

Panel: Political Reform in China (Cosmos & Violet Room)

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At the opening session of the 18th National Party Congress of the CPC, Hu Jintao emphasized the concept of “upholding the great banner of socialism with Chinese characteristics” while refusing to proceed political reform, based upon the principles of Western political system. Although President Hu’s speech has shed light on the conservatism of Chinese political elites and system, his step down from the Chairman of Central Military Commission brought the succession of political leadership more institutionalized. The leadership change followed the rules of age and term limit and brought a high turnover rates in all leadership bodies in the party. However, China still needs more radical political reform to reduce corruption and inequality and maintain its breath-taking economic development.

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