



Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

Grand Ballroom, Salon E

Anwar Ibrahim

“Islam across Southeast Asia”

Anwar Ibrahim is the former deputy prime minister of Malaysia. Ibrahim is an internationally renowned commentator on matters of democracy, social justice, and good governance in Islam and the contemporary global order. Please refer to the Addendum for further information on Anwar Ibrahim’s background.

Saturday, 7:15 p.m.

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Wang Hui

“Reflections on Chinese Modernity”

Wang Hui is an intellectual historian at Tsinghua University in Beijing. His research focuses on Chinese intellectual history and contemporary Chinese thought. This spring, he is a Harvard-Yenching Institute Pusey Fellow. His AAS keynote address is sponsored by the Harvard-Yenching Institute.

In May 2008, *Foreign Policy* described Wang as one of the top 100 public intellectuals in the world. Wang Hui’s early work focused on Lu Xun. In 1991, he co-founded the journal *Xueren* (“The Scholar”), the first non-official academic journal to appear in China after 1989. From 1996 to 2007, he served as the chief co-editor of *Dushu* (“Reading”), the most important intellectual magazine in China during that decade.

Under Wang’s editorship, *Dushu* sparked a series of influential discussions and debates on a range of urgent issues ranging from the agricultural crisis, to climate change, political reform, mass media, and published reconsiderations of history, theory, and the arts.

In 1997, he published a long essay entitled, “Contemporary Chinese Thought and the Question of Modernity,” a milestone in the debate between the so-called “new left” and “neo-liberal” in China.

In 2003 Harvard University Press published his book, *China’s New Order: Society, Politics, and Economy in Transition*. The publisher describes Wang Hui as “unique in China’s intellectual world for his ability to synthesize an insider’s knowledge of economics, politics, civilization, and Western critical theory. A participant in the Tiananmen Square movement, he is also the editor of the most important intellectual journal in contemporary China.”

An English translation of his book *The Rise of Modern Chinese Thought* is expected in 2010.

He will also take part in a related roundtable: “Politics and Thought in China: A Dialogue with Wang Hui,” on Thursday evening, 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. (Session #24).

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