

## Social Sciences Seminar Series 2019-20

### **Nationalism in China and the Challenge to Democracy**

This seminar focuses on the rising populist nationalism in China and how it complicates the democratic pursuit. Decades of rapid economic growth have earned China a quasi-superpower status, bringing unprecedented pride and self-confidence to Chinese people and a sense of justification for its authoritarian rule. Economically boosted nationalism is also linked to, and easily fuels, a deep-rooted Sino-centrism that is both anti-West and anti-minority among some sectors of the Han Chinese public.

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Dr. Yu is Professor of Education at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. A former educational researcher in China, he has taught in the U.S. for the past 20 years. A recipient of the American Educational Studies Association (AESA) Critics Choice Book Award, Dr. Yu is an accomplished scholar in moral education, citizenship education, and multicultural education. He was Treasurer-Secretary of AERA SIG Confucianism, Taoism and Education (2008-2011) and a member of the Executive Board of the Association for Moral Education (2014-2017). He currently sits on the editorial board for the Routledge Series on Life and Values Education and is Program Chair for AERA SIG Democratic Citizenship in Education (2019-2020).



**Date: 17 Jan 2020 (Fri)**  
**Time: 12:30 – 2:00pm**  
**Venue: D4-LP-03**