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"The 18th Party Congress: Implications for Political Stability and the Rebalancing of China's Political Economy"

Abstract: The 18th Party Congress, the elite meeting of the Chinese Communist Party, will announce this November 8 a new leadership cohort for China. In the past, such Party Congresses have marked important turning points in the broad direction of Chinese economic and social policies. This seminar will preview the possible leadership line-up in China after the 18th Congress and explore possible future trends in China's economy and polity. Particular emphasis will rest on recent debates in China about the future of the country's economic philosophy, including the World Bank's "China 2030" report and policy efforts to rebalance the Chinese political economy.

About the Speaker: Christopher A. McNally's research focuses on comparative capitalisms, especially the nature and logic of China's capitalist transition. He is also working on a book project that studies the implications of China's capitalist reemergence on the global order. He has held fellowships conducting fieldwork and research at the Asia Research Centre in West Australia, the Institute of Asia Pacific Studies at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences. He received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Washington. He has edited four volumes, including an examination of China's political economy: *China's Emergent Political Economy: Capitalism in the Dragon's Lair* (Routledge, 2008). He also has authored numerous book chapters, policy analyses, editorials and articles in journals such as *World Politics, The China Quarterly, Business and Politics, Communist and Post-Communist Studies* and *Comparative Social Research*.