

[Book Launch: The Party and the People by Bruce Dickson](#)

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Since 1949, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has maintained unrivaled control over the country, persisting even in the face of economic calamity, widespread social upheaval, and violence against its own people. Yet the party does not sustain dominance through repressive tactics alone—it pairs this with surprising responsiveness to the public. Bruce Dickson's new book, *The Party and the People* explores how this paradox has helped the CCP endure for decades, and how this balance has shifted increasingly toward repression under the rule of President Xi Jinping. Join us for a discussion with **Alyssa Ayres**, dean of the Elliott School of International Affairs, and **Bruce Dickson**. This discussion will be followed by an audience Q&A session.

The webinar begins at **10 AM EDT on Thursday, May 6**. Check your local time by [selecting](#) the event date and your time zone. Registered guests will receive an email with instructions for joining WebEx prior to the event.

Registration closes at 10 AM EDT on Wednesday, May 5. Media inquiries must be sent to gwmedia@gwu.edu in advance. If you need specific accommodations, please contact gsigur@gwu.edu with at least 3 business days' notice.

Questions can be sent in advance to gsigur@gwu.edu with the subject "The Party and the People Q&A." *This event is free, open to the public, and will be recorded.*

This event is co-sponsored by the Sigur Center for Asian Studies at the Elliott School of International Affairs and the [Elliott School Book Launch Series](#).

The Party and the People: Chinese Politics in the 21st Century is available from [Princeton University Press](#).

The Sigur Center Continues to offer a book giveaway to support research and local business. To be eligible to win, please register and attend with the same name, and [be sure to follow us on Twitter](#). The winner will be randomly selected during the event and contacted for a U.S. address. The Sigur Center will purchase the book from a local DC bookstore and pay for shipping.

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