

Reviving Tradition in China

Towards a Progressive and Humane Confucian Ethics?

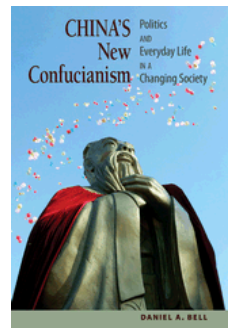
A talk by

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Communism has lost its capacity to inspire the Chinese. But what is replacing it? And what should replace it? Clearly, there is a need for a new moral foundation for political rule in China, as well as a new philosophy that can provide moral guidance in everyday life. To the surprise of most Sinologists, the new philosophy does not owe much to Western liberal-democracy. Rather, the old and venerable tradition of Confucianism is being revived and debated by government officials, critical intellectuals, and ordinary citizens. Daniel A. Bell will explore the reasons for the revival of Confucianism in China and discuss proposals for a more progressive form of Confucianism that offers a compelling alternative to Western-style liberal democracy.

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