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Biography
Professor Kellee Tsai is Dean of School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Prior to joining HKUST, Professor Tsai served as Vice Dean for Humanities and Social Science and Professor of Political Science at Johns Hopkins University. A scholar of contemporary Chinese politics and economic development, her research addresses broader debates in comparative politics, the political economy of development, and the study of informal institutions and endogenous institutional change.

Professor Tsai is the author or co-author of dozens of articles and five books, including State Capitalism, Institutional Adaptation and the Chinese Miracle (co-edited with Barry Naughton, Cambridge, 2015), Capitalism without Democracy: The Private Sector in Contemporary China (Cornell, 2007), Japan and China in the World Political Economy (co-edited with Saadia Pekkanen, Routledge, 2005), Rural Industrialization and Non-Governmental Finance in Wenzhou (co-authored in Chinese, 山西经济出版社, 2004) and the Back-Alley Banking: Private Entrepreneurs in China (Cornell, 2002).

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