



WILL CHINA (STILL) EAT OUR LUNCH? How Best to Deal with a Rising Superpower

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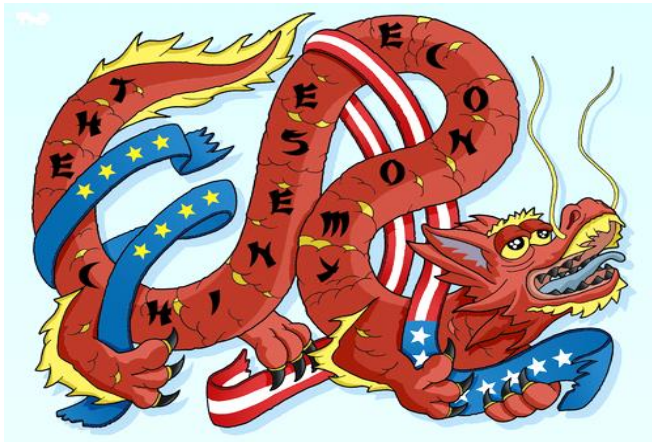
9:30 a.m. – 12 noon.

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In this class we take a deep dive into the complex landscape of China's rise as a technological and economic powerhouse, exploring its ramifications for US–China relations, especially in light of the recent meeting between President Xi and President Biden in November 2023. The spotlight is on the “Chinese model” — state-led capitalism combining multi-year government plans with targeted public investment and dynamic private enterprise. For two decades this strategy proved to be highly successful — but has it reached its limits? Recent uncertainties,



such as President Xi Jinping's authoritarian direction and evolving U.S. “containment” policies, challenge previous assumptions about China's trajectory. Coined terms like “Peak China” suggest that perhaps a reassessment is needed. We scrutinize the alleged threat, weighing the arguments for and against sustained S&T cooperation between the U.S. and China amidst pressing global challenges like climate change and pandemics.

Preferred registration deadline*: March 28, 2024

*Early enrollment helps us with our planning; also, those who register by the preferred deadline will be given priority in case of over-enrollment.

Enrollment form: *Will China (Still) Eat Our Lunch?*

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Dr. Richard Appelbaum is Distinguished Professor Emeritus and former MacArthur Foundation Chair in Global and International Studies and Sociology at UCSB, where he served as chair of the Sociology Dept.; Director of the Institute for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research; and co-founder of UCSB's Global & International Studies Program. He received his PhD in Sociology from the University of Chicago. He was co-principal investigator at the National Science Foundation's Center for Nanotechnology in Society (2006–2017), where he led an international research team studying the rise of China as an S&T power.



Dr. Denis Simon is a well-known expert on China's business, technology, and innovation strategies, with over 40 years of experience studying and working in China. He received his PhD in Political Science from UC Berkeley. In 2021–2022, he served as Executive Director of the Center for Innovation Policy at the Law School at Duke University. From 2015 to 2020, he held the post of Executive Vice Chancellor of Duke Kunshan University, a Sino–US joint venture in Jiangsu, China. In 2006 he received the China National Friendship Award from then–Premier Wen Jiabao in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

IMPORTANT COVID-19 POLICY

The health and safety of our attendees and their families are of utmost importance to us. **Accordingly, we are limiting attendance to those who are fully vaccinated.** Proof of vaccinations and boosters (digital Covid-19 Vaccination Card or a photo of your printed card) must be sent to our business manager via email (vistas@vistaslifelonglearning.org) or text (805-967-6030). This needs to be done only once—your proof of vaccination will remain valid for all VISTAS events. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

VISTAS Winter/Spring 2024 Calendar

SUBJECT TO CHANGE; for up-to-date information, visit our website (VistasLifelongLearning.org) frequently!

Course / Event	Date(s)	Time	Venue
VISTAS Winter Social	NOTE NEW DATE! Sun. March 3	1:30 pm	The Music Academy
Fiction Book Club	3rd Thursday monthly	10:00 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Monday Nonfiction Book Club	4th Monday monthly	1:30 pm	Via Zoom
The SB Civil Grand Jury: The Public's Watchdog	Mon. Jan. 8 and 15	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Not Just a Pretty Place: Science at SB Botanic Garden	Tues. Jan. 9	1:00 pm	SB Botanic Garden
Legendary Lovers in Opera	Tues. Jan. 23, 30, Wed. Feb. 7	9:30 am	The Music Academy
The Hapsburgs	Thurs. Jan. 25 and Feb. 1	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
The Five Good Emperors	Mon. Feb. 5	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Whose Land Is It, Anyway?	Tues. Feb. 13, 20, 27, Mar. 5	9:30 am	The Music Academy
The Climate Crisis: Where We Are, What We Can Do	Wed. Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 6	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
<i>The Lafayette Escadrille</i> and <i>The Millionaires' Unit</i>	Thurs. Feb. 29, Mar. 7	1:00 pm	Valle Verde Theater
Conserving the Gaviota Coast, in Pictures and Stories	Mon. March 4	9:30 am	Bethany Cong. Church
Heroes & Rogues, Series 5	Mon. Mar. 11, 18, 25	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
American Folk Music Revival of the 20th Century	Mon. April 1, 8, 15, 22	1:00 pm	Bethany Congreg. Church
String Quartets in Vienna in Beethoven's Time	Wed. April 3, 10, 17	9:30 am	The Music Academy
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<i>Sinkable: Adventures with Shipwrecks</i>	Wed. April 24	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
The Golden Age of the Broadway Musical	Fri. May 3, 10, 17	9:30 am	The Music Academy
Artistic Renderings of Human Body / Women Artists	Mon. May 6	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Short Story Discussion Grp., Sect. 1	NOTE NEW DATES! Tues. May 7, 14, 28, Fri. May 24	1:00 pm	Valle Verde
Short Story Discussion Grp., Sect. 2	NOTE NEW DATES! Thurs. May 9, 16, 23, 30	1:00 pm	Montecito Covenant Church
Celebrating 100 Yrs. of the Granada	NOTE NEW DATE! Tues. May 14	1:00 pm	Granada Theatre
The Magic Behind TV Music	Wed. May 8	1:00 pm	Bethany Congreg. Church
13,000 Years of Local Maritime History / Whales	Mon. May 13	9:30 am	SB Maritime Museum
The Immigration Conundrum	Wed. May 15, 23	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church