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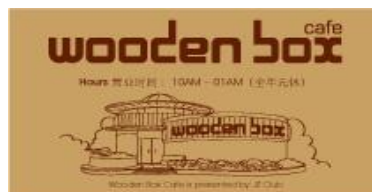
## *Changing Families and Gay Activism in China*

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Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 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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In the past, families have been regarded as the primary source of societal pressure for gays and lesbians in China. However, the past decade has witnessed the increasing participation and mobilization of parents, especially mothers of homosexual children in local gay activism across the country. Tonight's talk will attempt to understand the issue of homosexuality in China in relation to the changing Chinese family. Why has the role of Chinese family shifted from the space of sexual expression to alliance in the struggle for equal gay rights? How can we understand this shift through the lens of family change in general? What factors have contributed to the success of PFLAG (Parents, Friends, and Family of Lesbians and Gays) in China, in relations to others in the gay movement in China? Does this represent a unique approach with Chinese characteristics in the gay movement? What are its pros and cons?

[Wei Wei](#) is Associate Professor of Sociology at the [School of Social Development of East China Normal University](#). His research and teaching interests include gender/sexuality, urban sociology and social movements. As one of the pioneering works on the gay movement in China, Wei's [Going Public: The Production and Transformation of Queer Spaces in Contemporary Chengdu](#) (2012) has been well received in both academic circles and the gay and lesbian community. Wei holds a B.A. from Beijing University and a Ph.D. in Sociology from Loyola University Chicago

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