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“China’s Futures: Current Debates about China’s Economic and Political Trajectory”



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Brower Commons A, B, and C
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Abstract: In this talk, Professor Lynch will analyze the apparent contradiction between China’s “new assertiveness” in foreign policy matters, especially evident in China’s territorial claims in the South China Sea, and the challenges the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) faces in the domestic realm, especially in regard to the rather sudden slowdown of GDP growth earlier this year and the repercussions of a shrinking workforce and rapidly aging population for the economic development and social stability of the country. After offering his own observations, Professor Lynch will open the floor to invite all in attendance to join together in thinking through the implications of these puzzling developments and what they suggest about where China and its rise might be headed from here.

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