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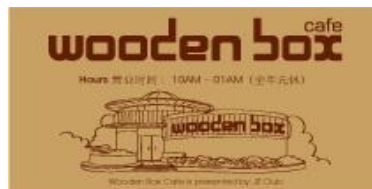
cordially invite you to:

The Rice Theory of Culture: China's Two Psychological Cultures

Thomas Talhlem

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University of Chicago
Booth School of Business

Thursday, September 8th, 2016
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

Please RSVP to Frank Tsai of Hopkins China Forum by writing to editor@shanghai-review.org.

Psychologist Thomas Talhelm’s study of the “rice theory of culture,” recently published in *Science*, found large psychological differences between people in north and south China—and that these differences were correlated with the amount of rice historically grown in different provinces in China. Talhelm argues that rice farming’s staggering labor requirements and irrigation networks encouraged labor exchanges and tight, reciprocal relationships. In contrast, wheat’s lower labor and water requirements led to the north’s more independent and free-wheeling culture.

[Thomas Talhelm](#) is an Assistant Professor of Behavioral Science at the University of Chicago’s Booth School of Business. He researches cross-cultural differences and north-south cultural differences in China. He has lived in China (both north and south) for five years as a Fulbright scholar, Princeton in Asia fellow, and journalist, and holds a PhD in Social Psychology from the University of Virginia.

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