The Confucius Institute at PSU and Northwest China Council present


Dr. Mel Gurtov’s talk will be based on his new book, *Will This Be China’s Century? A Skeptic’s View.*

The book challenges the widespread view that China will rival or displace the United States as the world’s leading power. A close examination of China’s domestic and international strengths, and its soft as well as hard power, reveals a country with serious shortcomings as the next global leader. This talk emphasizes that treating China as a looming threat will guarantee a new Cold War, whereas focusing on opportunities for cooperation with China will go a long way toward dealing effectively with global and regional problems such as climate change, space exploration, territorial disputes, and trade issues. Sino-US differences are plentiful, but they need not become serious conflicts.

*Dr. Mel Gurtov* is Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Portland State University, and Editor-in-Chief of *Asian Perspective,* a quarterly international journal. He is the author of over 20 books on China, US foreign policy, and international politics, including *China’s Security and Global Politics in the Human Interest.*

Time: Wednesday, May 1st, 2013 at 7:00-8:30 PM

Place: PSU SMSU 238 (The Browsing Lounge in Smith Memorial Student Union)

1825 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97201

The CI Chinese Corner starts at 6:00 PM

6:00-6:50 PM in the lounge space outside: pre-lecture book sale and book signing

8:30-9:00 PM in SMSU 238: post-lecture book sale and book signing, if needed

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