



Presents

# The Chinese Dream and American Happiness: Does the Constitutionalism Matter?

With the unfolding epic drama between the clashing forces of the Chinese dream and American destiny, Professor Patrick Mendis will explore the power of US Constitution and democratic values in America and examine the self-regulating mechanism validated by Confucian ethics in good governance for the Chinese Communist Party. With a possible “fiscal cliff” in America and a “social cliff” in China, the author of *Peaceful War* revisits the history of Sino-American relations to discover the prospects for a return to the long-forgotten Beijing-Washington love affair launched in the trade-for-peace era. The question is: will China ultimately evolve into a democratic nation by rewriting the American Dream in Chinese characters, and how might this transpire within a constitutional framework?

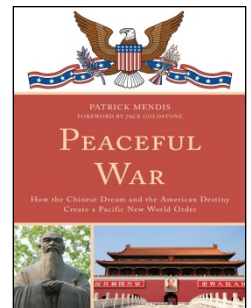


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Professor [Patrick Mendis](#) is the author of *Peaceful War: How the Chinese Dream and the American Destiny Create a Pacific New World Order*. Born in Sri Lanka and educated in the British and American systems, Mendis has served as an American diplomat and a military professor during the Clinton and Bush administrations. His book provides an epic analysis of the unfolding drama between the clashing forces of the Chinese dream and American destiny in the Indian and Pacific Oceans and beyond. He is also a distinguished visiting professor at the Center for American Studies at the Guangdong University of Foreign Studies in Guangzhou, China. Dr. Mendis is an advisor to *Harvard International Review* and a fellow of the World Academy of Art and Science.



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**Time: 4:30-6:00pm**

**Venue: Room 9.66 The Jockey Club Tower,  
Centennial Campus, HKU**