Israel and China: Strange Bedfellows

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This lecture will paint a broad picture of China-Israel relations through the Jewish / Israeli historical and political perspectives. The fascinating story of Sino-Israeli relations presents a unique history of complex diplomacy, culture and global business ventures. What are the opportunities and risks involved when China purchases companies that are part of Israel’s national infrastructure and interests? What policies should Israeli decision-makers adopt, especially in view of the U.S. government’s fierce criticism of improving relations between Beijing and Jerusalem?

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