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“Challenges Facing Academics of Chinese Descent and Those Who Collaborate with Scientists in China”

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Collaborating with academics in China was once encouraged by the US government and universities. As tension between the two countries rises rapidly, those who did are under heightened scrutiny by the federal government. In 2015, Prof. Xi became a casualty of this campaign, being falsely charged by the Department of Justice for sharing American company technology with China. Prof. Xi never did, and the case was eventually dismissed. In 2018, the DOJ established the China Initiative, under which numerous university professors have been prosecuted for allegedly failing to disclose their activities in China. Although the China Initiative was terminated in February 2022, the DOJ continues to racial profile Chinese professors, scientists, and students as suspected spies for China. In this talk, Prof. Xi will describe the cases of Anming Hu, Charles Lieber, Gang Chen, Mingqing Xiao, and Franklin Tao, which exposed time and time again the DOJ's unfair targeting of academics of Chinese descent and those who collaborate with scientists in China. Not only are such policies contrary to America's ideals, but they also weaken America's innovation ecosystem and threaten its technological advantage. As the United States and China are engaged in trade war, geopolitical war, and technology war, and possibly a military war, we need the solidarity with all fair-minded people to prevent the history of the Japanese internment in WWII and the McCarthyism from happening again.

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