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Bio. Jessica Batke is a ChinaFile Senior Editor. She researches China's domestic political and social affairs and served as the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research Analyst for approximately eight years prior to joining ChinaFile. In 2016, she was a Visiting Academic Fellow at MERICS in Berlin. She holds a B.A. in Linguistics from Pitzer College and an M.A. in East Asian Studies from Stanford University.

Summary. Ms Batke's report focused on three aspects: 1. The pillars of power in the People's Republic of China (PRC). 2. The role of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) in decision-making in the PRC including in relation the State-party decisions in Xinjiang. 3. The bodies that make up the judicial, procuratorate, and educational decisions in the Xinjiang and how the officials in charge are appointed. She does not seek to explain who, exactly, formulated or signed off on any specific policy but rather how power flows through the PRC's governance apparatus, highlighting those official positions with oversight of, and responsibility for, the policies allegedly being implemented in Xinjiang today. Ms Batke refers to and utilises two organograms – one abstract organogram and another a de facto organogram of decision-making within the PRC and CCP.