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From Self-Interest to Public Interest: The Evolving Place of Business in China

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Tuesday, May 20th, 2014 19:15pm –20:30 pm



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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It is often said that Chinese companies aren't interested in politics, and they just want to make money. In fact, the opposite is true: the profit motive has moved Chinese industry, state-owned and private, to become deeply interested in the public sphere. Based on over two decades of research, Kennedy describes how Chinese firms lobby to influence local and national economic policies, serve as informal diplomats in a wide range of international economic regimes, and engage in philanthropy to address those social needs not being met by the government.

Scott Kennedy is a proud graduate of the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and its Hopkins-Nanjing Center, and Director of the Research Center for Chinese Politics and Business (RCCPB), Associate Professor in the Departments of Political Science and East Asian Languages and Cultures, and Adjunct Professor in the Kelley School of Business's Department of Business Economics and Public Policy at Indiana University. He also just assumed the position of Academic Director of Indiana University's China Office. Kennedy's research examines the non-market strategies of companies in China through several contexts, including lobbying, industrial policy, global governance, and philanthropy. He is author of The Business of Lobbying in China (2005) and editor of Beyond the Middle Kingdom: Comparative Perspectives on China's Capitalist Transformation (2011), and From Rule Takers to Rule Makers: The Growing Role of Chinese in Global Governance (2012). Kennedy is currently preparing an edited volume, The Dragon's Learning Curve: Global Governance and China (forthcoming in 2014) and writing a monograph, Mandarins Playing Capitalist Games: How Chinese Are Reshaping Global Governance.

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