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Why does art provoke state censorship? How can pluralism be harnessed for positive political change? What role does religion play in protecting women from gender-based violence? Columbia’s Global Centers are home to ongoing discussions of these and many other questions drawn from fields ranging from healthcare and sustainability, to social justice and armed conflict. These lectures and workshops, led by distinguished scholars from Columbia and other universities, are just one dimension of the rich intellectual life of the Global Centers. Our students are becoming proficient in foreign languages, and studying architecture and political science; researchers from diverse disciplines and backgrounds are collaborating to advance their scholarship.

As the world continues to change in ways that make us all feel more closely interconnected, and global society attains new levels of economic and technological integration, Columbia is evolving so that our scholarship and teaching reflect this reality. No enterprise at the University more fully embraces this future than our network of Columbia Global Centers. They are essential to expanding our understanding of the world and to preparing new generations to confront urgent problems that refuse to be cabined by national boundaries. The new perspectives that our faculty and students acquire in Columbia Global Centers stretching from Santiago to Beijing enrich the intellectual dialogue occurring on our New York campuses and bring all of us in closer contact with the rest of the world.

This is what we hoped for when we set forth to build Columbia Global Centers. With each passing year, we see a growing volume of innovative scholarship—in many instances, the product of collaborative programming involving multiple Centers. For this, we are indebted to you, our supporters, and to all of the remarkable faculty members and energetic students who are responsible, each in their own way, for creating this essential part of Columbia’s future.

Lee C. Bollinger
President, Columbia University
Significant and unprecedented challenges are facing our global community—from climate change to refugee crises to strains on democratic systems of governance. Recent trends signaling an extreme shift toward reclusion, isolationism, and hyper-nationalism, underscore an imperative for increased global interconnectedness. These serious problems require us to work together—across borders, cultures, and continents—in new and inventive ways.

With the transformative vision of President Lee C. Bollinger, the commitment of Columbia University to working globally has never been stronger. Columbia has been leading the way in elevating the role of the University as an incubator for policy, research, education, and action in the world.

Columbia Global Centers, among other important global initiatives of the University, provide a physical and intellectual infrastructure around the world where scholars and practitioners can work together, across disciplines, to tackle issues of mutual interest or concern. In all the cities we are located in, from Amman to Rio de Janeiro, our faculty and students have engaged in important work that has both enriched their own scholarship and research, and resulted in real impact on the ground. With the vision for a Global Columbia, the opportunities for coupling deep knowledge with applied solutions are boundless.

The Global Centers have always been motivated by the recognition that we do not know enough about the world, and that we need to be in it, and to learn from, and with, our partners on the ground. The environment we currently live in underscores the importance of engagement around the world through programming and research activities, and compels us to reinforce our global mission.

Safwan M. Masri
Executive Vice President for Global Centers and Global Development, Columbia University
Columbia Global Centers | Beijing was established in March 2009 as one of the first in the network of Columbia Global Centers. The Beijing Center provides Columbia faculty and students with opportunities to expand their research and scholarship, and serves as a conduit for knowledge exchange and skill development with local and regional academics, experts, and practitioners.
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BY THE NUMBERS
Making the most of Beijing’s rich cultural history and the Center’s extensive network of artistic luminaries, the Beijing Center galvanizes the possibility of new perspectives and builds a platform by promoting art and culture exchanges. Supported by the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, the Department of Music, and Columbia University Press, the Center provides a fertile staging ground for programs that enhance collaborative engagement between the University and China, and deepens their understanding of the world.

In 2018, the Center featured a wide range of topics, including children’s art education, independent cinema, the art of painting, and AI-featured film.
On July 21, 2018, the Beijing Center launched the nine-day "Third No-Boundaries International Art Exhibition," which is a part of No-Boundaries Children Global Art Education project. Participating Global Centers this year include Columbia Global Centers | Beijing, Columbia Global Centers | Paris, Columbia Global Centers | Nairobi, and Columbia Global Centers | Rio.

The opening ceremony in Beijing was followed by an enlightening panel discussion on globalization and children’s art education featuring Professor Lydia H. Liu, Wun Tsun Tam Professor in the Humanities and the Director of Institute for Comparative Literature and Society at Columbia University; Dr. Portia Williams, Director of the Office of International Affairs at Teachers College, Columbia University; Professor Wei Zhen, Professor of Beijing Normal University’s School of Arts and Communications, Director of Beijing Normal University Gallery; Ms. Baitong Yan, Founder of No-Boundaries International Art Exhibition; and Ph.D. candidate Jian Zhu from Capital Normal University.

