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Dear Edward,

China is expected to become the biggest economy in the world by 2030, if not before. With the world's largest population, and the world's biggest manufacturing industry, China's expanding state owned enterprises now reach across Asia, Africa and Europe. Meanwhile, its domestic market is an increasingly coveted prize for Western multinationals.

But China also faces grave problems: an ageing population, wage inflation, a shortage of resources and water, a worsening environment, growing internal political pressures and increased rivalry with neighbours like India. Has the Communist Party's latest Five Year Plan sustained the country on the right path? What should we expect from the transition of leadership in 2012? Can China sustain its extraordinary growth rate even as the Western markets it relies upon are faltering?

To discuss China's strengths and weaknesses we will be joined by Victor Gao, Co-Chairman of China, Daiwa Capital Markets Hong Kong and Executive Director of the Beijing Private Equity Association, and Dr Keyu Jin, Assistant Professor of Economics at the LSE, who specialises in China's macro-economics, and government economic policy. The discussion will be moderated by the BBC's Paddy O'Connell, presenter of Radio 4's Broadcasting House.



This breakfast discussion will take place on Thursday September 29th in the Committee Room of the RAC, 89 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5HS. A delicious breakfast of bacon rolls, pastries, fresh fruit, tea and coffee will be served from 7.45am, the discussion will begin shortly after 8.00am and we will finish at 9.00am sharp.

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Victor Gao



Victor Gao was an Independent Director of the Board of Directors of Chongqing Changan Automobile, the fourth largest automaker in China. In 2009, he was the only PRC citizen on a panel of four experts chosen by Ford Motors in their in-depth study and forecast of China's automobile market. A businessman with experience in the energy (China Oil), banking and automotive sectors, Victor is well placed to unravel the complexities and contradictions of China's business culture. He previously has served as a diplomat and as an interpreter to Deng Xiaoping, China's former leader.

Keyu Jin



Dr Keyu Jin is an Assistant Professor at the London School of Economics. She specialises in what determines international capital flows and global asset prices, how trade integration and financial liberalisation interact, and how trade affects international business cycles. She has a particular interest in international finance issues pertaining to emerging markets, with a focus on China. She has worked as an economist for the New York Fed, the World Bank and the IMF.

Paddy O'Connell



Paddy O'Connell is an international broadcaster whose innovative style has led him into some of the most varied projects on radio and TV. From Wall Street and 9/11 to the Eurovision Song Contest, Paddy has defied the conventional roles. He is also well-known to the London journalist hub the Frontline Club, hosting monthly events there as a moderator. He presents Radio 4's Broadcasting House and regularly appears as a presenter on BBC News 24.



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