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China's Invisible Rural Crisis: Childhood Development, Low IQ, and the Absence of Modern Parenting

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Rural Education Action Program (REAP)
Stanford University

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19:30pm –20:45pm

café**sambal** authentic malaysian
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259 Jiashan Lu, Jiashan Market, Block A, No 37, near Jianguo Xi Lu
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Admission: 50RMB

19:15 – Doors Open
19:30 – Lecture
20:15 – Q&A
21:00 – Mixer

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A growing body of evidence suggests that China’s schooling system, as it stands today, is unable to produce the high-skilled labor that will be needed if the nation is to avoid the middle-income trap. Is it possible that poor parenting and inadequate early childhood development are the real sources of this problem? This talk explores the problem of cognitive delays (that is, low levels of IQ) among toddlers in rural China and the role of parenting in producing these low levels of cognition. Our findings show that a large share of young children is plagued with low IQs, and poor parenting—for example, not reading to, singing with, or engaging in stimulating play with one’s children—is associated with these delays. Children who are not sufficiently stimulated by their caregivers are more likely to exhibit cognitive delays. The failure of rural caregivers to produce children with the levels of cognition that they will need to thrive in China’s increasingly high-skill based economy is simply due to the fact that they do not understand how or why to interact with their infants and toddlers. China may be facing a national crisis due to inadequate childhood development.

[Scott Rozelle](#) holds the Helen Farnsworth Endowed Professorship at Stanford University and is Senior Fellow and Professor in the Food Security and Environment Program and the Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Freeman Spogli Institute (FSI) for International Studies. Rozelle's research focuses on the economics of poverty—with an emphasis on the economics of education and health. Rozelle is the co-director of the Rural Education Action Project (REAP) and is an adjunct professor at eight Chinese universities. In 2008, Dr. Rozelle was awarded the Friendship Award—the highest honor that can be endowed on a foreign citizen—by Premier Wen Jiabao. Rozelle holds a PhD from Cornell University. Previously, Rozelle was a professor at the University of California, Davis and was Assistant Professor in Stanford’s Food Research Institute and in Stanford’s Department of Economics.

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