

Contemporary China Research Base Seminar Series No.13

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Venue #612, Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia,
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*Workshop on "Socio-psychological Approaches to
China Studies: Challenges and Prospects"*

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As is sometimes pointed out, there are some puzzles in understanding contemporary Chinese politics, economy, and society. Why Chinese citizens, though they are suffering from social problems including worsen air pollution and increasing income inequality, are supportive toward Party and the Government? Why citizens in Hong Kong and Taiwan, though they are enjoying economic benefits through economic integration, are not so much positive toward political integration with mainland China? In order to answer these questions, we cannot help looking at socio-psychological aspects of development of China domestically as well as internationally.

This workshop aims at reflecting "traditional" discipline-based China Studies and discussing challenges and prospects of socio-psychological approaches to understand Chinese politic and society. Those who are interested in China Studies as well as methodologies of social science in general are most welcome.

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