



Lecture & Discussion

Speaker: Prof: **ANNE CHENG**, Chair of Chinese Intellectual History at the Collège de France, Paris.

Title : **DOES CHINA THINK?**

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Venue : Seminar Hall III, Kamala Devi Block, India International Centre, New Delhi

PROGRAMME

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Abstract

Since the age of enlightenment in Europe, much scholarly work has been done on “thinking China” going so far as to manufacture the most contradictory representations which attempt to reconcile “philosophical China” with “Oriental despotism” or an eternal aesthetic and consensual China with a wholly more unpredictable and disturbing vision of the country. To break free from these tenacious clichés, Anne Cheng proposes that we listen carefully to what Chinese authors actually have to say. After all is China not herself able to think and conceive of her own reality?

About the Speaker:

Born in Paris in 1955, **Anne Cheng** was trained in European and Chinese intellectual history at the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris, at Oxford and Cambridge in Great Britain, and at Fudan University in Shanghai. After an academic career as a research fellow at Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, then worked as a Professor at Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales and Associate Lecturer at Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, and finally as a Senior Fellow at Institut Universitaire de France. She currently holds the Chair of Chinese intellectual history at the Collège de France. Her main publications include a complete translation into French of the Confucian Analects (1981), a Study of Han Confucianism (1985) and a History of Chinese thought (1997, reed. 2002). She has also authored a great number of articles and edited several collective volumes, notably two special issues on Chinese philosophy (2005) and a collection of essays on Chinese thought today (2007).

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