

MEARC Seminar:

CHINA'S BOOMING ECONOMY: CHALLENGES AND PITFALLS

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Abstract:

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This seminar will address the following questions:

Will China be able to cope with the challenges that it is facing both in the short term and in the long term? Will China invest sufficiently in energy efficiency to reduce the energy intensity of its economy? Or is the scarcity of water in the North an even bigger problem?

And what about the greenhouse gasses where the International Energy Agency projects that the total CO₂ emissions of China will surpass those of the US already by 2010? What about the pension schemes? Will China become old before it

becomes rich, resulting in a socio economic crunch that will leave tens of millions of elderly Chinese without proper care after 2030? And then the biggest question of all for the Chinese: the future ideology. Will Confucius again be allowed to play a more prominent role in the lives of the Chinese?

Finally the big question for the West: how is the Western political class preparing the Western electorate for the direct impact of every day decisions taken in China on people's lives in Europe, North America and Australia?

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This Modern East Asia Research Centre Seminar will be held in PJVeth room 329, Nonnensteeg.

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