

Lecture Four of Six

The PRC at 60 – Anniversary Lecture Series

Thursday 29 October 6pm-7.30pm, Raeburn Room, Old College

"The China Challenge: Models, Visions and Global Futures"

Professor Jane Duckett, University of Glasgow



China's economic power and global influence have led commentators to suggest that it has a model of development and modernity that will challenge the West's. This lecture looks at the models that China has embraced since 1949 and considers both their origins and very different economic and social outcomes. It argues that having rejected both Maoism and neoliberalism, China may now be at an important crossroads. As it reconsiders its development strategy its government has the opportunity to forge a new model. But will it have the vision and will to overcome formidable opposition?

Jane Duckett is Professor of Chinese and Comparative Politics in the Department of Politics at the University of Glasgow. She studied modern Chinese at Leeds University in the 1980s, and Chinese politics at SOAS, University of London, in the early 1990s. She first lived in China in 1984 and has travelled widely there. Her early work on the Chinese state under market reform included a book-length study, *The Entrepreneurial State in China* (Routledge 1998). Jane also (with Bill Miller) made a comparative study of public attitudes to economic openness in East Asia and Eastern Europe, published as *The Open Economy and its Enemies* (Cambridge, 2006). Her current research is concerned with China's social and health policy and politics. She is now completing two books, *The Chinese State's Retreat from Health*, and (with Beatriz Carrillo) *China's Changing Welfare Mix*.

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