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How Will Chinese Industry Reach Net-Zero Carbon Emissions?

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China wants to decarbonize its economy, without deindustrializing. Accounting for nearly two-thirds of global industrial CO_2 emissions, its trajectory will have decisive global consequences for climate goals and international competitiveness. This session will present findings from a recent research project examining China's emerging state-led policy and financing system for industrial decarbonization. The project explores: (1) China's policy and financial architecture driving industrial emissions reduction, and its likely impacts, (2) Sectoral pathways in steel, cement, and petrochemicals as outlined in authoritative Chinese planning documents, including the role of technologies such as green hydrogen and carbon capture. With China deploying industrial policies similar to those that shaped its dominance in solar, batteries, and EVs, understanding these developments is essential for assessing future competitive pressures and regulatory influences globally.

Tom Hancock is a Founding Partner at CPGI, focused on the connections between China's macroeconomic and industrial policy. He is also a writer for Gavekal Technologies on developments in Chinese biotechnology. His areas of expertise are PRC macroeconomy and politics, as well as sector-level trends in finance, real estate, steel and consumer businesses. He has recently focused particularly on biotech. He was senior China economy reporter at Bloomberg News, a China correspondent for the Financial Times focused on consumer sectors, and a China correspondent for Agence France-Presse covering Chinese politics and social trends. He then moved to Brussels, developing a deeper understanding of EU-China trade relations. Tom has a Masters in Philosophy from the University of Cambridge.

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