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## UK-China Relations in a Trump-Xi World George Magnus, Research Associate, Oxford University China Centre

The disruptive geopolitical churn, trade conflict, uneasy truces and global fragmentation, affect our well-being and confidence in our prospects.

China and the United States are centre stage, but the EU and the United Kingdom and so many other nations are very much bound into the upending of the world trade and commerce system.

While President Trump's administration has shaken the world system with his mercurial tariff policies, it is easy to forget the role that China played in undermining the global trade system in the first place, and to gloss over the pushback it is now receiving.

George Magnus, seasoned China watcher, will discuss the significance, causes and consequences of these developments on the world stage, and how the new British government, a year in the saddle, is trying to manage the UK's important relationship with China. The speaker will assess if we are being too cautious or if we have got it about right?

George Magnus, who lives between Bath and Bradford on Avon, is a long serving China and global economy watcher and writer, and was formerly Chief Economist at UBS for over 2 decades. He is a research associate at Oxford University's China Centre and at SOAS in London, and a member of the advisory board of the China Observatory at the Council on Geostrategy.