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Inside Indian Politics: Hindu Nationalism, the RSS, and the Transformation of India

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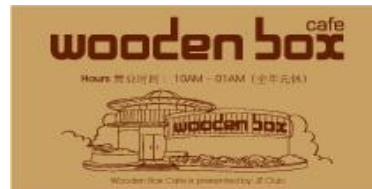
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Tuesday, November 13th, 2018

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

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The nationalist RSS is the most influential cultural organization in India today, with affiliates in fields as varied as politics, education and trade, and a huge influence on the ruling BJP party and Indian politics today. Why has the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and its affiliates expanded so rapidly over the past twenty-five years? How have they evolved in response to India's new socio-economic milieu? How does their growth impact the country's politics and policy? Tonight's talk will discuss these questions.

[Walter Anderson](#) is Professor of South Asian Studies at the [Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies \(SAIS\)](#) and co-author of [Brotherhood in Saffron: the Rashtriya Swayarnsevak Sangh and Hindu Revivalism](#) (1987) and [RSS: A View to the Inside](#) (2018). He has served as Chief of the U.S. State Department's South Asia Division in the Office of Analysis for the Near East and South Asia, Special Assistant to the Ambassador at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, and on the State Department's Policy Planning Staff. Anderson has previously taught at the University of Chicago, and he researches Hindu nationalism and India's foreign policy in the Indian Ocean. He holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Chicago.