

After ‘Emancipation’ China, Digitalisation and Post-Secular Liberality

IGN Research Workshop
with **Prof. David Tyfield**

Wednesday, March 9th, 2022, 15:00 – 17:00
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The rise of China is changing everything. Regarding the major global challenges of the age, from planetary ecological emergencies to digitization of society, what China does (and doesn't do) will be pivotal in shaping the 21st century and beyond. This is generating much concern elsewhere, especially the West. As distrust grows between China and the West, this then makes joint action on common, global challenges ever harder, in positive feedback loops of crisis. Recognizing these frictions and conflicts it is also true that China and the West *need each other* to tackle our current unprecedented global challenges.

So, what can we learn from China's rise and how can we feed off the disruption and dynamism it is generating? How does the rise of China transform Western modernity and impact on our notions of liberty and emancipation? These and other questions we will discuss with David Tyfield, professor for Sustainable Transitions and Political Economy at the Lancaster Environment Center, who wrote his recent book on '*Liberalism 2.0 and the Rise of China: Global Crisis, Innovation, Urban Mobility*'.

Chair: Ingolfur Blühdorn (IGN)

Kick-Off: **Emancipatory Politics at its Limits?**
Felix Butzlaff (IGN)

Main Paper: **Post-Secular Liberality**
David Tyfield (Lancaster University)

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