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cordially invite you to:

Junkyard Planet: Travels in the Billion Dollar Trash Trade

Adam Minter

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Thursday, June 20th, 2013 19:15pm –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

19:00 - Doors Open

19:15 - Lecture

20:00 - Q&A

20:30 - Mixer/Drinks/Dinner

21:30 - Live music at the Wooden Box

Who wins when foreigners dump their waste on China? Is it the foreigners who don't have to pay the true cost of their wastefulness? Or is it the Chinese entrepreneurs who've spent three decades learning how to transform what the developed world doesn't want into things that it can't wait to buy? In tonight's talk, Adam Minter will make use of exclusive videos and photos, and draw upon more than a decade of reporting on the global waste and recycling industry, to challenge the conventional wisdom about developing countries and the dumping of waste, and to sketch out a more realistic and sustainable picture of our increasingly globalized trash.

Adam Minter has covered a range of topics for publications that include *The Atlantic, Slate, The Wall Street Journal, The Los Angeles Times, National Geographic, Foreign Policy, The National Interest, Mother Jones, Scientific American, ARTnews, and Sierra*. In addition to his freelance work, Adam is Shanghai correspondent for **Bloomberg World View**. His book, **Junkyard Planet: Travels in the Billion-Dollar Trash Trade**, is an insider's account of the hidden world of globalized recycling, from the US to China and points in between. Adam has covered the global recycling industry for more than a decade. In 2002, he began a series of groundbreaking investigative pieces on China's emerging recycling industries for *Scrap* and *Recycling International* that were recognized in 2004 with the first Stephen Barr Award for individual excellence in business feature writing, awarded by the American Society of Business Publication Editors. Since then, he has been cited, quoted, and interviewed on recycling and waste by a range of international media, including *The Wall Street Journal, The Financial Times, The Guardian, and National Public Radio*. He regularly speaks to groups about the global waste and recycling trade including The Royal Geographic Society in London. His views can be followed on his website, **Shanghai Scrap**.

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