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U.S.-China Trade Tensions and Operational Risks for MNCs in China

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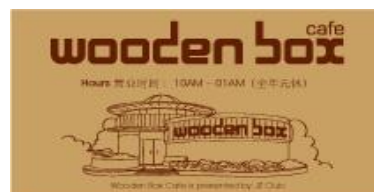
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19:00pm – 20:15 pm



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

18:45 – Doors Open

19:00 – Lecture

19:45 – Q&A

20:15 – Mixer/Live Jazz

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Escalating trade tension between China and the United States has revealed that the 'New Era' is not easily compatible with 'America first'. In Beijing's view, there are three issues in play. The most explicit—market access—is easiest to resolve: China has already set a course of increased 'opening'. On the second—strategic dominance—China is patient, but believes it has earned a place as peer of the US and will not give it up. The third is the most uncertain: the survival of existing global institutions such as the WTO. If Trump drives the world to abandon multilateral institutions, China fears, it may find itself held more responsible for global institutions than it is ready to accept. Tension between these two countries is likely to remain for a long time, while emerging technologies are disrupting old patterns as well. The speakers will give their account of the issues at play and discuss how to mitigate risks emerging from this increasingly uncertain environment.

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