



A CRITIQUE OF CRITICAL THINKING



In this dialogue between Mr. Kong (played by Daniel Bell) and Mr. Hu (played by Jeremy Rappleye), Kong will criticize the modern day emphasis on critical thinking in education, drawing on passages from the Analects of Confucius. Hu will reply with objections inspired by liberal thinking.



Speaker: Daniel A. Bell (貝淡寧) is Professor, Chair of Political Theory with the Faculty of Law at the University of Hong Kong. He served as Dean of the School of Political Science and Public Administration at Shandong University (Qingdao) from 2017 to 2022.

His books include *The Dean of Shandong* (2023), *Just Hierarchy* (co-authored with Wang Pei, 2020), *The China Model* (2015), *The Spirit of Cities* (co-authored with Avner de-Shalit, 2012), *China's New Confucianism* (2008), *Beyond Liberal Democracy* (2007), and *East Meets West* (2000), all published by Princeton University Press.



Time: March 21st 2025, 2:00-3:30 pm HKT



Venue: Room 206, Runme Shaw Building (RMS), HKU

Zoom Meeting ID: 925 0718 6224

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Chair:

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