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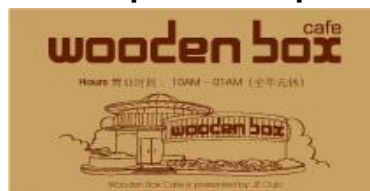
Why Democracy is Not the Answer for China

Eric Li (李世默)

Founder and Managing Director, Chengwei Capital

Monday, May 28th, 2012

19:00pm – 20:15 pm



The Wooden Box

9 Qinghai Lu (just to the South of Nanjing West Road)

青海路 9 号, 近南京西路, 地铁二号线南京西路站

19:00 – 19:45 Presentation

19:45 – 20:15 Q&A

20:15 – Mixer/Drinks/Dinner

21:00 – Live jazz at the Wooden Box

Please RSVP to Frank Tsai (Hopkins China Forum) at editor@shanghai-review.org.

In the view of our speaker, Eric Li, Western-style democracy is not an absolute value, and is not necessarily suitable to all countries at all times. While the modern West sees democracy and human rights as the pinnacle of human development -- a belief premised on an absolute faith -- China is on a different path. China's leaders are prepared to allow greater popular participation in political decisions if and when it is conducive to economic development and favorable to the country's national interests, and have in fact done so in the past 10 years. Democracy should be seen as a means to a specific end, effective political governance, and not as an end in itself.

Eric Li is the Founder and Managing Director of [Chengwei Capital](#), and also a frequent contributor to leading publications such as the New York Times, the Huffington Post, the South China Morning Post, the Christian Science Monitor, and Global Times. Recent op-eds have included "[Why China's Political Model is Superior](#)" (New York Times) and "[Bo Xilai and China's Future](#)" (Huffington Post). Li serves on the boards of the China Europe International Business School (CEIBS) and of CEIBS Ghana, the school's branch in Africa, and is also Chairman of the Chunqiu Institute and a Henry Crown Fellow at the [Aspen Institute](#). Li holds a PhD from Fudan University's School of International Relations and Public Affairs.

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