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Series: Putting China's Rise in Historical Context

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., Jan. 26, 2009—The University of Virginia's Miller Center of Public Affairs is launching a special series, "**China's Rise in Historical Context**," to take a closer look at the back story and history of China's modern-day development. In five panel discussions, scholars and experts will look at various aspects of China's character and role in the world. Presented by the Miller Center's Governing America in a Global Era (GAGE) program, this semester-long series, moderated by U.Va. Politics **Prof. Brantly Womack**, is **free and open to the public**. The panels will also be **webcast live** at www.millercenter.org.

Friday, Jan. 30

1:30 PM

China and the World Order: Dilemmas of Status

How will China's past impact its future? **Professors Joseph Esherick** (University of California, San Diego) and **Lowell Dittmer** (University of California, Berkeley) discuss the contradictory elements of a tradition of centrality and superiority versus a century of Western-oriented humiliation, and how these factors shape Chinese politics.

Friday, Feb. 13

1:30 PM

Challenges of Strategy and Security

Are China's military capabilities able to meet the challenges of the modern era? How will China address domestic policy issues regarding Tibet, as well as regional concerns posed by nations such as North Korea and Taiwan? **Michael Swaine** (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace) will join **Prof. Evelyn Rawski** (University of Pittsburgh) to discuss new security challenges facing the emerging power.

Friday, March 13

1:30 PM

China's Economic Trajectory

Prof. Dwight Perkins (Harvard University) will join **Prof. Barry Naughton** (University of California, San Diego) to discuss the evolution of China's economy and its current position in today's global economy.

Friday, April 3

1:30 PM

China's Ecological and Resource Interaction

How have China's 1.3 billion inhabitants affected global resources? **Prof. J. Mark D. Elvin** (Australian National University) will join **Erica Downs** (Brookings Institution) to discuss China's contemporary economic development and its environmental impact and effect on global supply.

Friday, April 24

1:30 PM

Political Development in Global Terms

China's political development has been fundamentally different from that of the West. Will China's contemporary society demand reforms similar to developed countries? **Professors R. Keith Schoppa** (Loyola College) and **Joseph Fewsmith** (Boston University) will discuss China's unique political development and whether its institutions are capable of facing the challenges of a diverse and prosperous society.

Location for all events:

Miller Center of Public Affairs,
John and Rosemary Galbraith Forum Room
2201 Old Ivy Road
Charlottesville, VA 22904
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