Analyzing China’s Global Ambitions
(CBIC Series B: The Future of M&A)

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Synopsis: Chinese outbound transactions have been making worldwide headlines since the late 90’s, with Chinese companies scooping up assets or going public overseas. From Australia to Zimbabwe, China’s interest has covered asset classes as diverse as rural agricultural land in Peru and high-end German technology. Recently, China’s regulators have significantly relaxed the policies governing Chinese outbound investments while its equity markets remain largely closed to foreign investors. Chinese cross border transactions is set to further rise and may even surpass FDI into China in the coming years. In the same tandem, some countries are implementing policies inspired by real or imagined national interest considerations directed against what are deemed as unwelcome Chinese takeovers in an environment where Chinese public listings outside of China are plagued by controversy in their financial reporting. Accordingly, this session will discuss drivers for Chinese outbound transactions, market trends, the influence of domestic and foreign regulations, and the rising sophistication of Chinese companies. This session will also look into the challenges encountered by Chinese cross border investments and public listings and hope to provide an analysis on where China’s cross border dealings may be enhanced.

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