

# China's Future



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China's future is arguably the most consequential question in global affairs. Having enjoyed unprecedented levels of growth, China is at a critical juncture in the development of its economy, society, polity, national security and international relations. The direction the nation takes at this crossroads will determine whether it stumbles and ultimately stalls or whether it continues to develop and prosper.

Will China be successful in implementing a new wave of transformational reforms that could last decades and make the country the world's leading superpower by 2025? Or will the PRC shy away from the drastic changes required and risk stagnation or even regime collapse? Or will China instead emerge as a hard, authoritarian and aggressive superstate?

In this new book, David Shambaugh, one of the world's leading Sinologists, argues that these potential pathways are all possibilities - but they depend on key decisions yet to be made by China's leaders, different institutions and groups in Chinese society, as well as being shaped by other nations. Drawing on four decades of experience studying and visiting China, Shambaugh assesses these challenges and their implications, offering a stimulating and thoughtful study of China's future for all those seeking to understand the country's likely trajectory over the coming decade and beyond.

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David Shambaugh is an internationally recognized authority and author on contemporary China and the international relations of Asia. At Brookings, he is a nonresident senior fellow with the Center for East Asian Policy Studies and the John L. Thornton China Center. He is also a professor of political science and international affairs and the founding director of the China Policy Program at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs.

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Shambaugh is also a frequent commentator in the international media, he serves on a number of editorial boards and he has been a consultant to various governments, research institutions, foundations and private corporations. As an author, he has written or edited 30 books, including *China Goes Global: The Partial Power* (Oxford University Press, 2013), selected by *The Economist*, *Foreign Affairs* and *Bloomberg News* as one of the "Best Books of the Year"; *Tangled Titans: The United States and*

China (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2012); Charting China's Future: Domestic & International Challenges (Routledge, 2011); China's Communist Party: Atrophy and Adaptation (University of California Press, 2008); International Relations of Asia (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2008); The Odyssey of China's Imperial Art Treasures (University of Washington Press, 2007); Power Shift: China & Asia's New Dynamics (University of California Press, 2005); and Modernizing China's Military: Progress, Problems, and Prospects (University of California Press, 2002). Shambaugh is the co-editor and contributor of Transatlantic Relations and China: Deepening the Cooperation (German Institute of International and Security Affairs, 2008); China-Europe Relations: Perceptions, Policies & Prospects (Routledge Press, 2007); China Watching: Perspectives from Europe, Japan & the United States (Routledge Press, 2007); and Divided Diplomacy and the New Administration: Conservative vs. Liberal Alternatives (George Washington University, 2004).

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## 评论

孝死，包帝时代来了就把state failure的锅丢给蛤瘫，咋不见你上天呢？

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比较一般，很泛泛。大概是因为这种讲时事的本来网上信息就比较多，而沈大伟又没有什么自己独特的见解。学到了对我来说的一个新名词middle income trap，觉得中国人十有八九会被trapped。

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沈大伟认为，中国未来的经济、社会、国际政策中，关键的变量是中国的政治体制。他在书中写到，如果中国保持2009年以来的强硬威权路线，就将不可避免地像大多数发展中经济体一样，陷入中等收入陷阱。在依靠固定资产投资的旧发展模式持续，国有部门中既得利益阻碍经济市场化转型的情况下，相对停滞会蔓延。同时，他还指出，中国也有可能转向更加自由和宽容的软性威权统治，就像在1998到2008年间那样。

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本书就一个观点：中国只有采取西方民主的道路才能解决目前的政治，社会，经济和外交困难。典型的意识形态输出！

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作者给出了未来中国的四种愿景，如果不符合他的标准，那就没戏，基本就是这样。

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true but not fully right

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沈大伟新作，言简意赅，分析了中共四种可能走向，以及这些走向的可能性及未来前景。观点与《中国共产党：收缩与调适》相比，变化非常大。变得更加理性，对未来更悲观。我曾写文批评沈前书：误判连连。（<https://book.douban.com/review/5705757>）

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外交部分有收货，尤其是和欧洲的关系。江湖时期背后的改革派居然是曾。总体上对外

关系写的比内政好，可能也是中国黑箱政治导致的。未来10年擦枪走火可能在所难免，拭目以待

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大大的问号

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没有太大的惊喜，不过和作者对于另一篇文章的引用上产生了共鸣，xd

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比较泛泛……讲政治那章还行 知道了一些八卦==

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The utmost issue about China's future is WHETHER THE COMMUNIST PARTY WILL COLLAPSE, which the author hardly touches (he only talks about the possible "atrophy" of CCP). The author claims there is a close relationship between economic openness and political openness, in which political evolution is decisive. But there are few arguments for this.

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同系，沈大伟理论远逊于Dickson

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没有什么新鲜之处，数据和理论支撑不够，更像是作者的猜测和絮叨。

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看到这位“中国专家”的大著，我就放心了，怪不得美国人傻了吧唧的，觉得自己会说普通话，会看中文书就了解中国，整个一傻冒。他14年写的，可能好几年没来中国了吧，

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经济社会政治外交，还比较全面吧，分析太泛泛

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very good

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就像大学期末论文。你不能说作者没有观点，但所有观点、论据、论点依据的理论你都见过了。经济那一块，引言里面说这个会解释那个会细讲，电视剧一集还没放完，这章已经过去了。太泛泛了。有些because of给得太简单，事件发生的前后顺序并不能代表之间就是因果。另外，作者真的喜欢用not un/dis/in-这种结构说话……

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总体的分析还是比较令人信服的，对中国目前的症结把握地也比较准确。政治制度决定论依然有局限性，譬如无法避免的人口红利的消失，以及政改就能使中国顺利经过刘易斯拐点吗？也对中国目前的政经左右逆向闭口不谈。虽然很反感db评论里的China exceptionalist，但沈大伟确实没有讲出中国与其他国家横向比较之后的具体逻辑。另一点则是所谓的“新加坡模式”太泛泛而谈了，对具体的权力分配、转型方式也没有提及。不过对四条道路里中国目前可见的未来还是心里有数的，其实谁都有数，一声叹息。

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## 书评

沈大伟的这本新著，从观点到结构到内容，都非常简洁，不太厚，很快能读完。封面也是简单明了，契合全书风格：红底上一个大大的黄色问号，党旗色，用一种直截了当的质疑基调挑动读者的神经。  
在全书的结构上，沈大伟用的是一种矩阵式的写法，他预测了未来的四种路线：极权主义...

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The best thing about this book is that the author discusses extensively multiple issues about China's economy, society, polity, and foreign relations, with clear and concise explanations. It is extremely helpful to people who have not lived in China on unde...

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