

A digital globe with a person standing in a glowing digital corridor. The globe is composed of a network of red and blue nodes and lines, representing a global network. The person is standing in the center of a glowing digital corridor, looking towards a bright light at the end of the path. The corridor is flanked by vertical lines of light, creating a sense of depth and perspective. The overall scene is set against a dark background, emphasizing the glowing elements.

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INVITATION

July 7th 2026 | 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm (CET)

China Insight Hour:

Beyond Rivalry

AI, China, the United States
and Europe's Next Reality

with **Alvin Wang Graylin**, Digital Fellow,
Stanford Institute for Human-Centered AI
(Digital Economy Lab) · Senior Fellow, Asia
Society Policy Institute, Center for China Analysis

Artificial Intelligence is rapidly becoming one of the defining forces shaping economic competitiveness, geopolitical influence, and global security. While much of today's debate focuses on the technological race between the United States and China, a more fundamental question remains: Can AI become a platform for international cooperation rather than strategic confrontation?

In this edition of the China Insight Hour, we are delighted to welcome Alvin Wang Graylin, internationally recognized technology executive, investor, and co-author of *Our Next Reality: How the AI-powered Metaverse Will Reshape the World*. Building on the ideas developed in his book and in his essay "Beyond Rivalry: A US-China Policy Framework for the Age of Transformative AI," published in *The Digitalist Papers*, Alvin argues that the future of AI should not be viewed only as a winner-takes-all competition, but as an opportunity to develop new models of international cooperation, shared governance, and responsible innovation. The discussion will be moderated by Michael Schumann, Chairman of China-Bridge and the BWA Global Economic Network.

The conversation will examine the evolving AI relationship between China and the United States, the strategic choices facing Europe, and whether a new framework of selective cooperation is possible despite increasing geopolitical competition. Topics include AI governance, open innovation, global safety standards, industrial competitiveness, and the role of international institutions in shaping the next generation of artificial intelligence.

As AI increasingly influences economic power, national security, and international relations, understanding its geopolitical implications has become as important as understanding the technology itself. Rather than asking who will win the AI race, this session asks a more important question: How can China, the United States, and Europe shape an AI future that advances prosperity, security, and shared global interests?



Alvin Wang Graylin

Alvin Wang Graylin is a Digital Fellow at Stanford's Human-Centered AI Institute | Digital Economy Lab, Senior Fellow at the Asia Society Policy Institute Center for China Analysis, Chairman of the Virtual World Society and Professor of AI and Technology Policy at the University of Washington. An MIT-trained engineer/executive and serial entrepreneur, he brings over 35 years of operational experience across AI, semiconductors, cybersecurity and digital media to advise global and F100 leaders on the pressing intersection of advanced technology, the economy, and geopolitics.

Having lived and worked extensively in the U.S., China, and Taiwan, Graylin possesses a rare, on-the-ground understanding of the world's most critical technology ecosystems and supply chains. As the author of *Our Next Reality* and the *Beyond Rivalry* framework, he translates complex technical paradigm shifts into actionable governance strategies, equipping policy makers to navigate national competitiveness, cooperative global policies, and the socioeconomic impacts of AGI.

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Agenda

5:00

Welcome

by Andreas Hube, Vice-Chairman of China-Bridge

5:05

Keynote and Q&A Session: Beyond Rivalry

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Senior Fellow, Asia Society Policy Institute

hosted by Michael Schumann, Chairman of China-Bridge

5:55

Closing remarks

by Mike de Vries,

Board Member and General Manager of China Bridge

The webinar will be held in English with no translation being provided. Questions from the audience can be submitted via chatfunction during the webinar.

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