

The Heat: China-France Ties

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*Chinese **President Xi Jinping** welcomes French **President Emmanuel Macron** at the Great Hall of the People for a state visit.*

Chinese President Xi and French President Macron held lengthy bilateral talks on Thursday in Beijing. The two leaders pledged to deepen cooperation on trade, advance new development with China's Belt and Road initiative and reopen people-to-people and cultural exchanges.

Joining the discussion:

- Garret Martin is a Senior Professorial Lecturer with the School of International Service at American University.
- Anton Fedyashin is a Russian affairs expert and Professor of History at American University.
- John Gong is a Professor of Economics at the University of International Business and Economics.
- [Huiyao Wang](#) is the Founder and President of the Center for China and Globalization in Beijing.

French President Emmanuel Macron began a series of meetings with Chinese leaders in Beijing on a visit with EU chief Ursula von der Leyen that could set a course for the bloc's future relations with China after years of strained ties <https://t.co/Co95uBuYCR pic.twitter.com/IXdl9lISxW>

— Reuters (@Reuters) [April 6, 2023](#)

President Emmanuel Macron of France and Ursula von der Leyen, the head of the European Commission, arrived in China on Wednesday with the aim of restarting business and political ties, despite U.S. pressure to isolate Beijing. <https://t.co/ZXnHObbUde>

— The New York Times (@nytimes) [April 5, 2023](#)

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