

Lectures cover China, environment

The series, which starts tonight, will examine the effect of growth on China's environment

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A series of lectures sponsored by the University's Center for Asian and Pacific Studies will examine the environmental consequences of China's rapid industrialization and economic growth over the past two decades.

The series, entitled "China's Environmental Crisis," will address China's environmental history, its difficulties handling sus-

tainable agriculture and rural development, its approaches to the preservation of biodiversity, its pressing energy problems and the international significance of China's environmental degradation.

China has become a factor in management of global and Asian environmental problems because of its heavy reliance on coal to meet its energy demand, according to a press release.

Serious air pollution, dwindling supplies of water and the degradation of soils threaten to undermine the many benefits of China's recent growth, the release stated.

Americans must look at these

problems and the historical, philosophical and policy contexts in which they arise in order to understand China's international role in the 21st century, said Richard P. Suttmeier, a University political science professor, in the press release.

The first lecture, "China's Environmental History: Lessons for Sustainable Development?" will be given by Peter Purdue, head of the history department at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge in Gerlinger Hall.

For more information on successive lectures, contact the Center for Asian and Pacific Studies at 346-5087.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Rothenberg to present Johnston Lecture

Randall Rothenberg, an author, newspaper reporter and magazine journalist, will present the 1998 Johnston Lecture on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in Beall Concert Hall at the University School of Music.

Rothenberg has had an eclectic career covering the relationship between culture, technology and business for 20 years. He has been a writer, editor and contributor for a number of national magazines, including Wired, The Atlantic Monthly, The New York Times Magazine, GQ, Conde Nast Traveler and Science Digest.

He won wide acclaim for his book, "Where the Suckers Moon: An Advertising Story," which gives an account of the advertising company Weiden and Kennedy's Subaru campaign.

He received the Society of Professional Journalists' Deadline Club Award for best magazine feature for his December 1996 story, which appeared in Esquire Magazine, called "The Age of Spin."

"It's of great value to the entire University community to bring exciting, creative people who are involved in professional activities related to the school's vision

for the campus," said Tim Gleason, dean of the School of Journalism and Communication.

Rothenberg's visit to the University is presented by the School of Journalism and Communication and sponsored by an endowment from the Richard W. Johnston Memorial Project, which established the Johnston Lecture in 1984.

Professor receives national book award

For his book, "Showing Signs of Violence: The Cultural Politics of a Twentieth-Century Headhunting Ritual," University anthropologist Kenneth M. George received the 1998 Harry J. Brenda Prize in Southeast Asian Studies.

The Association for Asian Studies [AAS] gives the award annually for the year's most outstanding book on Southeast Asia in any discipline, according to a press release.

"Showing Signs of Violence," published in 1996 by the University of California Press, deals with the ceremonies of pangngae, a mock headhunt that is practiced in a remote area of Indonesia. These rituals give the practitioners an important tool for mourning, cultural memory and sex role definition, according to the book.

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