

CHINA'S ROAD TOWARDS DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE: THOUGHTS ON POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT SINCE THE REFORM



Date: **Tuesday September 15, 2015**

Time: **12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Location: **Room 120, C. K. Choi Building**

Address: **1855 West Mall, Vancouver, BC**

Registration: **RSVP at iar.ubc.ca**

ABOUT THE EVENT

The speaker, Professor Yu Keping, will make a general observation of the dominant processes and breakthrough points of China's political reforms towards democratic governance over the last 35 years since the Reform. His speech will summarize the major achievements and the ongoing challenges of China's democratic governance. It will offer a brief analysis and reflection of the underlying reasons for these reforms and the main characteristics of China's governance model. He also will talk about the recent political development under the leadership of President Xi Jinping, and explain what does the "New Normal" mean in term of Chinese politics and what is the meaning of modernizing the state governance system and the state's governing capacity as the general goal of further reform by 2020.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Professor YU Keping is a leading scholar and advocator of democratic governance in China. He is the Deputy President of the Central Compilation & Translation Bureau (CCTB), and the founding Director of the China Center for Comparative Politics and Economics (CCCPE), he also serves as Professor and Director of the Center for Chinese Government Innovations at Peking University, and Professor and Director of the Institute of Political Development at Tsinghua University. He also served as a visiting professor or senior fellow at many top universities include Harvard University and Duke University in the US, Free University in Germany and Nottingham University in the UK. His major fields include political philosophy, comparative politics, globalization, civil society, governance and politics in China. He has many publications, including *Globalization and Changes in China's Governance* (Brill, 2013), *Governance and Rule of Law in China* (ed., Brill, 2012) and *Democracy Is a Good Thing* (Brookings, 2010). As a leading intellectual in China, Professor Yu was selected to be as one of the "30 most influential figures in the past 30 years since the Reform in China" in 2008 and ranked 19 of the "2011 Global Top 100 Thinkers" by Foreign Policy in the US.