept in international relations has entered the Chinese foreign policy lexicon in recent years. The Chinese decision makers are now increasingly interested in joining the rest of the world to better manage and resolve various global challenges. It is very likely that China will be more active in participating in global governance, particularly in various international economic and financial institutions. But it seems that China has not figured out whether improved global governance should be the ultimate goal or Beijing's active participation in global governance should simply be a means for certain objective in China's foreign policy. I argue in this presentation that China is unlikely to take a leading role in global governance because of its domestic political economy, pursuit of pragmatic interests, and a lack of a coherent value system in international relations.

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