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## **CHINA SEMINAR**

Thursday, 14 February, 2019, 12 noon

at

Maple Garden Restaurant, 909 Isenberg Street, Honolulu

Topic:

## The Great Disillusionment

The end of 25 years of global consensus that China would become a pillar of global order

## By

## **Richard Hornik**

In 2018, even Old Friends of China like Henry Paulson have gone public with criticisms of the government. Former ambassadors to China have written distinctly undiplomatic critiques. Academics openly question the self-censorship they had previously accepted as the price of entry into the Middle Kingdom. The downside of mega-billion infrastructure loans from China has begun to dawn on developing countries, and the security risks of buying telecommunications equipment from companies like Huawei and ZTE have slowed their global expansion to a crawl. Even western business people, heretofore blinded to the growing challenges of doing business in China by its massive market, have begun to retreat. Was this disillusionment inevitable, or is it the product of Xi Jinping's aggressive approach to domestic and foreign affairs? Is this a mere speed bump or a serious setback that will magnify the country's already serious economic challenges?

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