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DCA 2020 Academic Lecture Series on China's Global Reach Under Xi Jinping Begins in January

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The opening lecture of this year's Darien Community Association 2020 Academic Lecture Series on Global Issues, "China's Global Reach," begins Thursday, Jan. 9 at 10 a.m.

— *an announcement from the* [Darien Community Association](#)

James Millward, professor of intersocietal history at the Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University will speak on "Concentration Camps, Sinicizing Religion and China's New Assimilationism."

Professor Millward's specialties include the Qing Empire; the silk road; Eurasian lutes and music in history, and historical and contemporary Xinjiang.

He also follows and comments on current issues regarding the Uyghurs and PRC ethnicity policy and is an affiliated professor in the Master Oficial en Estudios de Asia Oriental at the University of Granada, Spain. Millward has served on the boards of the Association for Asian Studies (China and Inner Asia Council) and the Central Eurasian Studies Society, where he was president in 2010.

Millward is the series editor for the "Silk Roads" book series published by Chicago University Press.

His other publications include *The Silk Road: A Very Short Introduction* (2013), *Eurasian Crossroads: a History of Xinjiang* (2007), *New Qing Imperial History: the Making of Inner Asian Empire at Qing Chengde*

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(2004), and *Beyond the Pass: Economy, Ethnicity and Empire in Qing Central Asia* (1998).

His articles and op-eds on contemporary China appear in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Review of Books* and *The New York Review of Books*.

Registration for the four week series (Jan. 9, 16, 24 and 30) is [available online](#) or through the DCA office at 203-655-9050 ext. 10.

Tickets for the Thursday morning series are available until January 8, 2020 at \$120/public and \$90/DCA members. Tickets for the evening lecture and reception (February 3) are \$35/public and \$30/DCA members.

Single tickets for the Thursday morning series (\$30 DCA members, \$40 public) will be sold at the door on a space-available basis.

Prepaid tickets will be available for pickup on Jan. 9 at the door prior to the first lecture. No tickets will be mailed in advance.

PLEASE NOTE: The third week's lecture is Friday, Jan. 24.

The DCA's 2020 Academic Lecture Series Sponsor is Ring's End. The DCA is located at 274 Middlesex Road in Darien.