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The ANU China Seminar Series is the pre-eminent forum for discussion of China and the Sinophone world at the Australian National University, where over fifty senior academics as well as many post-doctoral fellows and graduate students conduct research on the region. Invited speakers come from across the full range of disciplines. They include senior scholars from in and outside the ANU, younger academics, post-doctoral research fellows, and advanced graduate students. The Seminar Series provides an arena in which to examine China in its widest sense, to acquaint people with a range of China-related research that might otherwise lie outside their scope of contact, and to offer a social setting for discussion of matters of mutual interest. It aims at a broad audience: members of academic staff from many fields; undergraduate and graduate students; policy-makers; and interested members of the public.

The seminar usually runs between 4.00pm and 5.30pm on alternate Thursdays during the University's teaching term. Exceptions will be noted on the Seminar Series' website, which is regularly updated. With the consent of speakers, seminars are recorded and made publicly available through the Seminar Series' website to build an archive of research on the Sinophone world.

BEFORE THE SEMINAR

All attendees are invited to join us in the CIW Tea House from 3.30pm for informal discussion with the guest speaker before the seminar.

The Seminar Series is supported by the China Institute and the Australian Centre on China in the World at The Australian National University's College of Asia & the Pacific.

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The rise of Xi Jinping has been marked by his re-emphasis on Mao's three Magic Weapon: Party Building, Armed Forces and United Front Work. While the latter has become more well-known abroad as result of arguments over Chinese Communist Party (CCP) influence versus interference, notably in Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Taiwan, it is perhaps the changes in the direction of United Front Work domestically that deserve more attention.

This paper discusses the dramatic shift towards using United Front Work to assimilate different interest groups such as religious believers, business people and social media figures, as well as ethnic groups and how this is subjecting many more groups to more direct CCP control and direction. Whether the investigative and social monitoring functions of this work are helping resolve any significant problems as part of the Party's so-called "consultative democracy" will also be discussed.

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