

"CULTURAL PERCEPTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN CHINA AND AMERICA: When East Meets West"

DR. DONGHONG LIU will examine differing cultural assumptions about the role of education that persist in the age of globalization. Providing a personal perspective, Dr. Liu will discuss many striking contrasts between higher education in the U.S. and China, such as China's high-pressure admissions examinations and large number of required courses. Due to differences in educational philosophy and values, classes are conducted in a very different manner in the two countries.

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