

China's New Leadership and the World

A Public Forum Commemorating East Asian Institute's 15th Anniversary

Co-sponsored by Saw Swee Hock and Lee Foundation

Wednesday, 24 October 2012

Regent Singapore · Level 1 · Royal Pavilion Ballroom

Tentative Programme

The year 2012 marks the 15th anniversary of the East Asian Institute (EAI), an autonomous research institute within the National University of Singapore dedicated to the study and understanding of contemporary China and its neighbours. This year is also pivotal in the political calendar of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), which will convene its crucial 18th Party Congress to formalise China's top leadership transition. A new generation of younger leaders led by Xi Jinping is set to take over the reins of power from Hu Jintao. This important leadership transition is to take place at a time when China is politically and economically poised to become an emerging global power.

However, with the recent Bo Xilai affair along with the slowdown of China's economic growth, the leadership transition this time no longer looks to be as routine as originally thought. China's leadership, both old and new, will be facing challenges from many fronts.

To celebrate the anniversary, EAI is organising a public forum with a panel of distinguished scholars speaking on these challenges and their implications for the region.

8.15 – 8.45 am

Registration

8.45 am

Guests to be seated

9.00 – 9.15 am

Welcome Remarks by Prof Wang Gungwu (Chairman, EAI)

9.15 – 9.45 am

Keynote Address by Guest-of-Honour Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Finance

9.45 – 10.15 am

Tea Reception

10.15 am – 12 pm

Public Forum Chaired by Prof Zheng Yongnian (Director, EAI)

Panelists:

Prof Lawrence J. Lau (CIC International (Hong Kong) Co., Limited)

Amb Wu Jianmin (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China)

Prof Lowell Dittmer (University of California at Berkeley, USA)

Q & A

.. End of Public Forum ..

China's 18th Party Congress: New Leaders, New Direction

**An International Conference Commemorating
East Asian Institute's 15th Anniversary**

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**24 – 25 October 2012
(Wednesday & Thursday)**

Orchard Hotel • Level 3 • Ballroom 1

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To celebrate the anniversary, EAI is organising an international conference for eminent scholars to examine China's new leadership line-up and its new policy direction, particularly in regard to how it will address the manifold challenges confronting China, and pave the way for the country to become the world's largest economy within two decades. Building on the basis of his predecessor, Xi and his team are expected to face increasing expectations to bring China to a higher level of development: combining economic growth with social harmony, environmental sustainability and even political liberalisation with greater transparency as well as accountability. But the recent Bo Xilai affair has brought in new elements of uncertainty. How they manage this process will have implications for not only China's trajectory of growth but also the stability of the region, if not the rest of the world.

At this conference, six panels will analyse the potential transformation of the Party leadership, state and society, patterns of economic growth, and international relations in the following four key areas: (1) Top leadership transition and its implications for the Party and governance; (2) Sustainable economic growth that is socially more inclusive and environment-friendly; (3) Coping with rapid social changes and urbanisation, and the government's new policy for "social management"; and (4) Regional and international challenges from a rising China.

Tentative Programme

Day 1 : Wednesday, 24 October 2012

1.30 – 2.00 pm : Registration

2.00 – 2.15 pm : Opening Remarks by Prof Wang Gungwu (Chairman, EAI)

2.15 – 3.45 pm : Session I - Leadership Transition and Policy Change
Chairperson : Prof Zheng Yongnian (Director, EAI)

1. China's New Foreign Policy
Prof Lowell Dittmer (University of California, Berkeley, USA)
2. 18th Party Congress: PLA Transformation and Personnel Politics
Dr You Ji (University of New South Wales, Australia & EAI)
3. China's Provincial Party Leaders
Dr Bo Zhiyue (EAI)

3.45 – 4.00 pm : Tea Break

4.00 – 5.30 pm : Session II - The Chinese Communist Party and Political Change
Chairperson : Prof Lowell Dittmer (UC Berkeley, USA)

