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## **Press Invitation**

### **Distinguished Lecture “The Globalization of the University” By Professor Francisco O. Ramirez, Stanford University**

The university has become a global institution in three important respects: the university has greatly expanded in the last fifty years, universities increasingly operate within a global frame of reference, and lastly, university organization and management has increasingly become professionalized. The expansion of the university reflects the triumph of human capital ideas. The global frame of reference emphasizes the value of broad accessibility, social usefulness, and professionalized organization. The university as a global institution influences university developments throughout the world. University developments are shaped by the demands of both universal templates of excellence and their particular historical roots.

In his lecture, Professor Francisco O. Ramirez will address these developments via a theoretical framework that emphasizes the centrality of nation-state and organizational identity and legitimacy. Members of the media are welcome to cover the event. Details are as below:

**Date:** September 17, 2015, Thursday  
**Time:** 5:00pm - 6:30pm  
**Venue:** Rayson Huang Theatre, The University of Hong Kong  
**Language:** English

**Francisco O. Ramirez** is Professor of Education and (by courtesy) Sociology at Stanford University. His current research interests focus on the rise and institutionalization of human rights and human rights education, on the worldwide rationalization of university structures and processes, and on terms of inclusion issues as regards gender and education. His work has contributed to the development of the world society perspective in the social sciences. Recent publications appear in *American Sociological Review*, *Higher Education*, and *Comparative Education*. Ramirez was Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs in the Stanford Graduate School of Education (2010-15).

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