



## Decoding the Idea of Communist China

### Concept Note

The Chinese civilisation is one of the oldest on this earth. They remained isolated and disconnected from the world for several centuries. Until 1911, their political system was controlled by an Emperor, who was considered to be divine and the “son of God”. Till mid-1800s, China was a closed economy. A foreign country that wanted to establish any kind of relation with them, be it political or economical, had to pay “tribute” to the Emperor. However, after the Opium War of 1840, the British started using “Gunboat Diplomacy” to pressure the Chinese into opening their ports for trade. Due to this, China had to sign a set of ‘unequal treaties’ with most of the imperialist powers. This led to Chinese subjugation by all the imperialist powers and Japan. Although China was politically independent and sovereign, its economy was plundered by the British, French, Germans, Russians, and the Japanese.

The 20<sup>th</sup> century was a time of massive transformation within the country. Firstly, the monarchical system ended in 1911. Soon after, a renewed cultural movement emerged which led to the formation of the Communist Party. Led by Mao Zedong, the Communists had defeated the Nationalists, who later fled to Taiwan and established the government of the ‘Republic of China’. The Communists, who were in control of mainland China, called it the People’s Republic of China.

Napoleon once said, “China is a sleeping giant, let it sleep, for if it wakes, it will shake the world.” From the late 1970s, China instituted various reforms and opened up its vast economy. Within 20 years, the GDP grew from 364 billion yuan in 1978 to 101.6 trillion Yuan in 2020. The average economic growth rate was 9.8%, much higher than the world average of 6.5%. When you talk about the Chinese military, it is one of the largest in the world. Military spending significantly increased since the 1990s after the Tiananmen Square incident and the Gulf War. Today, China has one of the most technologically advanced military in the world.

Understanding China is one of the key factors in decoding where the world is headed, and which new world order will arise in the future.

Therefore, Indic Researchers Forum is organising a two day webinar titled, “**Decoding the Idea of Communist China**” on **29th-30th April, 2022** as a part of the Two-and-a-Half War series launched in the memory of Late General Bipin Rawat, former Chief of Defence Staff.



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## FINAL AGENDA

Day 1		Date – 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2022, Friday	Time – 2:00 PM IST onwards
S No.	Time	Session	
1.	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM IST	<b>Inaugural session</b>  <b>Session Moderator: Dr Pooja Bhatt</b>  <b>Address by Prof Swaran Singh</b> <b>Address by Lt Gen Rakesh Sharma</b>	
2.	3:00 PM – 5:15 PM IST	<b>Session 1- Decoding the Chinese Mindset</b>  <b>Session Chair: Cmde RS Vasan (Retd.)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understanding the Political Structure of CCP Speaker: Dr Amrita Jash</li><li>• Evolution of Political Doctrine of CCP: From Mao to Xi Jinping Speaker: Rajaram Muthukrishnan</li><li>• Century of Humiliation and its impact on Chinese Society Speaker: Group Captain Dr R Srinivasan</li><li>• Understanding Chinese Culture and its influence on the society Speaker: Dr Anand V</li></ul>	
3.	5:15 PM – 7:15 PM IST	<b>Session 2: China's Territorial and Maritime Approach</b>  <b>Session Chair: Prof Nanda Kishor M S</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• China's Approach to its Border Disputes Speaker: Stephen Westcott</li><li>• China's 5 Finger Policy Speaker: Lt Gen Shokin Chauhan</li></ul>	



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>China's Maritime Policy Speaker: Vice Admiral Shekhar Sinha</li> <li>China in the Indo Pacific Speaker: Dr Yoichiro Sato</li> </ul>
4.	7:15 PM – 9:15 PM IST	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session 3- Decoding the Chinese Economy</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session Chair : Prof. Yoga Jyotsna Varanasi</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding Chinese Capitalist Economic model Speaker: Dr Dattesh D Parulekar</li> <li>Economic Expansion: BRI and Debt Trap Speaker: Stephen Nagy</li> <li>Chinese Rare Earth Mineral Industry Speaker: Lt Gen CA Krishnan (Retd.)</li> <li>China's Control over Global Supply Chain Speaker: Balasubramanian C.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>End of Day 1</b></p>
<b>Date 30th April 2022 , Saturday</b>		<b>Time – 12:30 PM onwards</b>
<b>Day 2</b>		
5.	12:30 PM – 2:20 PM IST	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session 4- Deciphering China's Defence Capabilities</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session Chair: Lt Gen Vinod Bhatia (Retd.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding Chinese Military Capabilities Speaker: Maj Gen Rajan Kochhar (Retd.)</li> <li>Understanding Chinese Naval Capabilities Speaker: Cmde Srikant Deshmukh (Retd.)</li> <li>Understanding Chinese Air force Capabilities</li> </ul>



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		<p>Speaker: Air Marshal Anil Khosla (Retd.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Military-Civil Fusion Policy of CCP Speaker: Cmde Vijesh Garg (Retd.)</li> </ul>
6.	2:20 PM – 3:50 PM IST	<p><b>Session 5- China's Non Kinetic Warfare and Multi Domain Approach</b></p> <p><b>Session Chair: Maj Gen Naresh Badhani (Retd.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chinese Influence on Global Academic Institutions Speaker: Salvatore Babones</li> <li>• China's Multi Domain Approach Speaker: Maj Gen PK Chakravorty VSM (Retd.)</li> <li>• Understanding China's Cyber warfare Speaker: Col Pavithran Rajan (Retd.)</li> </ul>
7.	3:45 PM – 5:45 PM IST	<p><b>Session 6- Decoding China's Geopolitical Ambitions</b></p> <p><b>Session Chair: Prof Nanda Kishor M S</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• China and the Islamic World Speaker: Ambassador Anil Trigunayat (Retd.)</li> <li>• China's influence in Africa Speaker: Chitanga Gideon Hlamalani</li> <li>• China's relation with the European Union Speaker: Benjamin Barton</li> <li>• China and the ASEAN Countries Speaker: Don Mclain Gill</li> </ul>
8.	5:45 PM –7:45 PM IST	



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		<p><b>Session 7- Decoding China's Bilateral Relations</b></p> <p><b>Session Chair: Cmde RS Vasan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Analysing US-China Relations Zeno Leoni</li><li>• Analysing Russia-China Relations Velina Tchakarova</li><li>• Analysing India-China Relations Dr Jagannath Panda</li><li>• Analysing China-Japan Relations Speaker: Dr Satoru Nagao</li></ul>
9.	7:45 PM-9:45 PM IST	<p><b>Session 8- Decoding Chinese Aggression and Occupation</b></p> <p><b>Session Chair: Maj Gen Shashi Asthana (Retd.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annexation of Tibet Speaker: Tsering Passang</li><li>• Human Rights Abuse in Xinjiang Speaker: Zubayra Shamseden</li><li>• Suppression of Liberty in Hong Kong Speaker: Catherine Li</li><li>• The Threat of Taiwan Invasion Speaker: Russell Hsiao</li></ul> <p>End of Day 2</p>