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## Catching up with the West: The Emergence of China's Prosperous Middle Class

China's recent development strategy calls for the pursuit of 'common prosperity' and envisions the future expansion of a prosperous, consumption-oriented middle class that will be a key driver of sustained economic growth. In fact, how large is China's prosperous middle class and how rapidly has it grown? What are its characteristics and its potential for future expansion? Can it support consumption-led economic growth? In this talk Sicular discusses these questions using estimates based on household survey data from 2002 through 2018 and defining 'prosperous middle class' as having household income per person that is neither poor nor rich relative to EU income levels.

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