

CHINA CAPABLE PUBLIC SECTOR MASTERCLASS

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Working with world-class facilitators and experts, the CCPS China Capable Masterclass will build your knowledge and understanding of China, enhance your public sector networks, and support policy work on issues that are vital to New Zealand's future success and security.

Learn first-hand from an exemplary pool of China experts from across business, academia and the public sector as they impart their deep knowledge, experience, and insight through facilitated discussions and scenarios based on real events.



Are you a **public sector professional** who needs to think globally, nationally, or regionally about the New Zealand government's engagement with China?

The **China Capable Masterclass** is now recognised as an essential programme for developing New Zealand public sector capability. It is highly valuable to professionals working in any sector of central government in international or domestic affairs who **make decisions, shape policy, deliver services**, and are impacted by China's growing influence in the world, in the Pacific region, and within New Zealand.

Highly interactive 5-day Masterclass immerses public sector professionals in the complexities of engaging with China, working alongside New Zealand's leading China experts, recounting real events and developing cross-sector solutions to complex scenarios.

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EVENT DETAILS

WHEN

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WHERE

Wellington CBD

TIME

9.00am – 4.30pm Mon–Thu

9.00am – 3.00pm Friday

REFRESHMENTS

Lunch, morning and afternoon
tea provided

REGISTER

Email china.capable@mfat.govt.nz
to register (conditions apply)



TIMETABLE

DAY 1

An introduction to China

DAY 2

Cross-agency crises and challenges

DAY 3

Trade, service and investment

DAY 4

Changing China

DAY 5

Navigating the future with
a China Capable mindset

PURPOSE

To develop public sector capability to engage effectively with China through insight into the political, economic, security and cultural dimensions of the New Zealand government's engagement with China. This bespoke programme is designed for public sector professionals and facilitated by the New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre (NZCCRC) featuring a panel of world-class China experts.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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GEREMIE BARMÉ



Geremie Barmé is an Australian sinologist, author, and film-maker on modern and traditional China. He was founding Director of the Australian Centre on China in the World and Chair Professor of Chinese History at Australian National University College of Asia, and the Pacific in Canberra, and co-founder of the Wairarapa Academy for New Sinology 白水書院 (www.chinaheritage.net).

YIYAN WANG

Yiyan Wang is Professor of Chinese in the School of Languages and Cultures, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. Her research is primarily in the areas of modern Chinese literature and modern Chinese cultural history. She has published widely on modern Chinese literature and culture with her most recent, 'Modern Art for a Modern China: the Chinese Intellectual Debate, 1900-1930'. London: Routledge, 2021.



LEAD CONTRIBUTORS



Anna Powles is an Associate Professor in Security Studies with the Centre for Defence and Security Studies at Massey University, in Wellington, New Zealand. She specialises in geopolitics and security in the Pacific Islands region and is concerned with how state and non-state actors are influencing the regional security order and the implications for crisis management, civil-military relations and security governance.



Jason Young is the Director of the New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre and an Associate Professor in the School of History, Philosophy, Political Science and International Relations at Victoria University of Wellington. His research focuses on Chinese politico-economic and institutional reform, Chinese foreign policy and New Zealand-China relations.

MASTERCLASS FACILITATORS



Wen Chin Powles is a former New Zealand diplomat, with over 20 years' experience at MFAT in Wellington and posts, including Beijing (First Secretary 1988-1990) and Shanghai (Consul General 2006-2008). She is a Trustee at Dowse Foundation and a Director at CULTUREPUBLICA 文字 Ltd.



Tony Browne is former Chair of the Advisory Board of the New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre. Tony has filled senior roles in the management of New Zealand's relations with China from 1994 to 2011 and was New Zealand Ambassador to China from 2004 to 2009.

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Senior Policy Officer, North Asia Division, MFAT



Adrian Macey

Adjunct Professor, New Zealand Climate Change Research Institute



Alistair Crozier

Executive Director, New Zealand China Council; former Consul-General to Chengdu



Anna Fifield

Asia-Pacific Editor, Washington Post and former editor of the Dominion Post



Anne-Marie Brady

Specialist of Chinese politics, polar politics, Pacific politics, and New Zealand foreign policy



Ant Simpson

Principal Adviser, Multilateral and Legal Affairs Group, MFAT



Beini Guo

Director, PwC; Chartered Financial Analyst, Mergers & Acquisitions



Bob Major

Former CEO, Fonterra, China



Brian Tunui

Qualified Chartered Accountant with experience in the corporate sector



Chris Elder

Ambassador to China 1993-1997



Damon Paling

Beachheads Advisor, NZTE



David Capie

Director of the Centre for Strategic Studies and Professor of International Relations, VUW

GUEST PRESENTERS



Duncan Campbell

Adjunct Teaching Fellow, Chinese Studies Programme, VUW



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Director, Australia China Relations Institute



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John McKinnon

Chair of the New Zealand China Council and Senior Fellow of the Centre for Strategic Studies, VUW



Peter Harris

Senior Fellow at the New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre; former founding Executive Director of the Asia New Zealand Foundation



Robert Didham

Demographer and former Head of Human Statistics, Statistics New Zealand



Stephen Noakes

Associate Professor of Chinese Politics, University of Auckland



Steve Ainsworth

Director, Market Access, MPI

Note: The speaker lineup is unique to each Masterclass and may change without notice.

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