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### Lecture and Discussion:

#### **Universal Norms and China's Complexity in Addressing "Global" Security Challenges**

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**Abstract:** China has made significant progress in addressing global challenges and in abiding by universal norms. However, China can not be understood in all her remarkable complexity by looking only at these global signals. A myriad of other factors have impacted on China's postures and policies, requiring an assessment based on her particular situation full of dilemmas. The present distance between the "universals" and the "particulars" relating to China is perhaps most noticeable in the security field, whether it be the issue of non-proliferation, anti-terrorism, or severe man-made humanitarian disasters such as genocide or ethnic cleansing. In his lecture, Shi Yinhong will elaborate further on China's attitude and policy toward North Korea and its nuclear programme given that this is the most prominent example of the discrepancy between international norms and Chinese foreign policy.

**Speaker: Shi Yinhong** is Professor of International Relations and Director of the Center on American Studies at the Renmin University of China. He received his Ph.D. in International History in Nanjing University in 1988. He held positions as Professor of International History and Public Policy at several universities in China, USA and Japan. His research interests are history and ideas of international relations, strategic studies, and foreign policies of China and the United States.

**Moderator: Tom Zwart** is Professor of Human Rights at the Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance of Utrecht University. He is also Director of the Netherlands School of Human Rights Research. He specialises in the Asian and African approach towards human rights, the relation between international criminal law and local peace and justice initiatives, and human rights and traditional values. Zwart has advised national and international governmental bodies on human rights, including the EU, the Council of Europe and the UN Human Rights Council.

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