

CHINA RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT

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The 20th Party Congress



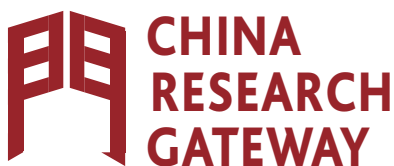
图 6-12 中国共产党第一次全国代表大会会址（作者自摄）

From CRG's China Doctoral Dissertations: the location of the first Communist Party Congress in 1921. Dai Tianchen, "Space Narrative," 2019.

In mid-October, 2,296 delegates convened in Beijing for the 20th Communist Party Congress. **Communist Party congresses meet twice per decade and determine the strategic direction and power players for the following five years.** Major developments in mid-October included Xi Jinping's reemergence as the Party's General Secretary, a move that was fomented when he walked out on stage at the head of the seven person-Politburo Standing Committee. He will be the only Party head besides Mao to serve more than two terms. In addition, Xi Jinping-allied Cai Qi, Ding Xuexiang, Li Qiang, and Li Xi joined the Politburo Standing Committee. With a high volume of new political information to process and unpack, it is imperative that researchers have access to materials directly from China without delay.

Tools for Interpreting China's 20th Communist Party Congress

Over the past two decades of working with Chinese publishers, East View saw that Chinese content is delayed, filtered, or otherwise limited for North American researchers. East View launched China Research Gateway to address these obstacles through **increased accessibility, affordability, and ease.** After a successful pilot program, East View is proud to offer this program to institutions across North America. Through China Research Gateway (CRG), researchers have access to Chinese content across all disciplines and in numerous formats.



CRG has valuable information about all four new Politburo Standing Committee members. CRG has numerous references to Cai Qi, who has ties to Xi Jinping dating back to his tenure in Zhejiang. These include over 4,600 journal articles, over 2,000 theses and dissertations, and over 1,200 newspaper articles. Of particular interest are the publications in CNKI's Theses and Dissertations database, which comprise

studies of Communist Party capabilities, network analyses, and evaluations of public image management on popular media platforms. CRG also contains numerous references to Ding Xuexiang, including over 1,400 journal articles, over 300 Theses and Dissertations, and over 600 newspaper articles. According to metadata in CRG, over 400 of these publications are tagged as pertaining to Xi Jinping, who brought Ding Xuexiang along with him to Beijing in 2012.



From CRG's China Yearbooks: Cai Qi and other Shanghai leaders visit Zhuanghang Village in Fengxian District, Shanghai. Fengxian Yearbook, 2008.

Timely Information about the World's 2nd Largest Economy

China's National Bureau of Statistics delayed the release of China's official GDP numbers until after the 20th Party Congress. In addition, the General Administration of Customs also delayed publication of its monthly trade data. Economists surmised that the government did not want to draw attention to China's slowed growth. After both sets of data were released following the Party Congress, analysts assessed that the economy is still impacted greatly by COVID-19, with the growth of new home sales, exports, and consumption all slowing. **For researchers looking to monitor the economy closer, CRG provides China Statistical Yearbooks, China**

Data Insights, and China Yearbooks, all of which have multiple levels of economic data across a diverse range of indicators. For researchers who do not read Chinese, China Data Insights is entirely in English. These statistics are key for researchers who want to understand China's role in the global economy as well as the economic reality of Chinese citizens.

See the below links for further reading on China's 20th Party Congress.

- **20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China – The State Council of the People's Republic of China**
<http://english.www.gov.cn/2022special/20thcpcongress>
- **Decoding the 20th Party Congress – Asia Society Policy Institute**
<https://asiasociety.org/policy-institute/decoding-chinas-20th-party-congress>
- **Around the Halls: The outcomes of China's 20th Party Congress – Brookings** <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2022/10/25/around-the-halls-the-outcomes-of-chinas-20th-party-congress/>
- **The 20th Politburo – South China Morning Post** <https://multimedia.scmp.com/infographics/news/china/article/3195576/20th-politburo-standing-committee/index.html>
- **Deciphering China's 20th Party Congress – Foreign Policy**
<https://foreignpolicy.com/live/deciphering-chinas-20th-party-congress/>



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