Eight media outlets including the Global Times, People’s Daily and Radio Beijing Corporation released 15 stories about the event.
The Bandung Spirit: Reflections on Afro-Asian Solidarity

From August 5 to 8, 2018, the Beijing Center hosted a four-day symposium and film screenings titled “The Bandung Spirit: Reflections on Afro-Asian Solidarity” to revisit the lost legacy of Bandung and reflect on the future of our globalized world.

This capstone symposium and the film screenings in Beijing were part of a multi-year initiative of collaborative research funded by the Center for the Study of Social Difference and organized by the Institute for Comparative Literature and Society at Columbia University and the Columbia Global Centers | Beijing.

Li Tuo engages with the audience on Q&A session after the screening of The Battle of Algiers.
Experts and professors including Lydia H. Liu, Wun Tsun Tam Professor in the Humanities, Director, Institute for Comparative Literature and Society, Columbia University; Li Tuo, Writer, Critic, and Adjunct Research Associate in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University; Michael Gibbs Hill, Associate Professor and Director of Chinese Studies at William and Mary; Qian Ying, Assistant Professor at the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University; and Mamadou Diouf, Leitner Family Professor of African Studies, Director of Institute for African Studies, and Chair of the Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies (MESAAS), Columbia University, shared their views on “The Bandung Spirit” during the events.

The four-day program attracted more than 270 attendees, and over 250,000 people watched the events live through the Beijing Center’s livestreaming channel.
Birds of Fire: Jazz, Rock, Funk, and the Creation of Fusion

On April 9, 2018, Assistant Professor Kevin Fellezs from Columbia University’s Department of Music introduced his recent book: *Birds of Fire: Jazz, Rock, Funk, and the Creation of Fusion* in Beijing, and had an inspiring discussion regarding this topic with Professor Yan Liu, Associate Professor at Tianjing Conservatory of Music and Ms. Yuan Yu, Associate Professor of Editorship at Central Conservatory of Music Press.

**ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES**

Working with Columbia University’s Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS) and the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, the Beijing Center presents the essence of Columbia’s tangible scientific research to the local community. It lays a foundation for promoting the transformation from the vision of impact on humanity to technical applications.

**Public Lecture on the Challenges and Opportunities in Converting CO₂**

On July 10, 2018, the Beijing Center hosted a public lecture featuring Professor Jingguang Chen, Thayer Lindsley Professor and Vice Chair of Chemical Engineering, Columbia Engineering. Professor Chen provided his perspectives on the challenges and opportunities in converting CO₂ via thermocatalysis and electrocatalysis.

After the lecture, Professor Chen took an exclusive interview with *Energy Review*, the very first energy review magazine in China.
Panel Discussions: How Is A.I. Shaping Our World?

In June, 2018, the Beijing Center supported four panel discussions organized and led by SEAS on the theme “How Is A.I. Shaping Our World?” in Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, and Hong Kong. The discussions were focused on the enormous potential and impact AI will have on society, from finance to transportation to healthcare.

Mary C. Boyce, Dean of Engineering at the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science at Columbia University; Shih-Fu Chang, Senior Executive Vice Dean, Richard Dicker Professor of Telecommunications, and Professor of Electrical Engineering and of Computer Science at Columbia University; Hod Lipson, Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Data Science, and Director of the Creative Machines Lab at Columbia University; Yaqin Zhang, President at Baidu Inc.; Qi Yin, Co-founder and CEO of Megvii Technology Inc.; and other guests shared their opinion on the topic.

Panel Discussion on Big Data and Statistics

On August 9, 2018, the Beijing Center held a panel discussion on Big Data and Statistics featuring Professor Tian Zheng, Professor of Statistics and Associate Director for Education of Data Science Institute, Columbia University.

Following a lecture delivered by Professor Zheng, four distinguished panelists joined to discuss the practical application of statistics in a wide range of research, as well as the importance of data quality, transparency, and algorithmic fairness.
URBAN PLANNING & PUBLIC HEALTH

In collaboration with various academic departments, including the Mailman School of Public Health (MSPH) and the Columbia School of Social Work, the Beijing Center hosts events to address major healthcare issues confronting the region through key initiatives advocating healthy, sustainable lifestyles that contribute to a stronger, more economically stable society.

