

# *Australia-China Friendship Society* (Vic.)

## **Presents**

### **‘Does China’s military modernisation pose a threat?’**

*A presentation by Dr Dennis Woodward*

**6.30pm Thursday 8 October 2009 The Yasuko Hiraoka Myer Room, AsiaLink Centre**

*Cnr Monash Road and Swanston Street, Parkville - opposite the Swanston St ‘University’ Tram Super Stop*

### **The presentation:**

China has been modernising its military since the 1980s although this process made little headway until the 1990s. Since then, military expenditures have grown significantly alongside the rapid growth of China’s economy. As China seeks to modernise all aspects of its military, projections of China’s future economic power have been linked to projections of its future military power – giving rise in some quarters to alarmist predictions of a ‘China threat’ and a coming ‘war with China’.

This talk seeks to place China’s military modernisation in context; to examine what is currently taking place; to speculate on future transformations; and to assess whether (and to whom) China’s military modernisation poses a threat.

### **Dr Woodward:**

Dr Dennis Woodward is currently a Senior Lecturer in Politics in the School of Political & Social Inquiry at Monash University. He completed both his undergraduate and post-graduate studies at Flinders University in South Australia, with a PhD in Chinese politics.

He spent three years as a Research Fellow at the Contemporary China Centre at the Australian National University before moving to Melbourne in 1983.

He has maintained an interest in China’s People’s Liberation Army for over thirty years.

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