China's Development Prospect beyond the Middle-Income Level

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Earlier this year, China was officially upgraded by the World Bank to the rank of the "upper middle-income countries". This is a milestone of the country's remarkable achievements over thirty years of rapid and persistent economic growth. Nevertheless, China now faces a series of challenges in a profound transition of its social-economic structure. Whether China is able to meet these challenges will determine its chance to avoid the so-called "middle income trap" in the coming decades. This seminar will discuss these challenges and assess China's ability to meet the challenges in an internationally comparative perspective.

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