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China's Ascent: New Superpower or New Global System?

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Since its inception in 1966, the University of Otago Foreign Policy School has developed into one of the premiere events in New Zealand's international calendar. Originally started as a workshop on foreign affairs issues, the School soon attracted the attention of New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade which recognised its value as a weekend retreat for officials. Representatives from other government bodies such as the Prime Minister's office and the Ministry of Defence, as well as academics, journalists, diplomats, members of the private sector and NGOs, and interested members of the public also participate regularly.

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The 45th Foreign Policy School in 2010 promises to be highly stimulating.

For many years, scholarly and public policy debates reflected a concern that the rise of China represented a potential challenge to the existing international system. However, the increasing international engagement of China has somewhat diminished that concern. Today, China is often seen as a "responsible stakeholder" in the global system. Still, realist concerns about China's future direction have not altogether disappeared: is China's international engagement simply part of "neo-Bismarckian" strategy?, and what China will do when its international interests become dominant?

Perhaps the liberal institutionalists and hardline realists have been equally deceived: after 30 years of change in China and the world itself, China is perhaps no longer the same China, the world no longer the same world, and surely China's relations with the international system have long gone beyond the expectations of the early debates about the rise of China. Interesting questions now centre on how China's growing interests and capacities will shape the way the international system operates: will a new China fundamentally change the rules of the game in global system or will China simply become another great power using the traditional tools of money, force and diplomacy?

This School brings together leading international specialists on China to help to address these issues.

Speakers at the 45th School include:

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Professor Jin Canrong, Renmin University of China
Professor Shen Dingli, Fudan University
Dr Marc Lanteigne, University of St Andrews
Professor Gerald Chan, Auckland University
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