

Center for Chinese Studies

Spring 2023 Seminars on China

The public is cordially invited to attend. Free

Wednesday May 4 2:00 - 3:30 pm, via Zoom

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Faculty Dialogue: Kenneth Pomeranz and R. Bin Wong conversation

Chinese History and Chinese Possibilities: Understanding a Changing Society's Place in the World

In this dialogue between two, Bin Wong exchange thoughts on four broad areas related to the past, present and future of China in the world context. These include Chinese urban social science binaries (e.g. liberal vs. authoritarian) to capture the dynamics and complexity of Chinese development. They argue that understanding China requires a more nuanced and interconnective approach of according to the same set of standards to which we hold other countries or world regions accountable.

Kenneth Pomeranz is University Professor of History and East Asian Languages and Civilizations at the College at the University of Chicago. His work focuses mostly on China, but also touches on comparative and world history. Most of his research is in social, economic and environmental history, though he has also worked on state formation, imperialism, religion, gender, and other topics. He has written, edited, or coedited 11 books, including the prize-winning *The Great Divergence: China, Europe, and the Making of the Modern World* (2000), *The Making of a Hinterland: State, Society and Economy in Inland North China, 1600-1900* (1993), and *The World that Trade Creates* (with Steven Topik). He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and of the British Academy, and was President of the American Historical Association in 2013. He was awarded the Dan David Prize for 2019, and the Toynebee Prize for World History for 2020.

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