4. Intra-party Democracy: CPC's Rhetoric or Pragmatic Reform Approach?
Prof Zheng Yongnian and Dr Chen Gang (EAI)
5. Regime-Mobilized Contentious Politics in China
Prof Tang Wenfang (University of Iowa, USA)
6. The Social Transformation of the Chinese Communist Party
Dr Lance Gore (EAI)

6.30 pm : Dinner for chairpersons, speakers & invited guests

Day 2 : Thursday, 25 October 2012

8.30 – 10.00 am : Session III - Sustainable Economic Growth
Chairperson : Prof John Wong (Professorial Fellow, EAI)

7. Economic Policy and Governance Under Wen Jiabao: What Comes Next?
Prof Barry Naughton (University of California, San Diego, USA)
8. Labour Regulation, Employment, and Sustainable Growth in China
Prof Albert Park (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)
9. Balancing and Restructuring: Sustaining China's Post-crisis Trade Development
Dr Sarah Tong (EAI)

10.00 – 10.15 am : Tea Break

10.15 am – 12.15 pm : Session IV - China and its External Environment
Chairperson : Prof Tang Wenfang (University of Iowa, USA)

10. Japan's Relations with China and South Korea: Antagonism Despite Interdependency
Dr Lam Peng Er (EAI)
11. From Cooperation for Competition to Non-Confrontational Assertiveness:
The Paradigmatic Change in China's Regional Security Policy
Assoc Prof Li Mingjiang (S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, NTU)
12. Increasingly Assertive or Ambiguous? China's Policy Responses in the
South China Sea
Dr Alistair Cook (EAI)
13. Revisiting the Sino-Japanese Territorial Dispute
Dr Katherine Tseng (EAI)

12.15 – 1.30 pm : Lunch

1.30 – 3.00 pm : Session V - Social Devt (I): Social Policies & Management
Chairperson : Prof Barry Naughton (UC San Diego, USA)

14. China's Demographic Challenge in the Future
Prof Peng Xizhe (Fudan University, China)
15. The Commanding Heights State and Higher Education Development in China
Prof Wang Rong (Peking University, China)
16. From Community Management to Social Management:
China's New Approaches to Managing Social Complexity
Dr Zhao Litao (EAI)

3.00 – 3.15 pm : Tea Break

3.15 – 4.45 pm : Session VI - Social Developments (II): Social Issues & Reforms
Chairperson : Prof Peng Xizhe (Fudan University, China)

17. Towards a Social China? The Ongoing Social Policy and its Implications for Social Development after the Eighteenth National Congress of CCP
Prof Ngok Kinglun (Sun Yat-sen University, China)
18. Popular Activism and Evolving Elite Responses in Contemporary China
Dr Heinz Christoph Steinhardt (EAI)
19. Unfinished Business: Health Care Reform in China's Next Generation
Prof Åke G. Blomqvist (Carleton University, Canada) & **Dr Qian Jiwei** (EAI)

4.45 – 5.00 pm : Closing Remarks

6.30 pm : Conference dinner for chairpersons, speakers & invited guests

.. End of Conference..

Please turn to the next page for the Registration Form. Thank you.

Registration Form

Public Forum and International Conference In Commemoration of East Asian Institute's 15th Anniversary

 Please tick the appropriate box(es) below:

Public Forum on China's New Leadership and the World
Wed, 24 Oct 2012 (morning) • Regent Singapore • Royal Pavilion Ballroom • Level 1
Free Admission • Registration is required

International Conference on China's 18th Party Congress:
New Leaders, New Direction
Wed, 24 Oct (afternoon) & Thu, 25 Oct 2012 • Orchard Hotel • Ballroom 1 • Level 3
Registration fee : \$280 + 7% GST (**S\$ 299.60**)

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Registration Form **and** registration fee (if applicable) should reach the Institute by **20 Oct 2012**.

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East Asian Institute, NUS • 469A Bukit Timah Road • Tower Block #06-01 • S'pore 259770
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