

EXPORTING VIRTUE: CHINA'S INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISM IN THE AGE OF XI JINPING

Pitman Potter's CALS talk will summarize his forthcoming book examining the ways in which the People's Republic of China under the leadership of President Xi Jinping has attempted to revise international human rights standards to accommodate its interests. In contrast with China's engagement with the international law standards after 1978, in recent years the PRC Party-state, empowered by newfound power and influence, has begun to challenge international legal standards. Human rights provides important examples of this effort. Potter's new book examines the historical and cultural foundations for China's human rights orthodoxy, and goes on to address China's challenges to the international human rights standards through its participation in the UN Human Rights Council. The book then offers case studies on political expression, foreign economic relations, and trade policy. Based on results of a multi-year research project, the book links observations about China's efforts to export its human rights policies and practice with suggestions for policy responses. Potter's CALS talk will summarize the contents of the book project and invite questions and discussions..

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Pitman Potter is Professor of Law and Director of Chinese Legal Studies at the Peter A. Allard School of Law. His teaching and research focus on PRC and Taiwan law and policy in the areas of foreign trade and investment, dispute resolution, property law, contracts, business regulation, and human rights. He has published over 100 articles and essays and several books, including *The Legal System of the People's Republic of China* (Cambridge: Polity Press, 2013) and *Assessing Treaty Performance in China: Trade and Human Rights* (Vancouver and Toronto: UBC Press, 2014). Dr. Potter is a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. Dr. Potter is ordained a Deacon in the Anglican Church of Canada (Diocese of New Westminster).



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