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**17TH PARTY CONGRESS AND ELITE
POLITICS IN CHINA**

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Abstract:

China's elite politics is undergoing substantial change. As the CCP is being transformed from a revolutionary party to a government party, its elite politics is being transformed from being based on strongmen control to a mixture of personalized process (informal politics) and deepening institutionalization. The dynamics is best reflected by each round of generational transfer of power. A party national congress magnifies its effect. This talk uses the personnel arrangement of the 17th Party Congress as a case study to analyze the Party's imperatives to deepen institutionalization of power but its continued dependence on informal politics for elite interaction.

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-  **Time: 5:00 p.m.**
-  **Venue: Rm. T308 (Tai Fung Building)**
-  **Language: English**

All are welcome!