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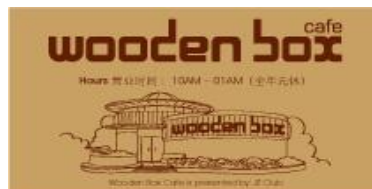
China's Urbanization: A Stochastic Shift

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Wednesday, October 30th, 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

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In the past 30 years, China's urban population has jumped to 700 million from less than 200 million. The government has ambitious plans to develop new urban clusters to accommodate millions more expected urban residents in the next decade. Premier Li Keqiang has recently emphasized the need for "humanity-centered" urbanization focused on quality of life, while the World Bank has called for China "to find new ways to make cities more energy efficient, promote clean energy, and reduce traffic congestion and air pollution." Urbanizing China is a fundamental physical change, but what does this mean for the economy, the people, and the environment? In particular, what are the externalities associated with this shift and are they recognized? Tonight's talk will explore the scale and impacts of China's urbanization on society, economy, and environment and current policy debates related to the urban environment.

[Jonathan Woetzel](#) is Director with McKinsey & Company in Shanghai. Dr. Woetzel currently leads McKinsey's Cities Special Initiative globally, convening work with urban authorities in over 40 geographies worldwide. In his 27 years with the McKinsey, 26 of which in China, Jonathan has advised clients in a range of industries – including energy, materials, technology and industrial – helping transform local companies into global leaders, and developing policy recommendations for government. Dr. Woetzel is active in urban development conferences globally, co-chairing McKinsey's Urban China Initiative with Columbia University and Tsinghua University. He leads McKinsey's initiatives with the Chinese government and has led McKinsey's Asia Energy and Materials practice, the McKinsey Global Institute in Asia, and its Corporate Finance practice in China. Dr. Woetzel has written three books on China, including [Capitalist China: Strategies for a Revolutionized Economy](#) and [Operation China: From Strategy to Execution](#), co-authored with Jimmy Hexter. He holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Southern California, where his work focused on China's political economy. He is also a lecturer at Beijing University's Guanghua School of Management and at the China Europe International Business School.

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