

David Rennie

Beijing Bureau Chief and *Chaguan* columnist
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Speaker on China, US-China Relations & Populism



Providing a unique perspective on China's impact on the world from within China

Professional experience

- David Rennie is a senior columnist with *The Economist*, based in Beijing, China. He writes the newspaper's China column, *Chaguan*, as well as covers related issues in the region, including North Korea, China's Belt and Road Initiative, and key global affairs as they relate to China.
- His career at *The Economist* has seen him report on the European Union from Brussels, on British politics from London, on US politics from Washington DC and now in Beijing where he launched the *Chaguan* column in September 2018.
- As an international journalist, he has interviewed numerous prime ministers, political leaders, military commanders and CEOs. One notable achievement was becoming one of the few reporters to have interviewed Donald Trump -- twice as a presidential candidate, once as President.

Published papers, Media & Awards

- David is a frequent guest on radio and television news programmes.
- He won the 2010 UACES/Thomson Reuters "Reporting Europe" award.

Sample presentation topics

- David presents to conferences and business meeting on a wide range to economic or geopolitical topics facing the world, now with a specific focus on China and its role in the global landscape. He has given classes and public lectures on EU affairs at the universities of Harvard and Boston in America, Bristol University in Britain and at the business schools ESCP (Paris) and IE (Madrid). Topics include:
 - China and the Global Economy:
After a decade of experience of covering America and Europe, his present role as Beijing Bureau Chief provides a unique perspective on China's growing geopolitical might, on the leadership of President Xi Jinping, and the ambitions behind mega-projects such as the Belt and Road Initiative. He offers a perspective from within China on the big global trends that are shaping the future of the world.
 - Populism:
From his previous role in Washington, he shares the dispassionate view of an independent commentator on the rise of Donald Trump and the wave of populism. His perspectives are also shaped by travelling the breadth of the USA to report on American politics, society and its culture. He also draws important correlations with European politics. He observes a pattern where countries embracing rapid change and globalization find that parts of their populations become vulnerable to the "politics of loss", of being left behind and living within a world which feels increasingly foreign to them. David Rennie explains how Trump's promises will affect geopolitical relationships and the international economy, beyond the USA and what we can now expect as Trump's presidency continues.

David Rennie – Personal Bio-data

- In May 2018 he moved to China as Beijing Bureau Chief.
- He moved to Washington DC as Lexington columnist 2012-7, and Washington bureau chief 2013-8.
- From 2010-2 he was British political editor and author of the Bagehot column, based in London.
- David Rennie joined *The Economist* in 2007 as European Union correspondent and Charlemagne columnist, based in Brussels.
- Previously he was on the foreign staff of the *Daily Telegraph*, with postings in Sydney (1998), Beijing (1998 to 2002), Washington DC (2002-05) and Brussels (2005-07).
- From 2006 until he joined *The Economist*, he was also a contributing editor of the *Spectator* magazine.
- He worked for the *Daily Telegraph* in London (1996-98), and the *Evening Standard* (1992-96).
- He graduated from Cambridge University with a degree in English.

Testimonials

David Rennie was easy to work with on details and logistics, responded promptly to our emails, was delighted to go with our Davos-style format, and most importantly was an engaging speaker. Rennie's political insights are unique- analysis that is succinct and on point and which those of us outside of New York and DC miss. I highly recommend David Rennie as a speaker on President Trump and the Trump Administration in particular, but also on broader issues about the United States economy, political development and foreign relations."

World Affairs Council of Atlanta

"David Rennie combines a unique knowledge of the current landscape of political economy with a stirring speaking style. He delivered a superb talk on the current Trumpian Political landscape through the unique lens of the globalisation of populism"

Centre for Financial policy, UMD Smith School of Business

"We have engaged a number of professional speakers at our conferences over the past ten years, and David was right up there with the best. His subject matter is fascinating, and delivered in a clear and entertaining style. Our only regret is not dedicating more time..."

Tom Wright, the MD of Hawkins Wright