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2017 WORKSHOP TOPICS

The Chinese Dream with David M. Lampton
- Is this the ruling Chinese Communist Party’s dream or the Chinese citizen’s dream?
- Is the dream driven only by economic and financial considerations?
- How does it compare to the American Dream in definition and scope?
- What are the opportunities and obstacles facing Chinese citizens as they strive to achieve the Chinese Dream?
- Can fulfillment of the Chinese Dream lead to greater demand for individual and societal freedoms that citizens don’t currently have?

The Chinese Educational System with Lenora Chu
- What are differences between Chinese and American teaching methods?
- How effective is using the examination system to determine who can get ahead?
- Does that system level the playing field between the rich and poor?
- Are there differences in quality and outcome between rural and urban education?
- How are issues of educational access and equity and pedagogical creativity being addressed at local, provincial, and national levels?
- Why are there so many Chinese students studying in the U.S.?

China’s Changing Demographics with Yong Cai
- What has been the impact of the One-Child policy and why was it abandoned?
- Who is responsible for taking care of the elderly? How is rural to urban migration, forced and voluntary, upsetting the household registration (Hukou) system?
- What roles do women play in business, technology and politics?
- What is the impact of the rapidly growing middle class?

China’s Millennials with Eric Fish
- How are they defined and what are they like?
- Are there differences between the rural and urban millennials?
- What are their aspirations? How are they different from U.S. millennials?

China’s Technological & Communication Innovations with Qingwen Dong/Matt Sheehan
- How is China adopting or inventing the most up-to-date technology in a competitive and changing global economy?
- What is the impact of these innovative changes on its citizens?
- How did China produce so many outstanding technologists?

U.S. and China Relations in the Age of Trump with Kaiser Kuo, Susan Shirk, David M. Lampton
- What does everyone need to know (essential knowledge)?
- Trump vs. Xi Jinping at the Negotiation Table: What are the expectations and what’s negotiable or not?
- Will there be a trade and tariff war between the two countries?

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The Workshop enriched my capabilities. I ended up spending a lot more time on China than I ever had before.

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