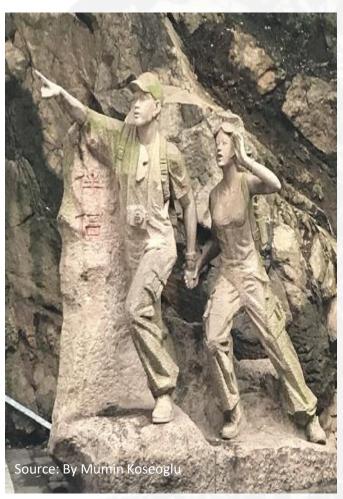


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## The Chinese economy in transition:

## Challenges, prospect and global shifts

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Many signs have indicated the noticeable slowdown of China's economy in recent years. The key questions are how bad it is and why, to what extent it can be attributed to the wider context such as the global shifts of political economy, and what is likely to happen next? At this critical turning point, the traditional growth driven by heavy investment in real estate and infrastructure is hindered by sluggish domestic demand, low inflation, business confidence and limited stimulus policy. The stagnation is also worsened by the weakening of inward foreign direct investment (FDI) and the continuous outflow of FDI due to higher interest rates elsewhere, much of which is influenced by the changing landscape of the geopolitical tensions between China and other major economies. To reverse the shift in the economic trend, the government has recently initiated a series of policies to attract more FDI, stimulate domestic demand and re-build business confidence. However, given the uncertainties of the global market that plays a key role in shaping the world's second largest economy, it remains to be seen on when China can regain its previous growth rate by effectively addressing the challenges.

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