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Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth, and Faith in the New China

Evan Osnos

The New Yorker

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18:30pm – 20:30 pm



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18:30 – Check In/Registration

19:00 – Lecture/Q&A

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As the Beijing correspondent for *The New Yorker*, Evan Osnos has been on the ground in China for many years, witness to profound political, economic, and cultural upheaval. In [Age of Ambition](#), he describes the greatest collision taking place in that country: the clash between the rise of the individual and the government's struggle to retain control. He asks probing questions: Why does a government with more success lifting people from poverty than any civilization in history choose to put strict restraints on freedom of expression? Why do millions of young Chinese professionals—fluent in English and devoted to Western pop culture—consider themselves “angry youth,” dedicated to resisting the West's influence? How are Chinese today finding meaning after two decades of the relentless pursuit of wealth?

[Evan Osnos](#) joined *The New Yorker* as a staff writer in 2008 and is author of [Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth, and Faith in the New China](#) (2014). Based on eight years of living and working in Beijing, the book traces the rise of the individual in today's China, and the clash between aspiration and authoritarianism. He was the China Correspondent at *The New Yorker* magazine from 2008 to 2013. He is a contributor to *This American Life* on public radio, and *Frontline*, the PBS series. Prior to *The New Yorker*, Osnos has worked as the Beijing bureau chief of the *Chicago Tribune*, where he contributed to a series that won the 2008 Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting. He has received the Asia Society's Osborn Elliott Prize for Excellence in Journalism on Asia, the Livingston Award for Young Journalists, and a Mirror Award for profile-writing. Before his appointment in China, he worked in the Middle East, reporting from Iraq.

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