A Virus Hunting Story: The Virus in the Globalized World

On June 13, 2018, Dr. Walter Ian Lipkin gave a lecture at the Beijing Center. Dr. Lipkin is the John Snow Professor of Epidemiology at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University, and is internationally recognized as an authority on infection and immunity. Dr. Lipkin also has a strong bond with China. In 2003, he helped China overcome the SARS outbreak. He also helped China build research centers for infection and immunity in Beijing, Shanghai, Wuhan, and Guangzhou.

Before his public speech, Dr. Lipkin was interviewed by Caixin Media, and spoke about the current virus threats faced by the globe, food safety issues, and virus transmission.

Public Lecture on Architecture, Urban Planning, and Sustainability

On March 16, 2018, the Beijing Center hosted a public lecture on architecture, urban planning, and sustainability. A student group from the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation (GSAPP), Columbia University was invited to present an introduction of their “Global Campus” project in Wenzhou, China.

Professor Maxine Griffith, Senior Advisor to Columbia University President Lee Bollinger, delivered a detailed introduction on Columbia’s Manhattanville campus. Mr. Thomas Wright, Adjunct Associate Professor of GSAPP presented a summary of the Regional Plan Association’s Fourth Regional Plan.
Roundtable Symposium on Behavioral Brain Research and Autism

On June 8, 2018, the Beijing Center hosted a roundtable symposium on behavioral brain research and autism. Experts and professionals in the fields of neurosciences, psychology, medical diagnosis, and autism from both Columbia and China, including Dr. Ning Qian, Associate Professor of Neuroscience at Columbia University and Principal Investigator at Columbia’s Zuckerman Institute; Mingsha Zhang, Professor of Psychology at Beijing Normal University and Principal Investigator at the Institute of Neuroscience, Chinese Academy of Sciences; Li Zhou, Professor of Psychology at Renmin University of China; Li Li, former Director of the Children’s Psychological Health Center at Peking University Sixth Hospital (Institute of Mental Health), along with eight other experts shared their treatments and insights on the cause, cure, research, and the effective treatment methods for autism.

Nutrition Frontiers for China: Preparing for the 21st Century

On May 20, 2018, the Institute of Human Nutrition at Columbia University and the China Nutrition and Health Food Association hosted a meeting on nutrition research in Beijing. This meeting invited authoritative scholars and researchers from Columbia University, and experts, representatives, and government officials from China’s food and nutrition industries to discuss the impact of westernized Chinese food on obesity, cardiovascular system, nervous system diseases, and aging, and to assess the major nutritional problems that will influence the future of China’s health condition and economics.

Around 200 people attended the meeting, and more than 72,000 people watched the open session livestream through the Beijing Center’s live-streaming platform.
Serving as a critical regional bridge, the Beijing Center leverages Columbia’s cutting-edge, world-class research capabilities to launch China-focused projects on the issues of sustainability and environmental protection; it strives to highlight potential solutions specific to China’s unique state of economic development. Working with SEAS, the Center on Global Energy Policy, and other participants, the Beijing Center is organizing discussions and facilitating collaborations to further the bilateral cooperation between Columbia and China.

**Planning Meeting for the Second International Forum on Environment and Health**

On November 29, 2017, in partnership with Mailman School of Public Health and the Columbia Center for Children’s Environmental Health, the Beijing Center co-hosted a closed-door workshop on environment and health, which was also the planning meeting for the Second International Forum on Environment and Health in 2018.

With the discussions and participation from international and local experts from Columbia, Peking University, Tsinghua University, World Health Organization in China, US National Cancer Institute, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Chinese Academy for Environmental Planning, World Resources Institute China, US Embassy in Beijing and many more institutions, this workshop has laid the groundwork for the International Forum on Environment and Health to be held in Beijing in 2018.

The workshop was moderated by Dr. Deliang Tang, Professor of Mailman School of Public Health and Dr. Frederica P. Perera, Director of Columbia Center for Children’s Environmental Health.
Dialogue: The Status Quo and Prospects of China’s Natural Gas Market

On March 29, 2018, Mr. David Sandalow, Inaugural Fellow at the Center on Global Energy Policy and Co-Director of the Energy and Environment Concentration at the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University, invited the most authoritative experts in China’s natural gas industry, Mr. Fu Chengyu and Ms. Li Yalan, to discuss the status quo and prospects of China’s natural gas market, as well as the future opportunities and challenges of natural gas cooperation between China and the United States.

