



James Kynge

Expert on China–Europe Relations

“The balance of global influence is shifting. Understanding China is no longer optional—it’s essential.”

James Kynge is a leading analyst of China’s global role who is now working for a prominent European think tank focused on the shifting dynamics between Europe and China. Formerly the Global China Editor at the Financial Times, James brings decades of on-the-ground insight, a deep understanding of geopolitical tensions, and an unmatched ability to explain China’s global ambitions in clear, practical terms.

TOPICS:

- Global Economy
- Asian Politics
- Asian Economic Landscape
- China/British Relations
- Opportunities in Asia
- Belt and Road Initiative, China

LANGUAGES:

He presents in English and Chinese.

PUBLICATIONS:

- 2025** Global Tech Wars: China's Race to Dominate
- 2009** China Shakes the World

IN DETAIL:

James has spent over 30 years analysing China’s rise and its implications for the global order. As Financial Times Beijing Bureau Chief and later Global China Editor, he shaped international coverage of China’s economic ascent, tech ambitions, and global strategy. Now working at a respected Berlin-based think tank, James advises policymakers and business leaders on the future of Europe–China relations, economic decoupling, and the global technology race. His fieldwork has taken him across Asia and Central Asia, and his career spans both journalism and executive roles in publishing and education. He remains one of the most trusted voices on China’s interaction with the West, including trade, tech policy, and diplomacy.

WHAT HE OFFERS YOU:

His presentations to business gatherings and investors generally focus on the economic implications of China’s expanding global reach, its ascent up the technology ladder and the intensifying competitive environment. He is also a specialist on the “Belt and Road Initiative”, China’s programme to finance and build infrastructure in more than 80 countries.

HOW HE PRESENTS:

Known for his depth and clarity, James delivers evidence-based briefings and speeches that are both intellectually rigorous and accessible. Whether on stage or in boardrooms, his presentations are compelling, informed, and pragmatic.

