The Timothy Light Center for Chinese Studies presents a lecture
“The Dragon’s Tale: Modernizing the Chinese Military and What It Means to the United States”

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Dr. Li’s lecture will seek to describe changes in the Chinese military by examining the People’s Liberation Army’s new characteristics and different approaches in the new century. The presentation will include discussions exploring the new security concerns for change, international constraints on the implementation of military modernization, and the outcomes of these efforts. Based upon Chinese sources, up-to-date literature both in Chinese and English, and interviews with PLA officers, Dr. Li intends to answer the following questions by analyzing the recent transition in the Chinese military as a political and social institution: Why did the Chinese military increase its defense budget by double digits every year? What kind of changes have taken place in the PLA? What does it mean to the United States and the international community in the near future?

Dr. Li’s research interests focus on military and political strategy as they have affected the development of Asia. His recent publications include the following books: “China’s Battle for Korea: The Spring Offensive, 1951;” “Evolution of Power: China’s Struggle, Survival, and Success;” “Modern Chinese Legal Reform: New Perspectives;” “China at War: An Encyclopedia of Chinese Military History;” “Voices from the Vietnam War: Stories from American, Asian, and Russian Veterans;” and “A History of the Modern Chinese Army.”

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