Beijing Panel: Sustainable Transport in the Future

On June 23, 2018, the Beijing Center, collaborating with World Wildlife Fund and World Resources Institute, hosted a panel discussion themed on sustainable transport in the future.

Through supporting next-generation technologies, Mr. Ziyu Zhuang, an alumnus of Columbia GSAPP and Founder of RSAA, Ms. Xin Chen, Director of World Wildlife Fund Climate and Energy Project, Dr. Daizong Liu, Director of Sustainable Cities Project at World Resources Institute, along with other senior experts in urban planning and transportation, shared their insights about how cleaner and more efficient vehicles can replace oil with low-carbon fuels.

Over 70 people attended the event, including 36 alumni and 10 students from Columbia University.
BUSINESS INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Beijing Center manages its collaborative platform to bring faculty and senior alumni together, offering a multinational conduit for open dialogue and debate among business leaders, key policy-makers, and world-class scholars to discuss innovation, technology, commerce, and economics.

In 2018, the Center co-hosted several panel discussions and conferences in Beijing under this theme with Columbia’s School of International and Public Affairs, CAA Shenzhen and other partners.

World Economy Conference

On March 22 and 23, 2018, the School of International and Public Affairs and the Center on Global Economic Governance at Columbia University hosted a two-day conference in Beijing titled “China and the West: The Role of the State in Economic Growth.” The forum was cosponsored by the Columbia Global Centers | Beijing, the Institute of New Structural Economics (INSE) at Beijing University, and the Tsinghua University’s School of Economic and Management and School of Public Policy and Management.

The event focused on critical issues now faced by China, the U.S., and Europe regarding their economic policy choices. There were three private sessions held under the Chatham House Rule. Each of the three closed sessions included approximately 65 roundtable participants, while the fourth open session attracted about 125 attendees.

Participants of the conference included Nobel Prize winners, numerous key policymakers, academics, and business leaders from around the world.
Women Leadership Panel Series

The Beijing Center hosted five Women Leadership Panels over the last year, focusing on various topics including technology, finance, and entrepreneurial startups:

- November 9, 2017: “Opportunities for Women Leadership in the Digital Era”
- January 28, 2018: “Women in Finance”
- June 30, 2018: “She Makes a Difference”

Lee C. Bollinger, President of Columbia University, made the opening remarks on one of the panels. The five events invited 25 speakers and attracted around 600 attendees, including 240 alumni.

Entrepreneurship Panel Series

The Beijing Center hosted three entrepreneurship panels in Beijing, Shanghai, and Shenzhen, respectively, during the past year. Eighteen panelists shared their stories and understandings on entrepreneurship as well as their insight on future developments on the three events.

More than 140 alumni attended the events.
Education is a new area we focus on. To explore global thinking in education, the Beijing Center, in collaboration with Teachers College, Columbia University, hosted a series of panels to address education issues from childhood to higher education in 2018. The Center also focused on capital power of educational development during the events.

Exploring Global Thinking in Education

The Beijing Center hosted three panel discussions to discuss the current educational issues on July 20, 2018.

The themes were as follows:

- Reforms for China’s College Entrance Examination and Future Outlook
- Educational Equity in China and Education in Rural Areas
- Theory and Best Practices in Early Childhood Education

On July 21, 2018, along with the opening ceremony of the No-Boundaries International Art Exhibition, the Beijing Center also hosted a panel discussion on globalization and children’s art education, featuring Professor Lydia H. Liu, Wun Tsun Tam Professor in the Humanities and Director of Institute for Comparative Literature and Society at Columbia University; Dr. Portia Williams, Director of the Office of International Affairs at Teachers College, Columbia University; Professor Wei Zhen, Professor of Beijing Normal University’s School of Arts and Communications, Director of Beijing Normal University Gallery; Ms. Baitong Yan, Founder of No-Boundaries International Art Exhibition; and Ph.D. candidate Jian Zhu from Capital Normal University.

On July 22, 2018, the Center hosted a panel concerning education investment. The panelists discussed how to promote education development through capital power.
Throughout the growth of its programming efforts, the Beijing Center has cultivated several well-received highlight programs which have attracted large audiences and have become focal points in developing new partnerships, and, ultimately, more impactful programs. These existing programs are built on the University’s superb capacities in each area of focus and encourage collaboration across academic disciplines with Columbia faculty and students, enabling them to work and study in a global context.
Public lectures hosted by the Beijing Center are designed to showcase the true essence of Columbia University. Audiences are given the unique opportunity to experience Columbia resources firsthand.

