Chinese Studies
Special Seminar

Professor Geremie Barmé

New China Newspeak in a year of intrigue

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The expression “New China Newspeak” covers a wide range of prose and spoken forms of modern Chinese. It has evolved and been consciously developed as the result of profound linguistic changes and experiments that date back to the late-Qing period, through Manchukuo, Republican China and the language of Chinese Communist Party discourse, all of which are intimately connected with politics, ideas and the projection of power in China today.

In this year of leadership transition and political intrigue in China, Professor Barmé will discuss the way language has shaped the nature and practice of contemporary Chinese political power.

About the speaker:
As an historian, cultural critic, filmmaker, translator and web-journal editor Geremie R Barmé is one of Australia’s most highly-regarded China specialists. He works on Chinese cultural and intellectual history from the early modern period (1600s) to the present.

He is the founding director of the Australian Centre on China in the World (CIW) at The Australian National University.

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