

China's World: Chineseness and Civilization without Borders

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China seeks to be a global power while preserving an essential Chineseness. Understandable in general terms, this stubborn national identity complex is mainly politically-driven. Outside actors need to understand the internal conversation that dominates and colours the formal positions over a range of national issues, most recently the college curriculum. The controversies need to be seen in the perspective of shifts in national self-perception since the late 19th century. But as well as history, the natural history of 'values' as aspects of the social order has to be sorted out.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Concurrently a Visiting Professor at Peking University, Dr. David Kelly leads the governance and law, and geopolitics teams at China Policy, a Beijing based research and advisory company. His interests encompass a sweep of issues affecting China's domestic reforms and its strategic positioning, with a particular interest in the external impact of China's governance model. His more than thirty years research on China combined with his early IT training, created the ChinaBase, a bilingual research tool specialized for tracking China's policy realm.

Dr. Kelly holds an honours degree in anthropology and philosophy and a PhD in Chinese studies from the University of Sydney. A sought-after international media commentator, he frequently appears on the BBC, Voice of America, Australian ABC, Al Jazeera and in leading print media.