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As US president, Donald Trump rewrote the rule book for dealing with China, breaking norms enshrined in bilateral relations since the days of Richard Nixon. Yet even Trump's harshest critics have since warmed to his assertive, unconventional approach to Beijing, and there's now recognition that there is no return to the China policy of old. But was this radical reshaping really down to Trump, or was it somehow inevitable given China's inexorable rise as an economic and military power? Professor of American Politics Timothy Lynch examines Trump's China legacy with presenter Ali Moore.

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