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invites you to the lecture of

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**„Of the People, for the People, but not by the People:
Confucian Meritocracy as a Correction of Democracy“**



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There are four problems with democracy, especially the institution of one person one vote. Many democratic and liberal thinkers understand them and try to correct them from within. Prof. Bai will argue that these revisions are fundamentally inadequate to address these problems. A better political arrangement to deal with this fact than today's democracies is a hybrid regime that contains both democratic and meritocratic elements, which is what a Confucian would propose. He will illustrate the basic arrangements of this regime, and show why it can deal with the aforementioned fact and so why it is superior to today's democratic regimes.



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