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USF Center for Asia Pacific Studies to Host International Conference on China's Transformation Since the 1980s

Keynote Lecture on China's Modernization by Jeffrey Wasserstrom, Chancellor's Professor of History, UC Irvine

The Center for Asia Pacific Studies at the University of San Francisco (USF) will host leading scholars from Europe, Asia and the U.S. for a two-day international conference on the tremendous change China has undergone since the 1980s and its impact on Chinese society. The November 15-16 conference, "Monumental Change: China's Transformation Since the 1980s," will feature panels on urbanization, the environment, families, gender, communications, and the economy.

Jeffrey Wasserstrom, University of California, Irvine Chancellor's Professor of History, will give the conference's keynote address on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 5:15 p.m. Professor Wasserstrom's address "China in 1987 and in 2017: Modernization and its Discontents" will explore various shifts in urban life, patterns of protest and thoughts on whether or not Chinese cities are surging forward too fast. "Anyone who has visited China over the course of the last two decades has left the country amazed by the amount of change that had occurred since their last visit. While changes in China's landscape are most noticeable, China has undergone monumental change in almost every aspect of its society," said Melissa S. Dale, executive director of USF's Center for Asia Pacific Studies. "We want to provide attendees with an understanding of these changes and their impact on Chinese society. This conference is an excellent resource for anyone interacting with China and trying to succeed in today's increasingly globalized world."

For details on times and panels, please visit the conference website: <https://www.usfca.edu/asia-pacific/china-transformation> Registration for the Conference is required. General Admission tickets for Wednesday, Nov. 15 are available for \$10. General Admission tickets for Thursday, Nov. 16 are available for \$20. Guests may attend two days for the discounted rate of \$25. The keynote is free and open to the public. Admission to the conference is free to USF students, faculty, and staff. This conference was made possible thanks to the support of Suzanne Wu Zurinaga, Luis Zurinaga and the Wu Chen Lew Zurinaga Fund and is co-sponsored by the M.A. in Asia Pacific Studies program.