To name a few engagements, the Beijing Center invited Columbia faculty to give lectures and have dialogues, deans and vice-deans to introduce schools’ visions and education programs, admission officers to engage in information sessions, professors and experts to speak on Bandung spirit, and scholars and entrepreneurs to discuss the appliance of big data and statistics. It is not only a platform to exhibit Columbia University from official perspectives, but also a good way to promote the bilateral engagement of Columbians and their local counterparts.
From May to August in 2018, the Beijing Center launched its 2018 Columbia Beijing Summer. Deans and professors of the University joined the Center to lead 42 thematic events in Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, and Hong Kong, that featured areas of literature, education, arts and culture, big data, artificial intelligence, medical science, energy, earth science, business, social work, and urban design.

**COLUMBIA BEIJING SUMMER 2018**

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2018 Columbia Beijing Summer events
The Beijing Center’s Masterclass Series takes Columbia masters and education resources to local schools.

The Speaker Series composes faculty-lead, Columbia academic related programs.
COLUMBIA BEIJING INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Beijing Center hosts information sessions featuring various schools for prospective students who have a desire to study at Columbia University.

Columbia Engineering Information Session

On Oct. 21, 2017, the Beijing Center held an information session featuring Professor Soulaymane Kachani, Senior Vice Dean of Columbia University’s Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science and Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning.

More than 100 attendees joined the event, including students from Tsinghua University, Peking University, Renmin University of China, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing Institute of Technology, Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications, Beihang University, and Central University of Finance and Economics.

Around 100 attendees joined the information session.
Information Session on Columbia’s Urban Planning Program

On June 26, 2018, the Beijing Center invited Professor Weiping Wu, Director of Urban Planning Program, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Columbia University, to present an overview on Columbia’s Urban Planning Program. She was joined by alumni Yifei Ma ’16, Zhiyuan Han ’16, and Peiqin Gu ’14, in a broad discussion regarding China’s urbanization and their experiences at Columbia.

Columbia Business School Information Session

On June 26, 2018, the Beijing Center invited Professor Weiping Wu, Director of Urban Planning Program, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Columbia University, to present an overview on Columbia’s Urban Planning Program. She was joined by alumni Yifei Ma ’16, Zhiyuan Han ’16, and Peiqin Gu ’14, in a broad discussion regarding China’s urbanization and their experiences at Columbia.

Information Session on Columbia’s Urban Planning Program

On March 13, 2018, the Beijing Center hosted an information session for Columbia Business School’s EMBA-Global Asia program and a public lecture on behavioral economics delivered by Professor Stephan Meier. The Jerome A. Chazen Institute for Global Business co-sponsored the event.

Attendees keep asking questions after the session.

The Business School information session attracts more than 80 people.
STUDENT PROGRAMS

The Beijing Center serves as a regional hub for Columbia students to study and gain new experiences in a global context with the following events and programs.

Orientation and Send-Off Party for New Students

Partnering with Columbia University Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CUCSSA) and the Columbia Alumni Association of Beijing, the Beijing Center hosts orientation sessions for newly-admitted students from China each year, to help them better prepare for their arrival at Columbia, to give updated on-campus news, and give a quick primer on New York City and the area around campus. Dialogue sessions also provides opportunities for new students to network with seniors in their programs and learn more about the study information. The send-off parties, usually held with a thematic panel discussions featuring senior alumni, are another opportunity for new students to meet with their peers, current students, and alumni.

During the past year, the Beijing Center hosted seven information sessions and send-off gatherings all together.

The Kraft Global Fellow Program

From May 19 to 28, 2018, the Beijing Center collaborating with the Office of the University Chaplain hosted University Chaplain Jewnel Davis and a delegation of Kraft Global Fellows of Columbia University for their program in China.

