

# RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES – SPRING 2016

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## RESEARCH SEMINAR 5

### Chinese Masculinities: Mediating Local and Global Identities

The rise of China as a global power has witnessed the paradoxical coexistence of both cosmopolitan and nationalistic sensibilities among its population. If China is cosmopolitan, why is it also anxious and xenophobic? How might we understand this tension between two poles that are also coterminous in cultural and social expressions of the cosmopolitan? One way of investigating this paradox is through a focus on media representation and popular imaginaries of masculinities in China as a response to global hegemonic masculinity. The talk, through readings of a range of male images on the Chinese TV screen in recent years, explores how masculinity is constructed, negotiated and performed in an increasingly globalizing China and, in particular, how the status of the male indicates the confidence and anxiety in China's cultural engagement with the world.

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#### SPEAKER

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**20 April, 2016 (Wednesday)**

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