Learning, Teaching and Schooling in China: Ideals, Realities and Prospects

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Abstract: With a rich heritage and stunning performance in PISA and TALIS, learning, teaching and schooling in China have drawn wide attention across the globe. How have Chinese learners and educators made all of these together? What are the secrets of such miracles? What challenges have they encountered? What could be their prospects in the near future? And more broadly, what experiences may be reflected on and learned from, especially to those who are in such different contexts as the United States? This talk is to help solve these puzzles by addressing three key aspects of learning, teaching and schooling in China: ideals, realities and prospects. It will also critically illustrate what American learners, educators, policymakers and other stakeholders can do with Chinese lessons.