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The East-West Center in Washington invites you to an Asia Pacific Democracy and Human Rights Seminar and book launch:

Civil Society in China through the Ages: What Impact Does the Past Have on Developments Today?

Featuring:

Professor Karla W. Simon

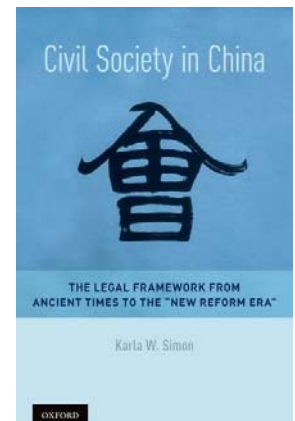
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In accord with the slogan "small government-big society," China's government today seeks to downsize the role of the state sector in civil society. In what ways have social and economic developments affected the laws that will make it easier to establish non-governmental organizations, to which the provision of many social services are expected to be outsourced? In turn, how has the law shaped the same social and economic forces in China?

This is a snapshot of the material covered in, **Professor Karla W. Simon's** new book: "*Civil Society in China*," (Oxford University Press, 2013), which traces the historical development of civil society over China's 5000 year history, with particular emphasis on what is happening today. Subtitled "*The Legal Framework from Ancient Times to the 'New Reform Era'*," the fascinating changes chronicled by the book tie historical analogies into today's legal and social environment. This presentation is not designed for China scholars alone, but for a broader public with an interest in the growing nation and some of its little-known social developments already underway.



Copies of the book will be available for sale at the event

Wednesday, April 24

2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

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