

The Rise of China as a great power.



The Belt and Road Initiative connects Asia with Africa and Europe.

Should China be seen as a strategic threat to the United Kingdom, or a strategic partner?



How China uses its influence towards the UK.



Soft Power

The ability of a country to persuade others to do what it wants without force using culture, political values and foreign policy. To attract and co-opt.



Hard Power

The use of military means to influence the behaviour or interests of other political bodies. State sponsored cyber power together with intelligence and surveillance reach.



Sharp Power

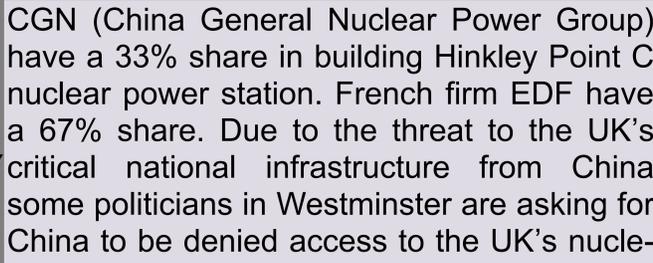
Information warfare, mobilising patriotic students, business and community groups resident in other countries, state-supported financial donations to political parties.

Four key issues affecting the UK, under analysis in the thesis.



Huawei 5G Network

Following on from America and Australia Huawei 5G networks are banned in the UK because of the perceived threat to critical national infrastructure. From September 2021 British telecommunications firms must not install new Huawei 5G kit. All Huawei equipment must be removed from the UK's 5G network by the end of 2027.



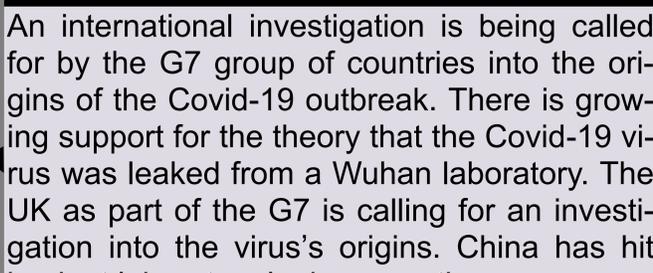
Hinkley Point C

CGN (China General Nuclear Power Group) have a 33% share in building Hinkley Point C nuclear power station. French firm EDF have a 67% share. Due to the threat to the UK's critical national infrastructure from China some politicians in Westminster are asking for China to be denied access to the UK's nuclear energy.



Hong Kong

Pro-democracy protests took place in Hong Kong in 2019-2020 in response to the removal of certain liberties by the Chinese mainland government, agreed in the One Country, Two Systems constitutional principle. Many Hong Kong citizens were put in jail. The UK's response is to allow a path to UK citizenship for some of Hong Kong's citizens.



Covid-19

An international investigation is being called for by the G7 group of countries into the origins of the Covid-19 outbreak. There is growing support for the theory that the Covid-19 virus was leaked from a Wuhan laboratory. The UK as part of the G7 is calling for an investigation into the virus's origins. China has hit back at laboratory leak suggestions.

After the Global Financial Crisis, will the Liberal International Order survive? After Brexit, will the UK prosper?