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Dujarric Defends US Hegemony in Asia



Robert **DUJARRIC** (center) speaks at NBK event organized by Eiko **KONISHI** (left).

On Thursday, October 17th, Robert Dujarric, a senior fellow in National Security Studies at the Hudson Institute, spoke to approximately 35 students at an NBK/JEF-sponsored lecture entitled, "The Future of US Hegemony in East Asia." Dujarric researches Northeast Asian Security, European affairs, and US foreign policy. He also chairs the monthly Korea-Japan lunch group at the Hudson Institute.

Dujarric began by outlining formative changes in the Asian region since World War II—the political and economic transformations of Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan into liberal democracies; China's evolution; and the collapse of the Soviet Union. The one thing that has remained unchanged is American primacy. This primacy, according to Dujarric, has enabled economic growth in the region without fear of military action, effectively separating economics from international politics.

The three pillars of US hegemony in Asia—US military superiority, partnerships with Asian allies, and a wealthy Japan—may be challenged by a rising China, declining Japan, and US policy
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APAC Up and Coming...

Zhongwen Luntan Movie Night

Tuesday, October 29, 8:00-9:00 • 918 IAB

The Eye (Jian Gui, 2002); Directed by: Danny and Oxide Pang; Starring: Angelica Lee Sin-jie, Laurence Chou, Candy Lo; In Cantonese, Mandarin and Thai with English subtitles

Come celebrate Halloween with the spooky Hong Kong thriller *The Eye*. After receiving a cornea transplant, Mun Mun regains the ability to see. Little does she know, however, that what she sees isn't always what others see. Can she convince others that she's not crazy in time to save herself? Free candy and drinks along with the film.

Taiwan Focus Movie Night

Thursday, October 31, 6:45 • 405 IAB

Ah-Chung (1996); Directed by CHANG Tso-chi
Mandarin and Taiwanese with English subtitles.

Ah-Chung, Chang Tso-chi's first movie seen overseas, centers around a group of teenage boys participating in often gang-related Taoist temple ceremonies.

Zhongwen Luntan's Chinese Language Table

Friday, November 1, 12:15-2:00 • 918 IAB

Please join us for Chinese food and conversation. All levels of Chinese welcome.

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failures.

Dujarric went on to say that he believes the “China threat” is overstated. In particular he points to an absence of liberal institutions and lack of a democratic precedent which he believes will keep China politically unstable and further fuel government corruption. He also postulated that the US military presence facilitated investment in China by ensuring regional stability. Although several students pressed him further on this during the Q&A session, Dujarric held firm that China benefits from this arrangement.

Dujarric was not optimistic about the hopes for economic reform in Japan or the success of US foreign policy. He pointed to both a looming demographic crisis and a failed political economy as major challenges in Japan that require political solutions. Of US foreign policy, he said the Bush administration “seems to relish in ignoring the interests and wishes of its allies.” Dujarric emphasized a need for US cooperation with its allies on issues like the Kyoto Protocol and the International Criminal Court.

In conclusion, Dujarric encouraged Japanese members of the audience to run for office and further Japan’s efforts in political and economic reform.

Japanese Local Government Internship

In 1992, the Japan Local Government Center (JLGC) in New York inaugurated the student internship program for graduate students interested in Japan. The internship enables students to work in either a prefectural or municipal office in Japan. The three-month internship provides students with time for travel. The student is responsible for airfare to and from Japan, but the host office pays for some travel within Japan and offers a generous stipend to cover food, living, and moderate entertainment expenses. Either a homestay or an apartment will be provided. You must have Japanese language ability.

The program is coordinated by a SIPA alumus, who is always very anxious for applicants from Columbia. For more information about this internship, visit their website at www.jlgc.org or talk to Bob Immerman in IAB 909B.

Job Opportunities

Globalvision Inc. is looking for someone fluent in Bahasa Indonesia as a translator. They are producing a documentary and their crew just recently returned from Indonesia with a lot of interview footage in Bahasa. In order to use subtitles in the film, they need an exact translation of the interviews in Bahasa. If you are interested, please call Lyndsay Holley at (212) 246-0202 ext 3011 or send an email to lyndsay@globalvision.org. Please indicate whether English or Bahasa is your native language and provide further contact information.

Janow Chairs Committee on Socially Responsible Investing

President Lee C. Bollinger has selected SIPA and Law School Professor Merit E. Janow, Law '88, to chair the University's Advisory Committee on Socially Responsible Investing.

The Committee was established in 2000 to deliberate upon issues of corporate social responsibility confronting the University as an investor and to advise the University Trustees. The final decisions on these matters rest with the University Trustees. The 12-person committee is comprised of four faculty, four students, and four alumni.

A professor at the School of International and Public Affairs since 1994, Janow teaches a course called U.S. Foreign Economic Policy and is also director of the master's program in International Economic Policy and co-director of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Study Center, which she co-founded in 1995. At the law school, Janow teaches graduate courses in Comparative & International Antitrust and International Trade Law.

EAI Lectures

“My Gun was as Tall as Me” Child Soldiers in Burma

Come hear Jo Becker, Human Rights Watch Advocacy Director for the Children’s Rights Division, deliver his findings from a three-week

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mission interviewing current and former child soldiers along the Thai-Burma border. This lecture is hosted by the Human Rights Watch New York Young Advocates and co-sponsored by the Center for International Conflict Resolution and the East Asian Institute.

RSVP to beyerl@hrw.org. \$5 donation requested.

