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“Managing Hegemony in East Asia: China’s Rise in Historical Perspective”

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Can Chinese history tell us anything about China’s rise today? Dr. Wang’s presentation will examine how the Manchus of Qing China rose to preeminence and established regional hegemony in East Asia and discuss the implications for understanding the present. The Manchus expanded from a small area in present northeastern China to build the most powerful multiethnic empire in East Asia. By integrating international relations theory with Chinese history, this presentation will demonstrate the primacy of power in a state’s rise and illustrate how a rising state expands political interests abroad and shapes the rules of the game for the system.

Dr. Wang’s research examines the nexus between international relations theory and historical China. He is author of *Harmony and War: Confucian Culture and Chinese Power Politics* (Columbia University Press, 2011), which examines the influence of Confucian culture on Chinese grand strategy, use of force, and war aims. Wang has published articles on peripheral nationalism in China, nationalist mobilization during Taiwan’s democratization, and U.S. extended deterrence in the Taiwan Strait. His current research compares the two hegemonies of Qing China and the United States.

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