University Chaplain Davis and Kraft Global Fellows had meetings with leaders, scholars, and student representative from various Universities and faith communities, including Yenching Academy of Peking University, the Institute for the Study of Buddhism and Religious Theory at Renmin University of China, the Museum of Ethnic Cultures at Minzu University of China, the China Tibetology Research Center, and Beijing Parish Major Academy. The Kraft Fellows also visited Tianjin to experience its splendid historical heritage and natural resources.
Largest New Student Welcome Event in Beijing Center’s History

From June 30 to July 8, 2018, the Beijing Center, in collaboration with the Columbia University Chinese Student and Scholar Association and Global China Connection, hosted four new-student receptions in Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou with comprehensively more than 700 newly admitted students and parents participating. This marks the largest new-student reception series of the Beijing Global Center to date.

The new-student receptions in Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou welcomed around 610 students and 50 parents. Students were from CC, BC, SEAS, JRN, GSAS, SOA, TC, CBS, SIPA, SSW, and SPS.

CiB Study Abroad Program

On August 16, 2018, the Beijing Center facilitated a student engagement event and an educational dialogue featuring CiB Study Abroad Program of Office of Global Program, inviting students from the program to interact with experienced scholars as well as peers from Columbia University and discuss on various topics in regard to language learning in foreign countries.

Professor Lening Liu, Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures and Director of the Chinese Language Program, and Evan Streams who currently studies at Columbia University as an undergraduate student and has abundant study and work experience in China, were invited to deliver speeches, share experiences about living and working in China and address questions from the CiB students. 15 students attended the reception.
ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

The Beijing Center works closely with the Columbia Alumni Association (CAA) in Beijing, Shanghai, and other cities to organize social gatherings and academic exchange activities among alumni.

Alumnae Gathering for Barnard College

On July 7, 2018, 27 Barnard alumnae participated in a gathering event hosted by the Beijing Center. Four invited alumnae representatives shared their memories at Barnard College and experiences working in different businesses and workplaces.

Alumni Reception Featuring Chaplain Jewelnel Davis

On May 25, 2018, the Beijing Center supported an alumni gathering of the Office of the University Chaplain.

University Chaplain Jewelnel Davis and a delegation of Kraft Global Fellows of Columbia University shared their interfaith and cross-cultural experience in Beijing and their observation and perspectives of China with members of the Columbia community.
LIST OF EVENTS
Aug 2017-Aug 2018

8/19/2017
Panel
Artificial Intelligence

8/19/2017
Exhibition
Philippines Art

8/26/2017
Panel
Chinese Contemporary
Private Art Museums

9/3/2017
Panel
International Education for Children

9/16/2017
Launch Event
The 2017 Non-profit Sector Remuneration & Talent Development Practice Report

10/21/2017
Information Session
Soulaymane Kachani

10/29/2017
Panel
Women Leadership in Technology

11/9/2017
Panel
Opportunities for Women Leadership in the Digital Era

11/12/2017
Panel
Columbia Entrepreneurship Panel in Shenzhen

11/28/2017
Lecture
Jennifer Crewe

12/3/2017
Panel
Opportunities for Women Leadership in the Digital Era

12/3/2017
Lecture
Western Oil Painting

12/5/2017
Alumni Gathering
Department of Statistics and MS Actuarial Science

12/18/2017-12/20/2017
Lecture
Richard Peña

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Alumni Gathering
2017 Columbia Alumni Christmas Reception

12/27/2017
Film Screening
Above the Drowning Sea

1/5/2018
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2018 SIPA China Delegation

1/6/2018
Alumni Gathering
Barnard

1/13/2018
Exhibition & Lecture
Oil Painting

1/25/2018
Lecture
Jeff Schlegelmilch

1/28/2018
Panel
Women in Finance

4/9/2018
Book Talk
Kevin Fellezs

3/11/2018-3/12/2018
Piano Recital & Lecture
Magdalena Stern-Baczewska

3/13/2018
Information Session
CBS

3/16/2018
Lecture
Maxine Griffith

3/23/2018
Conference
China and the West -- The Role of the State in Economic Growth

3/24/2018
Panel
The Fifth Columbia Entrepreneurship Panel

3/29/2018
Panel
David Sandalow

3/31/2018
Alumni Gathering
Columbia Alumni Forum in Hangzhou

4/7/2018
Alumni Gathering
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5/20/2018 & 5/22/2018
Symposium
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5/24/2018
Discussion
The Importance of Lifelong Learning

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Forum
SSW

5/28/2018
Book Talk
The End of Online Shopping

6/1/2018-6/3/2018
Lecture & Competition
2018 Beijing Energy Week

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Roundtable
Ning Qian

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Lecture
Walter Ian Lipkin

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CLS

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Lecture
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