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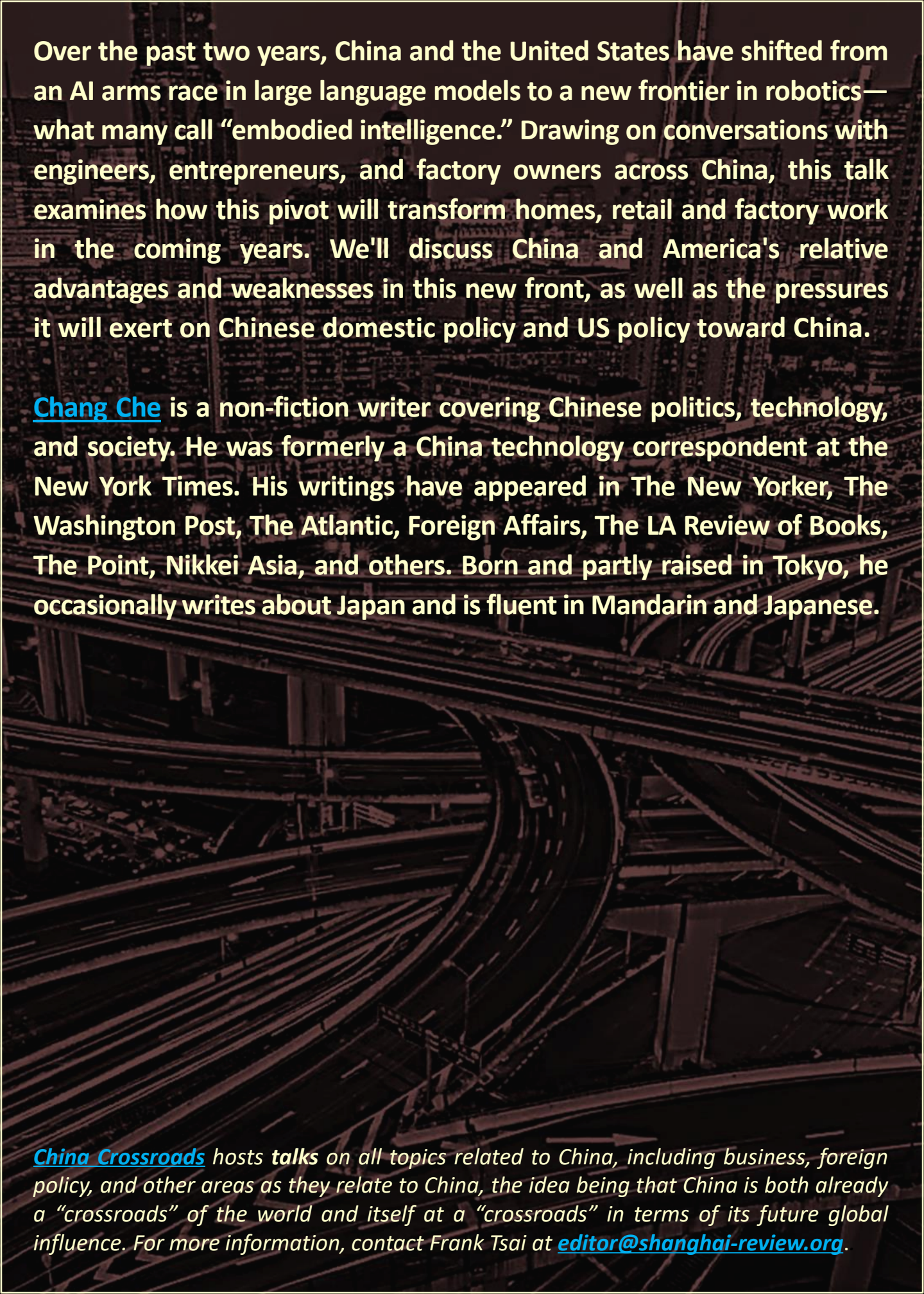
On-the-Ground Perspectives on the Robotics Revolution: Comparing Progress in China and the U.S.

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Over the past two years, China and the United States have shifted from an AI arms race in large language models to a new frontier in robotics—what many call “embodied intelligence.” Drawing on conversations with engineers, entrepreneurs, and factory owners across China, this talk examines how this pivot will transform homes, retail and factory work in the coming years. We'll discuss China and America's relative advantages and weaknesses in this new front, as well as the pressures it will exert on Chinese domestic policy and US policy toward China.

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