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# ***“Booty Capitalism and Economic Development: The China Corruption Puzzle”***

*Dr. Xiaobo Lu, Columbia University*

**September 23, 2011 (Fri) 3:00pm – 5:00pm at UNM Continuing Ed. Auditorium**

1634 University Blvd NE (at the intersection with Indian School Rd.)

**China is a country with many contradictions. It is now the world’s second largest economy yet its GDP per capita still ranks relatively low among all nations. It is ruled by a Communist Party, yet it has one of the most vibrant capitalist economies in the world. But most puzzling of all is the fact that China seems to have experienced widespread corruption while its economy has kept growing. China hasn’t had a “jasmine revolution” like the ones that have overthrown the authoritarian regimes of Tunisia and Egypt due in large part to corruption of the ruling elites. In most cases, corruption would hurt the regime’s legitimacy and economic development. But why is China an exception? Dr. Xiaobo Lu will discuss patterns of corruption in contemporary China and their consequences. He will introduce the audience to one of the most significant issues (“of life and death of the Party” as the Chinese Premier put it recently) in contemporary China and help unlock an interesting puzzle in public affairs.**

Xiaobo Lu is Professor of Political Science at Barnard College, Columbia University. Most recently, he was the founding director of the Columbia University Global Center–East Asia in Beijing where he spent two years conducting research and supervising the Center in 2008-2010. He served as the director of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute from 2001 to 2007. He has specialized in Chinese politics, comparative transitions, corruption and governance, and US-China relations. His books include *Cadres and Corruption, Taxation without Representation in Contemporary Rural China*. He is currently finishing a book manuscript, *From Player to Referee: the Rise of the Regulatory State in China*. Dr. Lu is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Committee of 100.

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**AIA Members’ dinner with the speaker will take place at Best Lee’s restaurant (7900 Carmel Ave. Suite# F, North of Paseo del Norte and Wyoming). Menu includes a Spring Roll, Vegetable Fried Rice, Chicken with Broccoli, Szechuan Beef, Mixed Chinese Vegetables, White Rice, a fortune cookie and Tea–all served family style. \$18/person paid in advance to AIA by September 20. Please mail checks by September 20, 2011**

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