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Third Talk in DCA's 'China's Global Reach' Lectures — on China's Present 'Gilded Age'

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Corruption across cultures and over time will be the topic of the third talk in the Darien Community Association's Winter Global Series, "China's Global Reach: Challenge and Change Under Xi Jinping."

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

It will take place at the Darien Community Association at 10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 24. (Please note the change to Friday morning is for this one event only).

Yuen Yuen Ang is a political scientist and China specialist at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Her second book, "China's Gilded Age: The Paradox of Economic Boom and Vast Corruption," to be

published in May, will be the topic of the Friday, Jan. 24 DCA presentation.

She draws parallels between the rampant greed, corporate growth, and types of corruption in both China and America's so called Gilded Ages.

She states that the rise of capitalism is based "not on the eradication of corruption, but rather on the very evolution of the quality of corruption from thuggery and theft to effective influence peddling."

Both nations expanded at a warp pace, creating a powerful nouveau riche. Dr. Ang unbundles types of corruption in both China and the U.S. to illustrate both the harm and good it does to our economies. She declares that only by understanding ourselves can Americans meet China head on.

About Yuen Yuen Ang

In 2018 the Carnegie Corporation named Dr. Ang an Andrew Carnegie Fellow in recognition of her "high-caliber scholarship that applies fresh perspectives to some of the most pressing issues of our time."

Her expertise on China centers on the economy, bureaucratic politics, corruption, the changing party-state, and the nation's growing role in global development.

Since 2016 Dr. Ang has participated in high-level dialogues and lectures at over 100 academic, global development, policy, and corporate venues around the world.

Her insights and recommendations have helped reshape the understanding about China's growth in guest appearances from Istanbul, Cambodia, Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam, Taiwan, to top forums across China, Europe and America.

Media features include the BBC, CNN, The New York Times, The Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, and Bloomberg.

Her first book "How China Escaped the Poverty Trap" was selected by Foreign Affairs for "Best of Books 2017." Her most recent essay on "Demystifying China's Belt and Road Initiative" appears in Foreign Affairs.

This winter she will be focusing her courses at Michigan on "China's Rising Global Role" while using mixed methods to study the culture's complex problems of development, uncertainty, adaptation and innovation.

Next Lectures in the Series

The fourth lecture of the series will return to the usual Thursday morning on Jan. 30 at 10 a.m. "China's Belt and Road Initiative" will be presented by Neysun Mahboubi of the University of Pennsylvania.

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Diplomat Susan Thornton of the Yale Law School will conclude the series on Monday, February 3 at the traditional evening reception and lecture at 7:30 p.m.

If You're Going ...

- Registration is [available online](#) or through the DCA office at 203-655-9050 extension 10.
- Tickets for the evening lecture and reception (Feb. 3) are \$35/public and \$30/DCA members.
- Single tickets for the series (\$30 DCA members, \$40 public) will be sold at the door on a space-available basis.
- The DCA is located at 274 Middlesex Road in Darien.

The DCA's 2020 Academic Lecture Series Sponsor is Ring's End.