



## The Hopkins China Forum

cordially invites you to:

# *The Future of American Foreign Policy in Asia*

## Walter Russell Mead

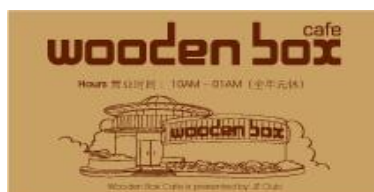
Editor-at-Large, *The American Interest*

Professor of Foreign Affairs and Humanities, Bard College

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Wednesday, October 26th, 2011

18:45pm –20:30 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

- 18:45 – Seating for RSVPs Concludes
- 19:00 – 19:30 Presentation
- 19:30 – 20:00 Q&A
- 20:00 – Mixer/Drinks/Dinner
- 21:00 – Live Jazz/Folk at the Wooden Box

Please arrive by 6:45pm, as we aim to start at 7pm sharp. Seating is only reserved for RSVPs. Walk-ins and RSVPs arriving after 6:45 will be standing-room-only, unless there remain seats after 6:45.

RSVP to Frank Tsai (Hopkins-Nanjing Center '03) at [fqt200@gmail.com](mailto:fqt200@gmail.com).

***With China set to overtake the U.S. as the world's largest economy, and the U.S. mired in economic crisis, American decline and Chinese dominance of Asia seem inevitable. In Professor Mead's view, however, a closer look at the geopolitical situation would argue for a more sanguine view of America's prospects in Asia. Unlike the previous challenge to the Anglo-American hegemonic order, in which Germany was a rising power surrounded by declining powers in Europe, China is surrounded by other rising powers such as India, South Korea, and Vietnam, and by a still-formidable Japan. Unlike Europe prior to the First World War, Asia today looks like an emerging multi-polar region that no single country, however large and dynamic, can hope to control. Professor Mead contends that if these Asian powers can remain strong and balance one another, and America can renew its enduring sources of cultural and economic strength, then the future geopolitical situation in Asia will favor American interests.***

**Walter Russell Mead** is one of the foremost thinkers in the United States today writing on International Relations and Foreign Policy. Mead is Editor-at-Large at *The American Interest* ([www.the-american-interest.com](http://www.the-american-interest.com)), a leading public policy journal in Washington, Professor of Foreign Policy and Humanities at Bard College, and former Senior Fellow at The Council on Foreign Relations. Mead's writings have straddled the academic and think tank worlds, combining deep cultural and historical analysis with contemporary international affairs, and have resulted in a number of highly influential books, including Special Providence: American Foreign Policy and How It Changed the World (2001), Power, Terror, Peace and War: America's Grand Strategy in a World at Risk (2005), and God and Gold: Britain, America, and the Making of the Modern World (2007). Mead ideas and analysis can also be found in the blog he updates daily, *Via Media*, at <http://blogs.the-american-interest.com/wrm/>.

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