

# COLLOQUIUM BY DAN GUTTMAN

THE US IN THE TRUMP ERA: READING AMERICA IN CHINA

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## *The US in the Trump Era: Reading America in China*

**Speaker:** Dan Guttman, special counsel to U.S. Senate investigations of US government management, UNDP advisor on China environmental law implementation, Fellow at Johns Hopkins.



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### ABSTRACT:

As a teacher in China, he teaches, reads again, and discusses with students and colleagues, many of the great American writings and stories that he learned as a student and taught as a teacher in the US. Guttman will talk about how reading and reflecting on some of these stories afresh as a teacher in China has given him a deeper perspective on his own country, and, perhaps on China and the course of China/US relations.

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### BIO:

Dan Guttman is a teacher, lawyer, and public servant. As a public servant, he was special counsel to U.S. Senate investigations of US government management, Executive Director of a Presidential bioethics advisory Committee, US Occupational Safety and Health Review

Commission Commissioner, and is UNDP advisor on China environmental law implementation. As a private lawyer, he represents workers, citizens, local governments and whistleblowers in energy, environment, anti-corruption, anti-discrimination and anti-monopoly litigation. He has represented nuclear weapons workers in litigation leading to Congressional enactment of a law to compensate nuclear workers sickened by government and contractor mistakes; he has represented whistleblowers in litigation leading to the US government recovery of hundreds of millions of dollars from oil companies and military contractors, and he has helped create and advise NGOs involved in gender equity in development funding and development in the Horn of Africa.

As a teacher, in the US he is a Fellow at Johns Hopkins, where he has taught courses in American government and environmental governance. Since coming to China in 2004 to teach as a Fulbright scholar, he has been teaching in universities including Peking, Tsinghua, Nanjing, Shanghai Jiao Tong, Fudan and New York University Shanghai, and he has been working with China and US colleagues developing programs in law, public policy, environment, and China/US relations.

He is co-author/author of many books and articles including *The Shadow Government*, a seminal study of the contracting out of the basic work of the US government. He has shared in journalism awards, and is a board member of Shanghai Roots and Shoots, an NGO working with over 400 schools and thousands of volunteers in environmental and humanitarian projects. He was graduated from Yale Law School and with highest honors from the University of Rochester.