

ASC Annual Meeting 2025

27-28 November 2025

Location: MERICS, Alte Jakobstraße 85-86, 10179 Berlin

Day 1: Thursday, 27 November

13:00-13:30 Registration

13:30-13:45 Welcome Address

13:45-15:45 **Panel 1: China's Political Economy**

Chair: **Anna Lisa Ahlers**

The Party Rules and the State Governs: Party-State Capitalism and the Reordering of State-Market Relations in the Jiangsu Pilot Free Trade Zone

Robert Pauls (Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University) and
Jörn-Carsten Gottwald (Ruhr University Bochum)

Discussant: **Marina Rudyak**

Digital Development and Ideological Discipline - The CCP's Governance of the Gaming Sector

Lukas Namibius Eggert (University of Tübingen)

Discussant: **Nicolas Huppenbauer**

Village Branding and the Commodification of Intangible Cultural Heritage in China Today: Cunba as a Case Study

Gil Hizi (Goethe Universität Frankfurt)

Discussant: **Jane Doe**

15:45-16:15 Coffee Break

Round Table Discussion "China Studies & Policy Impact"

16:15-17:30

Chair: **Claudia Wessling** (Director Communications and Publications, MERICS)

Discussants:

Anne Braun (Federal Foreign Office),
Julia Gurol-Haller (Research Fellow, GIGA),
Mikko Huotari (Executive Director, MERICS) and
Stefan Messingschläger (research associate, chair of modern history at Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg)

ASC Board Meeting (members only)

17:45-19:30

Hybrid, link for online participation [<<here>>](#)

19:30

Dinner (Bellissimo Cucina Italiana - Neue Grünstraße 17, 10179 Berlin)

Day 2: Friday, 28 November

Panel 2: China and the International Realm

9:00-9:45

Chair: **Genia Kostka**

*The Geopolitical and Geoeconomic Implications of China's Central Bank
Digital Currency e-CNY for the European Union*

Iker Gündoğan (Ruhr University Bochum),
Jörn-Carsten Gottwald (Ruhr University Bochum) and
Niall Duggan (University College Cork)

Discussant: **Hannes Gohli**

9:45-10:15

Coffee Break

10:15-11:45 **Panel 3: Chinese Governance**

Chair: **Katja Levy**

Public Perceptions of Moral Governance in China: Evidence from a National Survey

Xue Gong (University of Vienna)

Discussant: **Sarah Eaton**

Quantifying the Population's Scientific Quality: The Evolution of China's Scientific Literacy Survey

Franziska Marliese Fröhlich (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin)

Discussant: **Christoph Steinhardt**

11:45-13:15 **Lunch**

13:15-14:45 **Panel 4: Contentious Politics**

Chair: **Franziska Marliese Fröhlich**

When Do Protests End Political Careers? Grievance escalation and termination risk among Chinese local officials

Christian Göbel (University of Vienna) and

Wang Hao (City University of Hong Kong)

Discussant: **Anton Bogs**

Remote Ethnography of bingtuan Urbanization in Southern Xinjiang: Through the Looking Glass, Darkly?

Björn Alpermann (Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg),

Viven Markert (Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen) and

Lallu Nikerthil Prathapan (Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg)

Discussant: **David O'Brien**