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Dear Alumni and Friends,

We are pleased to have invited Professor Kenneth Pomeranz (University Professor of Modern Chinese History and in the College) to join us for dinner on November 9, 2019 and share his insight on various topics on Chinese history. The dinner will include a 50-minute presentation from Professor Pomeranz on topics: A) the history of land rights and water rights in the Qing and how they influenced economic development, or B) "Why Is China so big: expansion in the southwest and northwest in the late imperial period?". The dinner is limited to 12 attendees and seats will be given on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Here are the details for the event:

Date: November 9, 2019 (Saturday)
Time: 6:30pm
Venue: [The Square, Exchange Square](#)
Shop 402, 4/F, Two Exchange Square
Cost: HKD \$600 per person (collect at the venue)
RSVP: Eddie Lau ('AB 02) at fwlau@uchicago.edu

Looking forward to meeting you there!

Cheers,

Eddie Lau
President
The Alumni Club of Hong Kong

[Biography of Professor Kenneth Pomeranz:](#)

Kenneth Pomeranz is a University Professor of History and in the College; he previously taught at the University of California, Irvine. His work focuses mostly on China, though he is also very interested in comparative and world history. Most of his research is in social, economic, and environmental history, though he has also worked on state formation, imperialism, religion, gender, and other topics. His publications include *The Great Divergence: China, Europe, and the Making of the Modern World Economy* (2000), which won the John K. Fairbank Prize from the AHA, and shared the World History Association book prize; *The Making of a Hinterland: State, Society and Economy in Inland North China, 1853–1937* (1993), which also won the Fairbank Prize; *The World that Trade Created* (with Steven Topik, first edition 1999, 3rd edition 2012), and a collection of his essays, recently published in France. He has also edited or co-edited five books, and was one of the founding editors of the *Journal of Global History*. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and has received fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the American Philosophical Society, American Council of Learned Societies, the Institute for Advanced Studies, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and other sources. His current projects include a history of Chinese political economy from the seventeenth century to the present, and a book called *Why Is China So Big?* which tries to explain, from various perspectives, how and why contemporary China's huge land mass and population have wound up forming a single political unit.



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