THE RISE OF DIGITAL AUTHORITARIANISM: CHINA AI & HUMAN RIGHTS

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9-11 AM PDT 12-2 PM EDT

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Panel 1: How AI is powering China's Domestic Surveillance State

How is AI exacerbating surveillance risks and enabling digital authoritarianism? This session will examine both state-sponsored applications and Chinese commercial services.

Panelists
Bethany Allen-Ebrahimian | China Reporter, Axios
Paul Mozur | Asia Technology Correspondent, New York Times
Glenn Tiffert | Research Fellow, Hoover Institution
Xiao Qiang | UC Berkeley & Editor-in-Chief, China Digital Times

Moderator
Melissa Chan | Foreign Affairs Reporter, Deutsche Welle Asia
Panel 2: The Ethics of Doing Business with China and Chinese Companies

What dynamics are at play in China’s effort to establish market dominance for Chinese companies, both domestically and globally? What demands are placed on non-Chinese technology companies to participate in the Chinese marketplace? What framework should U.S.-based companies use to evaluate the risks and opportunities for collaboration and market entry in China? To what extent are Chinese companies (e.g., TikTok) competing in Western markets required to comply with Chinese government instructions or demands for access to data?

Panelists
Mary Hui | Hong Kong-based Technology and Business Reporter, Quartz
Megha Rajagopalan | International Correspondent and Former China Bureau Chief, Buzzfeed News
Alex Stamos | Director, Stanford Internet Observatory & Former Chief Security Officer, Facebook

Moderator
Casey Newton | Silicon Valley Editor, The Verge
CHINA AS AN EMERGING GLOBAL AI SUPERPOWER

Panel 3: China as an Emerging Global AI Superpower
How should we think about China's growing influence in the realm of AI and the attendant geopolitical risks and implications? This session will explore China’s bid through Huawei to build and control the world's 5G networks, and what that implies for human rights and national sovereignty and security; China's export of surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes around the world; China's global partnerships to research and develop AI; and the problem of illicit technology transfer/theft.

Panelists
Steven Feldstein | Senior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Lindsay Gorman | Fellow for Emerging Technologies, Alliance for Securing Democracy, German Marshall Fund
Maya Wang | China Senior Researcher, Human Rights Watch

Moderator
Dominic Ziegler | Senior Asia Correspondent and Banyan Columnist, The Economist
Panel 4: How Democracies Should Respond to China's Emergence as an AI Superpower

How should the rest of the world, and especially the world’s democracies, react to China's bid to harness AI for ill as well as good? How do we strike the right balance between vigilance in defense of human rights and national security and xenophobic overreaction?

Keynote

*Digital Social Innovation: Taiwan Can Help*

Audrey Tang | Digital Minister, Taiwan

Panelists

Christopher Balding | Associate Professor, Fulbright University Vietnam
Anja Manuel | Co-Founder, Rice, Hadley, Gates & Manuel
Chris Meserole | Deputy Director of the Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technology Initiative, Brookings Institution

Moderator

Larry Diamond | Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution and FSI, Principal Investigator, Global Digital Policy Incubator

Closing Keynote & Conversation

*Strengthening American Capability and International Collaboration in AI*

Fei-Fei Li | Co-Director, Stanford Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI)

Conversant: Eileen Donahoe, Executive Director of GDPi

Closing Remarks: Alex Gladstein & Eileen Donahoe