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## **Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy Under Xi Jinping: Challenges Ahead**

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**Date:** Thursday 14 July 2016 **Time:** 5.30pm for 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Venue: Hall & Wilcox Lawyers, Level 11, Rialto South Tower, 525 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000

**Cost:** \$35 per person **MEMBERS ONLY** (+GST and online booking fee)

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You are invited to attend a briefing with Dr Bates Gill, leading expert on China and East Asian strategic affairs, who will discuss China's future under Xi Jinping.

Xi Jinping is a third of the way through his expected 10-year term as China's top leader. Already he has put a strong personal stamp on his time in office, significantly differentiating himself from his predecessors in both the style and substance of his leadership. Taking tough measures against corruption and dissent at home and pursuing an active agenda abroad, Xi has carefully cultivated an image of a confident strongman keen to deliver on his promised "great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation."

But while it can claim some successes, Xi Jinping's leadership has raised even more questions and uncertainties both within China and amongst China's neighbours. What do we know about Xi's leadership style? How vulnerable is his domestic reform agenda? Can he return China to a more stable set of relationships with its regional neighbours, including the United States? What are some of the biggest obstacles ahead in realising the "China dream"?

Drawing from more than 30 years' experience closely following Chinese affairs, Dr Gill will tackle these and other questions about China's future under Xi Jinping.

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