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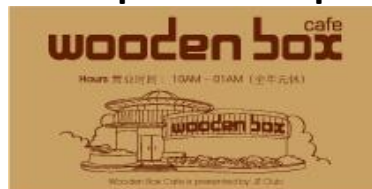
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9 Qinghai Lu (just to the South of Nanjing West Road)
青海路 9 号, 近南京西路, 地铁二号线南京西路站

Admission: 50RMB

18:45 – Doors Open

19:00 – Lecture

19:45 – Q&A

20:15 – Mixer

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While almost absent in Central Asia in the 1990s, China has made a remarkable rise in the region over the last ten years so that it is now a leading actor in Central Asia, a position that China has consolidated with the Belt and Road Initiative. The EU's role in Central Asia has also evolved, from that of little more than an invisible and arguably ineffective donor in the 1990s to that of a strategic player by the late 2000s. In recent years, both the EU's and China's international development activities have been attracting growing attention. However, the EU's and China's development assistance to Central Asia remains understudied, despite increasing involvement in the region. This talk provides a comparative analysis of EU and Chinese development assistance towards the Central Asian countries. In doing so, it traces their involvement in the region from 1991 until today, and assesses what impact their assistance has on the ground and how receptive the Central Asian states are to the assistance provided by these by China and Europe.

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