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**China's New Confucianism: Politics and
Everyday Life in a Changing Society
and
The Spirit of Cities**

Prof. Daniel A. Bell
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16:00-17:30
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English

Abstract :

China's New Confucianism: Politics and Everyday Life in a Changing Society

Communism has lost its capacity to inspire the Chinese. But what is replacing it? And what should replace it? Clearly, there is a need for a new moral foundation for political rule in China, as well as a new philosophy that can provide moral guidance in everyday life. To the surprise of most Sinologists, the new philosophy does not owe much to Western liberal-democracy. Rather, the old and venerable tradition of Confucianism is being revived and debated by government officials, critical intellectuals, as well as ordinary citizens. In the talk, Prof. Bell will explore the reasons for the revival of Confucianism in China and discuss some proposals for a more progressive form of Confucianism that offers a compelling alternative to Western-style liberal democracy.

The Spirit of Cities

The particularities of urban life have significant implications for politics because globalization has been homogenizing different cultural traditions and lifestyles. At the level of states, it is difficult to challenge this kind of homogenization, but cities can more effectively nourish and protect cultural diversity. Prof. Bell will argue that cities can and should promote a particular ethos, so long as they protect basic human rights.

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