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China, along with other emerging economies, has been identified not only as an engine of growth in the capitalist world economy but also as an epicenter of social conflict emerging from rapid industrialization. Recent labor struggles in China, such as the strike wave in the automobile industry in South China in 2010, have been identified as a harbinger for a new labor movement and reform of trade unions. Similarly, strikes in other emerging economies, such as the recent labor conflicts in the mining and automotive sectors in South Africa or the week-long strikes at major car factories in India in 2012, have triggered interest in the new social movements at the workplace in emerging economies. Professor He Gaochao, an expert on labor relations in China, will provide a critical analysis of recent developments in China and delineate some comparative perspectives on South Africa and India.

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The lecture will be held in English.