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What Holds Chinese Society Together? - A New Perspective

Date: Tuesday 17 April 2007

Time: 5-7pm

Venue: Graham Wallas Room, 5th floor, Old Building

Speakers: Professor Zhou Xiaohong and Professor Zhai Xuewei

Chair: Professor Stephan Feuchtwang

Professor Zhou Xiaohong in his talk on **Cultural Feedback "C Parent-child Relationship Transmission in a Changing Chinese Society"** will unfold the topic, which the Chinese media keeps quiet, of whether or not parents should learn from children in China where patriarchy is still the dominant ideology. It will show how the younger generation has learnt new fashions; how parents feel that they are backward; and how these phenomena impact widely on current Chinese society.

Professor Zhai Xuewei will speak on **How "Face-saving" Operates in the Power Structure of the Chinese Society?** Chinese society seems a rigid structure based on patriarchy, dictatorship or monarchical systems. However, "face-saving" is a flexible feature of social interaction with considerable impact. This seminar will show that social hierarchical order could be broken down if the face-saving game is played by new rules, and describe the new strategies used for face-saving in today's China.

Zhou Xiaohong is professor in sociology and social psychology and head of department of sociology at Nanjing University. He plays a leading role in "China Studies" in China. Zhai Xuewei is professor in sociology and social psychology in the department of sociology, Nanjing University. He is a pioneer in studies on Chinese social relations.

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