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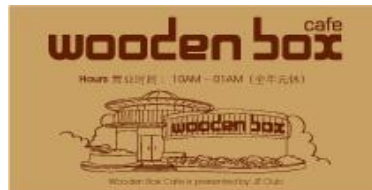
Nationalism in Comparative and Historical Perspective

Liah Greenfeld

Professor of Political Science, Sociology, and Anthropology
Boston University

Thursday, November 22nd, 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

Admission Fee: 50RMB

(to defray speaker's travel costs and those costs only)

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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

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

Recent tensions between China and Japan have highlighted the issue of Chinese (and Japanese) nationalism in international affairs. Despite all the news and talk about nationalism, however, commentators rarely step back to examine what are the social and psychological roots of nationalism, and how Chinese nationalism compares to the nationalism(s) of other countries in other historical periods. In trying to understand Chinese nationalism, there are useful lessons to be learned from considering a wider geographical, historical, and theoretical context. What is the meaning of nationalism? How unique is the Chinese experience? How does it compare to that of other countries? Professor Greenfeld will address and answer these questions.

[Liah Greenfeld](#) is, without exaggeration, one of the foremost and most influential scholars of nationalism alive today. After having taught at the University of Chicago and Harvard University, she is currently Professor of Political Science, Sociology, and Anthropology at Boston University. Professor Greenfeld is author of [Nationalism: Five Roads to Modernity](#) (1992), which compares the national identities of England, France, Germany, Russia, and the United States, and has been hugely influential in Political Science and Sociology alike. With the publication of this work, she emerged as a preeminent authority on nationalism, a distinction reinforced by the publication of [The Spirit of Capitalism: Nationalism and Economic Growth](#) (2001). Greenfeld has been widely published on questions of art, economics, history, language and literature, philosophy, politics, religion, and science, and has studied the cultures of England/Britain, France, Germany, Israel, Japan, the Netherlands, Russia/Soviet Union, and America. Professor Greenfeld received her doctoral degree from the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology at Hebrew University in Jerusalem in 1982, and her work on nationalism has been translated into 10 languages.

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