China:

Social media, environmental issues and civil society

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Crucial challenges for China's new leader Xi Jinping: social media, social protests, and information control

Difficult challenges will confront China's new leader, General Secretary Xi Jinping, in the coming years. Among the most salient will be to manage a more restive society that is further empowered with the organizational capabilities afforded by digital communication technologies. In the past decade this phenomenon has become visible in tensions over illegal land grabs in the countryside and plans to locate heavy industry in central urban areas. How will the new leadership under Xi Jinping seek to handle the manifold challenges from a pluralizing society equipped with ICTs? Will he be able to strike a balance between the state’s intent to maintain stability and citizens’ legitimate concerns about bad governance?

Karl Hallding, Head of China Cluster of Stockholm Environment Institute

Environmental constraints, changing ecosystems and shrinking resource pools - a monumental challenge for China's social and economic development

With focus on social implications of environmental issues in China, the lecture will provide an overview of China's key environment and resources related development challenges and discuss its social and economic consequences.

Lectures followed by a moderated panel discussion joined by Ping Höjding, Project Leader for International Cooperation at The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

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