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"Getting Data to Flow": China's Law and Political Economy for Data Productivity

Data-driven productivity and innovation have been a high priority for China's policymakers in the last decade. Market players and government officials have widely shared the belief that there remains immense potential to improve productivity with data, and that the current obstacles and challenges that prevent efficient data flow, sharing, and use should be addressed with appropriate policy and institutional measures.

In this event Xin Dai will give an overview of the main law and policy strategies China has pursued in recent years in connection with promoting productive use of data. China's approach includes both a transactional institution-building component and an open government data component. Both lines of efforts have seen initial achievements. However, both also face significant difficulties for further progress. It is widely recognized that legal construction and clarification on some basic points, such as how rights to data may be arranged for among various stakeholders, is critically needed. However, effective legal stipulation in this context is not just some legal formalist exercises, as some tend to assume, but depends on how three sets of classical dynamics in China's political economy will eventually play out: (1) policymakers' strategic trade-off between development and security; (2) the conflict between national prerogatives and local interests; and (3) the inter-agency regulatory politics.

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