



***The Origins and Dynamics of Crony Capitalism in China:  
Insights from 260 Cases of Collusive Corruption***  
**A Lecture with Dr. Minxin Pei (Claremont-McKenna College)**  
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Corruption in the post-Tiananmen era exhibits distinct characteristics such as astronomical sums of money looted by officials, their family members, and their cronies in the private sector, large networks of co-conspirators, and the sale of public office. We can trace the emergence of crony capitalism to two critical changes in the control of property rights of the assets owned by the state and the personnel management of the officials the ruling Communist Party. The insights from a sample of 260 cases of corruption involving multiple officials and businessmen suggest that crony capitalism in China has given birth to a decentralized kleptocracy with its own market rules and dynamics.

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