Monday, October 28, 7:30 • IAB, Altschul Auditorium

Brownbag Schedule

Unless otherwise noted, Brownbag Lectures are held from 12:00 noon to 1:30 in IAB 918.

The Politics of Buddhism's Revival in Contemporary China: State, Association, and Temple

Yoshiko Ashiwa, *Professor of Cultural Anthropology and Global Studies, Hitobashi University; Visiting Scholar, Columbia's Anthropology Department*

David Wank, *Associate Professor of Sociology, Sophia University; Visiting Scholar, Columbia's Institute for Social and Economic Research & Policy*

Monday, October 28

Recreating Asia: The Causes of Economic Stagnation in Japan; China's Future Economic Prospects; Southeast Asian and Korean Economies in the Aftermath of the 1997 Financial Crisis

Frank-Jurgen Richter, *Director, World Economic Forum, Geneva*

Tuesday, October 29

Japan's Postwar History: Its Obsessions and National Strategy

Makoto Iokibe, *Professor of History, Graduate School of Law, Kobe University*

Wednesday, October 30

Bypassing the US? European-North Korean Relations

Ruediger Frank, *Visiting Lecturer, East Asian Institute*

Thursday, October 31

Cambodia: Recovering from its Past?

D. Gordon Longmuir, *Former Canadian Ambassador to Cambodia*

Wednesday, November 6

That Other Empire: Korea's Colonization Under Anglo-American Eyes

Andre Schmid, *Associate Professor of Korean History, University of Toronto*

Thursday, November 7

Japan's Struggle for Recovery, Part II

Shijuro Ogata, *Former Deputy Governor of International Relations, Bank of Japan*

**Registration required: jtp16@columbia.edu.

Thursday, November 7, 2:00-3:30

Malaysia's Recovery from the 1997 Financial Crisis: Sheer Luck or Sound Economic Policy?

Robert C. Reis, Jr., *Former Deputy Chief of Mission, American Embassy, Kuala Lumpur*

Monday, November 11

Reform of the Household Registration System: Changing Social Control in China?

Nicolas Becquelin, *Human Rights in China (HRIC), Hong Kong*

Monday, November 11, 4:00-5:30

Events @ Columbia

The Virtues of Violence: Filial Assassins, Dead Warlords, and GMD Rule in 1930s China

Eugenia Lean, *Assistant Professor, Columbia University*

RSVP by October 29 to nf2016@columbia.edu

Tuesday, October 29, 5:30 • Student/Faculty Lounge, 403 Kent Hall

Mergers and Acquisitions in China after its entry into the WTO

Xiaolin Zhou, *Partner, Jun He Law Offices*

Presented by the Center for Chinese Legal Studies

Wednesday, October 30, 12:15-1:30 • WJ 107

Challenges & Opportunities in Chinese Capital Markets

Henry Liu, *former General Counsel and Head of Legal Affairs, China Securities Regulatory Commission*

Wednesday, November 6, 12:15-1:30 • WJ 107

Other Events

Japanese Country Style: Putting New Life into Old Houses

Yoshihiro Takishita, professional antiquarian and architectural designer, converted and adapted 30 minka (traditional Japanese folk dwellings) into unique modern homes. He will speak at the Japan Society about in experience. Six free tickets are available (email aec2005), otherwise entry is \$5 with your student ID.

Thursday, October 31, 6:30 • Japan Society

My Husband is a Spaceman

Comedian/performance artist Kazuko Hohki makes her American debut with the premiere of *My Husband is a Spaceman*—the deceptively simple love story of a Japanese office girl and a very strange English anthropologist. Idiosyncratic and innovative, Hohki relays her charming folk tale in the style of the *Kamashibashi Ya* (traveling paper storyteller), modernized with projected video graphics and original haunting ballads.

Wednesday, November 6 and Thursday, November 7 • Japan Society

We Homes Chaps

Tibetan film-maker and script-writer Kesang Tseten showed part of this documentary during a discussion last year at the EAI. The documentary is about a boarding school in Northern India, whose former students gather for a reunion. The students all come from the fringes of Indian society or from Tibet and the Himalayas, and the documentary becomes a poignant and thought-provoking commentary on the nature of nationality, the post-colonial condition, and on those who are neither within nor outside the dominant South/East Asian nations. For more information, visit the website at www.amnh.or/mead.

Sunday, November 10, 1:00 and Saturday, November 16, 2:00 • American Museum of Natural History

Things to Watch for

Summer Language Study at Tibet University

The EAI now runs a summer course in Tibetan language at Tibet University in Lhasa.

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Taiwan Focus Movie Night

Thursday, November 7, 6:45 • IAB 405

What Time is it There? (2002)

Directed by: Tsai Ming-Liang

In Chinese with English Subtitles

Taiwan Focus Movie Night

Thursday, November 14, 6:45 • IAB 405

Ai Ni Ai Wo (2001)

Director: Lin Cheng-sheng

Save the Date!

Taste of Asia Night

Held on November 21 from 7-9, this is an opportunity for you to try food from all over the region. There will be a modest entry fee.

Applications for this three-year-old program are due January 1. The course costs about US\$1,000 plus travel and students have to show a basic prior knowledge of Tibetan. Each year about 15 students take part in the two-month program, studying 4-5 hours a day with the rest of the time being taken with private tutorials or cultural visits. For more information, contact Robbie Barnett at rjb58 or 212-854-1725.

New Book

In the last two weeks, EAI faculty member Samuel S. Kim and Tai Hwan Lee (eds.) published *North Korea and Northeast Asia* (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2002).

Problems, Questions, Comments, Submissions?

Send these to one of the three EAI PA's!

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