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Why Science Leads to Democracy: The Views of Fang Lizhi

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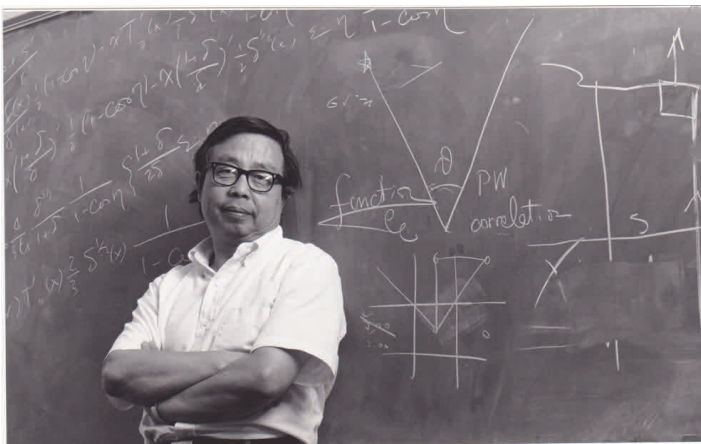
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Jennings Hall, Room 155

(1735 Neil Avenue)

Abstract:

Fang Lizhi, the distinguished Chinese astrophysicist who was hand-picked to work on China's atomic bomb in the 1950s but ended three decades later as an "enemy of the state," expelled from the Chinese Communist Party and forced into exile, writes in his autobiography how it was primarily the principles of science, not political theory or foreign influences, that caused the transformation. Fang explains, step by step, how his pursuit of science and his faith in Marxism came into conflict and how one eventually deconstructed the other.



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Perry Link, emeritus professor of Asian Studies at Princeton University, now teaches at the University of California at Riverside. Bestowed the inaugural Chancellorial Chair for Teaching Across Disciplines at the Riverside campus, Professor Link writes and teaches about Chinese language, literature, popular culture, and politics. His latest book is *An Anatomy of Chinese: Rhythm, Metaphor, Politics* (Harvard, 2013). His translation of Fang Lizhi's autobiography, *The Most Wanted Man in China: My Journey from Science to Enemy of the State*, will be published by Henry Holt & Co. in February, 2016.

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