THE FALL OF HONG KONG
Comparative and Historical Perspectives on a Global City in Crisis

DR. JEFFREY WASSERSTROM will focus on recent events in Hong Kong, from the city’s response to COVID-19 to the imposition of a new National Security Law that was imposed on the metropolis by Beijing. It will expand on and update the arguments in the author’s most recent book, Vigil: Hong Kong on the Brink, which took the story of protest and repression in the city up to October 2019. The speaker will draw on both his experiences on the ground in Hong Kong, including during a December 2019 visit that gave him a chance to watch last year’s last massive march, and his past work on social movements in Shanghai and other urban centers.

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