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China's Labor Movement: Scope, Context, and Limitations

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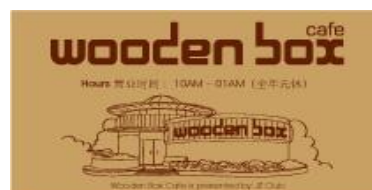
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Director of the Center for China Studies

University Of Michigan

Tuesday, October 30th, 2012

19:30pm –20:45 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

19:30 – 20:15 Presentation

20:15 – 20:45 Q&A

20:45 – Mixer/Drinks/Dinner

21:30 – Live Jazz/Folk at the Wooden Box

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In recent years, large-scale strikes, demonstrations, and riots have occurred regularly in and around Chinese workplaces. This revived activism of Chinese workers may constitute a new and important shift in Chinese labor relations and herald the beginning of a collective labor movement. At the same time, the institutional landscape in China affects workers' activism in contradictory ways, both encouraging wildcat strikes while limiting longer-term organizational power. In her talk, Professor Gallagher will help us understand labor activism in China today, and help shed light on this institutional landscape that both enables and limits its growth.

[Mary Gallagher](#) is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Michigan, where she is also the Director of the [Center for Chinese Studies](#), and a faculty associate at the Center for Comparative Political Studies at the Institute for Social Research. Her research areas are Chinese politics, comparative politics of transitional and developing states, and law and society. The underlying question that drives her research in all of these areas is whether the development of markets is linked to the sequential development of democratic politics and legal rationality. In other words, she is interested in the relationships between capitalism, law and democracy. Her empirical research in China is used to explore these larger theoretical questions, and her book, [Contagious Capitalism: Globalization and the Politics of Labor in China](#), explores them in depth. Professor Gallagher was a foreign student in China in 1989 at Nanjing University. She also taught at the Foreign Affairs College in Beijing from 1996-1997. She was a Fulbright Research Scholar from 2003 to 2004 at East China University of Politics and Law in Shanghai, China. From 2005-2007 she was part of the public intellectual program for the National Committee on US-China Relations, bringing together academics and policy makers working on US-China relations.

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