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Series 1 ~ 2016

Inside China Today

Dates: Tuesday 1 March to Tuesday 12 April

Time: 10:00am – 12:00 noon

Venue: Leith Bowling Club, 2 Duke St, Dunedin

Enrolments for this course will be limited to 110

Course Fee: \$45.00

Tea and Coffee provided

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You may apply to enrol in more than one course. If you wish to do so, you must rank your choices when you apply, and complete payment of the appropriate fee(s) by Internet banking (include Membership No in Reference box) or by cheque (to:U3A Dunedin).

All applications must be received by **Wednesday 10 February 2016** and you will receive a response to your application by 19 February 2016.

Any questions concerning enrolment or the ballot decisions should be addressed to Marion Potter, phone 453 4721, email: mw.potter42@gmail.com
Or the Programme Convenor.

Postponements:

Check the website: u3adunedin.org.nz or listen to:

The Breeze 98.2 FM, Radio Dunedin 99.8 FM, MoreFM 97.4 FM

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Please keep this brochure as a reminder of courses you wish to attend.

Inside China Today

The course includes a range of topics relating to Modern (reform-era) China presented by some of New Zealand's top academics and specialists. It is hoped participants in the course will come away with a better understanding of the dynamic interplay between internal forces and external pressures that drives China's development and underpins its perception of its role in the modern world.

March 1 **China's Place in the World**

Mr Jin Zhi-Jian, Consul-General, Embassy of The People's Republic of China, Christchurch

March 8 **China's East Asia Policy**

Dr Nicholas Khoo, Senior Lecturer, Department of Politics, University of Otago

Until very recently, the consensus view in the scholarly literature on Chinese foreign policy stressed China's role as a status quo actor practising pro-active, skilful and successful diplomacy. However, it is now apparent that Beijing is a more complex actor than this consensus suggests. This presentation assesses China's policy toward East Asia since 2008 focusing on the South China Sea issue; the North Korean nuclear issue and Sino-Japanese relations.

March 15 **Tibet, Xinjiang and the Nationality Question**

Professor Brian Moloughney, Department of History, Pro-Vice-Chancellor Humanities (2010-2015), University of Otago

The government of the People's Republic recognises that China is a multiethnic state with some 55 different *minzu* (nationalities, or ethnic groups) in addition to the Han Chinese majority. Some of these *minzu*, like the Tibetans and the Muslim Uyghur, have an international presence which creates significant challenges for the Chinese government. This talk will examine this so-called 'nationality' question and what it means for China today.

March 22 **China's One Child Policy and its Demise**

Associate Professor Nie Jing-Bao, Bioethics Centre, University of Otago

In 2015, the Chinese Government finally terminated its "one-child" policy after 36 years. It remains probably the most ambitious and far-reaching population control programme ever undertaken. This talk will explore the domestic and international context as well as the far-reaching consequences of this example of massive social engineering on Chinese society.

5 April **Managing God: Christianity in Reform-Era China**

Dr Sin Wen Lau, Lecturer Chinese Programme, Department of Languages and Culture, University of Otago

Many would agree that nowhere was the eradication of what we conventionally understand as "religion" more complete than in Maoist China. However, since 1979 it has become clear that a religious revival has been taking place in China drawing on earlier religious forms and building on connections to global religious communities. This talk explores how religion is thriving in reform-era China with a particular focus on the socio-political context in which Chinese Christian communities negotiate their faith.

12 April **New Zealand and China since the Free Trade Deal**

Mr Tony Browne, Former New Zealand Ambassador to China (2004-2009), Chair, New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre (Wellington)