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cordially invite you to:

China's Political Model: Political Meritocracy, Democracy, or Both?

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16:15pm – 17:30pm

café sambal authentic malaysian
cuisine & bar

259 Jiashan Lu, Jiashan Market, Block A, No 37, near Jianguo Xi Lu
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Admission: 100RMB / one drink

16:00 – Doors Open

16:15 – Lecture

17:00 – Q&A

17:30 – Mixer/Dinner

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Westerners tend to divide the political world into "good" democracies and "bad" authoritarian regimes. But the Chinese political model does not fit neatly in either category. Over the past three decades, China has evolved a political system best described as "political meritocracy." How do the ideals of political meritocracy set the standard for evaluating political progress (and regress) in China? How can China avoid the disadvantages of political meritocracy? And how can it best be combined with democracy?

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