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**THE SPRING 2019 OCAPA LECTURE**

**WHY FICTION MATTERS IN  
CONTEMPORARY CHINA?**

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Taking as a starting point PRC President Xi Jinping's dictum to "Tell China's Story Well" (2013), Dr. Wang seeks to observe the multiple attempts to tell the "China story" since the millennial turn. At a time when both "history" and "story" are incorporated into the truth regime of the state, fiction is now, more than ever, a highly contested form in manifesting the power of polyphony.



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